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A quasi-platonic action of the group  $G$  on the Riemann surface  $S$  is a conformal action of  $G$  on  $S$  such that  $S/G$  is a sphere and the projection  $S \rightarrow S/G$  is branched over  $\{0, 1, \infty\}$ . The action is induced by a triple of  $(a, b, c) \in G^3$ , generating  $G$ , with  $abc = 1$ . The quasi-platonic action induces a regular dessin d'enfant on  $S$ , and  $S$  is defined over a number field. The absolute Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts on dessins, hence quasi-platonic actions, by acting on the coefficients of a defining equation of  $S$ . The action of  $\psi \in \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  on triples is  $(a, b, c) \rightarrow (ua^t u^{-1}, vb^t v^{-1}, wc^t w^{-1})$ , for some  $(u, v, w) \in G^3$ , according to the branch cycle argument. The integer  $t$  is characterized by the action of  $\psi$  on cyclotomic subfields of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , and  $(u, v, w)$  is determined by the action of  $\psi$  away from cyclotomic subfields. In this talk we discuss the action of the absolute Galois group on quasi-platonic actions on some simple groups. In particular, we show that the Galois action on quasi-platonic actions of  $PSL_2(q)$  depends only the action on cyclotomic subfields. (Received September 20, 2015)