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Subject: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 18:51:36 GMT

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It looks like jsonizing big int64 numbers leads to "string" representation instead of direct one. I consider this bad kind of surprise as one's completely unable to send ANY big (int64) numbers to browser. I.e. you need to send some JSON containing javascript timestamp (which is really big int64 number) with int64 member. But you'll be surprised that this javascript code won't work:

```
var d = new Date(receivedJson.t);
```

because t is not 1274574567221 but is a string '1274574567221'.

Looking into U++ core code reveals following:

```
//Core/JSON.cpp @ 238
```

```
if(var >= INT_MIN && var <= INT_MAX)
```

```
    io.Set(var);
```

```
else
```

```
    io.Set(AsString(var));
```

I propose eliminating such a surprise party leaving int64 numbers as it is. Besides all known to me modern javascript implementations DO SUPPORT int64 integer numbers by default.

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:02:52 GMT

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I do not know. Quick internet search reveals that JSON format in principle cannot support int64. E.g.

<http://json.codeplex.com/workitem/20832>

Anyway, what we perhaps COULD do it to increase limits to accomodate 'precise integer' range of double (that is, if I remember well, 56-bits). That would be JSON compliant.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:21:49 GMT

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And javascript natively supports integers up to 64-bit length (actually 53-bit, see below). So should we in U++.

This article

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:30:22 GMT  
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Well, but that actually is exactly what I propose (I just got 56 wrong, it is indeed 53).

Quote:

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Well, there seems to be no 100% correct solution, but I think that lost precision would not be a good thing as well...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:43:59 GMT  
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mirek wrote on Thu, 24 January 2013 22:30 that actually is exactly what I propose (I just got 56 wrong, it is indeed 53).

Excellent. So here's change I propose:

//JSON.cpp @ 238

```
{  
    static const int64 JSON_INT_MIN = -9007199254740992LL;  
    static const int64 JSON_INT_MAX = 9007199254740991LL;
```

```
    if(var >= JSON_INT_MIN && var <= JSON_INT_MAX)
```

```
io.Set(var);  
else  
io.Set(AsString(var));  
}
```

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 20:06:34 GMT  
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Committed.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [sergeynikitin](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2013 07:06:02 GMT  
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By the way same situation with int64 in XMLize class!

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2013 07:29:27 GMT  
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sergeynikitin wrote on Tue, 29 January 2013 02:06By the way same situation with int64 in XMLize class!

That is strange, at the first glance it looks ok (mostly because in XML, you need to store it as string no matter what...)

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise  
Posted by [sergeynikitin](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2013 09:37:23 GMT  
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Check pls Sql for int64 columns also.  
(I've spent many many hours to discover problem, that int64 is String Value)

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2013 09:44:52 GMT

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sergeynikitin wrote on Tue, 29 January 2013 04:37: Check pls Sql for int64 columns also.  
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Sql depends on database used. Some might have issue...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [sergeynikitin](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2013 20:59:11 GMT

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I've test with MySQL.

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 07:15:43 GMT

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Confirmed and filed into RM.

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Subject: Re: Jsonize int64 surprise

Posted by [sergeynikitin](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 08:01:47 GMT

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And may you patch Sqlite3 schema plugin to do not convert int64 to int Type?

Sqlite normally eat int64 declaration, but if I write universal SqlExp expression - Sqlite3 schemaparser convert int64 to int. It's sad!

uppsrc/plugin/sqlite3/Sqlite3Schema.h:

```
Now:#define INT64(x)          COLUMN("integer", int64, x, 0, 0)
#define INT64_ARRAY(x, items) COLUMN_ARRAY("integer", int64, x, 0, 0, items)
#define INT64_(x)           COLUMN_("integer", int64, x, 0, 0)
#define INT64_ARRAY_(x, items) COLUMN_ARRAY_("integer", int64, x, 0, 0, items)
```

```
Need and tested: #define INT64(x)          COLUMN("bigint", int64, x, 0, 0)
#define INT64_ARRAY(x, items) COLUMN_ARRAY("bigint", int64, x, 0, 0, items)
#define INT64_(x)           COLUMN_("bigint", int64, x, 0, 0)
#define INT64_ARRAY_(x, items) COLUMN_ARRAY_("bigint", int64, x, 0, 0, items)
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