

## GROMACS - Bug #2653

### gmindist (GMX5.14, 2018 versions) crashes with segmentation fault

09/26/2018 11:11 AM - Stéphane Abel

<b>Status:</b>	Closed		
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal		
<b>Assignee:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>	analysis tools		
<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Affected version - extra info:</b>	5.1.4	<b>Difficulty:</b>	uncategorized
<b>Affected version:</b>	2018		

#### Description

I report an issue with gmx mindist of gromacs (v 4.6.7, 5.1.4 and 2018+). The program crashes with the following command

```
echo 0 1 > Protein_AlkylChain.txt
```

- gmx\_mpi mindist -f myXTC.xtc -s MYPDB.pdb -n Hydratation\_Protein\_OGNG.ndx -b 215000 -e 215000 -dt 4 -d 0.4 -resptime -printresname -group -od 3FHH\_102OGNG\_complex\_CHARMM36\_TIP3P\_Protein\_AlkylChain\_Contact\_min\_res.xvg -on 3FHH\_102OGNG\_complex\_CHARMM36\_TIP3P\_Protein\_AlkylChain\_Contact\_Number.xvg < Protein\_AlkylChain.txt

With GMX4.6.7 --> OK

With GMX5.1.4 (segmentation fault) -----

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Group 0 (Protein_HeavyAtoms) has 4976 elements
Group 1 (OGNG_AlkylChain) has 1530 elements
Group 2 (OGNG_Headgroup) has 2244 elements
Group 3 (OGNG_All_HeavyAtoms) has 3774 elements
Group 4 ( Water_oxygen) has 60000 elements
```

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Select a group: Select a group: ^MReading frame 0 time 0.000 ^MReading frame 0 time 200000.000
Back Off! I just backed up 3FHH_102OGNG_complex_CHARMM36_TIP3P_Protein_AlkylChain_Contact_min_res.xvg to
./#3FHH_102OGNG_complex_CHARMM36_TIP3P_Protein_AlkylChain_Contact_min_res.xvg.2#
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Back Off! I just backed up 3FHH_102OGNG_complex_CHARMM36_TIP3P_Protein_AlkylChain_Contact_Number.xvg to
./#3FHH_102OGNG_complex_CHARMM36_TIP3P_Protein_AlkylChain_Contact_Number.xvg.2#
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```
[irene1022:52095:0] Caught signal 11 (Segmentation fault) ===== backtrace =====
2 0x00000000000068d1c mxm_handle_error() /var/tmp/OFED_topdir/BUILD/mxm-3.6.3102/src/mxm/util/debug/debug.c:641
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9 0x000000000000545400 dist_plot.a() gmx_mindist.c:0
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With GMX2018 and 2018.2 (fatal error) -----

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```

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Program: gmx mindist, version 2018  
Source file: src/gromacs/fileio/gmxfileio.cpp (line 345)

Fatal error:  
Cannot open file with NULL filename string

For more information and tips for troubleshooting, please check the GROMACS website at <http://www.gromacs.org/Documentation/Errors>

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+ echo 0 2  
+ echo 0 3  
+ echo 0 4  
+ exit 0

Please note that if I remove the "-group" and "-printresname" arguments all the tested version (except for 4.6.7) crashes.

I have included three files for the tests

MYXTC.xtc (1 snapshot 215ns)  
MYNDX.ndx  
MYPDB.pdb

Thank you

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## Associated revisions

### Revision 034183c8 - 09/27/2018 04:37 PM - Paul Bauer

Add mindist output file check

gmx mindist would not check if the output file for an analysis options was actually present, leading to cryptic error messages. Added the corresponding check.

Fixes #2653

Change-Id: I26ccc7df37e5cc6a0276ecce50036aba452e0a45

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## History

### #1 - 09/26/2018 12:22 PM - Stéphane Abel

- File MYNDX.ndx added  
- File MYXTC.xtc added  
- File MYPDB.pdb added

Below report two issues with the mindist analysis tool of gromacs (v 4.6.7, 5.1.4 and 2018+). The program crashes with the following command

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Please note that if I remove the "-group" and "-printresname" arguments the program also crashes

And other possible bug in the tool is that you add -printresname, no output files contains the residue names (tested with GMX4.6.7)

Thank you

## #2 - 09/27/2018 12:15 PM - Gerrit Code Review Bot

Gerrit received a related patchset '1' for Issue [#2653](#).  
Uploader: Paul Bauer ([paul.bauer.q@gmail.com](mailto:paul.bauer.q@gmail.com))  
Change-Id: gromacs~release-2018~l26ccc7df37e5cc6a0276ecce50036aba452e0a45  
Gerrit URL: <https://gerrit.gromacs.org/8439>

## #3 - 09/27/2018 12:16 PM - Paul Bauer

Hello, the issue here is that mindist expects to get all the output files defined at least with the default filename. I added a check that makes sure the program complains about missing the output file in this case.

## #4 - 09/27/2018 06:15 PM - Paul Bauer

- Status changed from New to Resolved

Applied in changeset [034183c82d46d45981ef9543a77c80193b3f72ac](#).

## #5 - 09/28/2018 01:34 PM - Stéphane Abel

Paul Bauer wrote:

Applied in changeset [034183c82d46d45981ef9543a77c80193b3f72ac](#).

OK Paul by adding the missing file name (here with the -od with the "mindist.xvg") it works for all the gromacs versions I have. Thanks

## #6 - 10/04/2018 10:59 AM - Paul Bauer

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

## Files

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MYPDB.pdb	15 MB	09/26/2018	Stéphane Abel
MYXTC.xtc	715 KB	09/26/2018	Stéphane Abel
MYNDX.ndx	457 KB	09/26/2018	Stéphane Abel
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MYXTC.xtc	715 KB	09/26/2018	Stéphane Abel
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