# QGIS Application - Bug report #13657

# default leading and trailing spaces when wildcard character used in 'Select by expression'

2015-10-22 11:43 AM - Michael Shin

Status: Closed Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Expressions

Affected QGIS version:master

Operating System:

Pull Request or Patch supplied:

Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:

Regression?:

No

Resolution:

wontfix

Copied to github as #: 21692

#### Description

Unless deleted, the single spaces that both precede and follow the wildcard character (i.e., %) when inserted (e.g., via a double-click of mouse) from the list of Operators in the 'Select by expression...' dialog alters the pattern search of operators such as LIKE and ILIKE. Having the default wildcard without leading and trailing spaces will resolve this issue.

#### History

### #1 - 2015-11-07 02:35 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Affected QGIS version changed from 2.10.0 to master
- Operating System deleted (Windows 7)
- Category set to Expressions

## #2 - 2015-11-17 03:31 PM - Sebastian Dietrich

According to the <u>documentation</u> the % is not supposed to be the wildcard character but the **modulo operator**. It therefore comes with the same leading and trailing spaces as any other operator, e.g. + or -.

I don't think the behaviour should be changed.

But maybe a '% (wildcard)' can be added that only inserts the % character with no spaces around?

### #3 - 2015-11-17 05:37 PM - Nyall Dawson

- Resolution set to wontfix
- Status changed from Open to Closed

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Agreed. I can't see many users using the list to add a "%" sign to a like clause enough times for this to be a big issue anyway, and as noted the % symbol is listed as a modulo operator in the tree.

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