

## QGIS Application - Bug report #13782

### Deleting columns in duplicate layer also deletes them in original layer

2015-11-06 04:25 PM - Michael Kirk

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Category:</b>		
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	2.12.0	<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>		<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	No	<b>Resolution:</b> invalid
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 21808
<b>Description</b>		
<p>I want to export a subset of my features/attributes to geojson so that I can use them in a web map.</p> <p>Given I've got a shapefile layer "cities" with attributes "important_stuff" and "irrelevant_stuff"</p> <p>And I duplicate the layer to "cities_copy"</p> <p>And I enable edit mode on "cities_copy"</p> <p>And I open the attribute table for "cities_copy"</p> <p>And I delete the "irrelevant_stuff" column from "cities_copy"</p> <p>Then I see only the column "important_stuff" in the cities_copy attributes table (as expected)</p> <p>And I save "cities_copy" as cities.geojson</p> <p>Then I see cities.geojson was exported with only the "important_stuff" attribute (as expected!)</p> <p>When I inspect the attributes table for "cities" I still see "important_stuff" and "irrelevant_stuff" (as expected)</p> <p>But when I close QGIS and reopen my project</p> <p>When I inspect the attributes table for "cities"</p> <p>Then the attribute "irrelevant_stuff" is missing, and I only see "important_stuff" (!!!)</p> <p>I suspect what's happening is that the layers are sharing a single shapefile storage mechanism, and edits to one of the layers in QGIS do not propagate to the Layer in QGIS (until that layer is reloaded from file).</p> <p>I'm not exactly sure what I would expect to happen. My immediate thought is that editing should be disabled for duplicate layers until they have their own backend.</p> <p>If this is expected behavior (that edits in a duplicate layer affect the storage for another layer) then we should consider updating other layers that are backed by this file.</p>		

#### History

#1 - 2015-11-07 12:03 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Resolution set to invalid

- Status changed from Open to Closed

"duplicate layer" do not duplicate (create a copy of) the datasource, it just duplicates in the project, the layer is the same.