# QGIS Application - Feature request #16830
# Better search for entries in relation reference widgets

2017-07-10 01:47 PM - Andreas Neumann

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| **Status:** | Closed | | | |
| **Priority:** | Normal | | | |
| **Assignee:** | Matthias Kuhn | | | |
| **Category:** | Edit widget | | | |
| **Pull Request or Patch supplied:** | No | **Resolution:** | fixed/implemented | |
| **Easy fix?:** | No | **Copied to github as #:** | 24729 | |

### Description

For relation reference widgets where the related table has a lot of features and many columns, it would be good to have a better search functionality.

The idea is to add an optional search button to the right of the combobox. When clicking on it, the embedded sub form would change into the multi-attribute search mode. The user can search in multiple fields and the list can be narrowed down in the combobox.

The user can then select the single entry he wants to relate to.

## History

**#1 - 2017-07-10 01:50 PM - Andreas Neumann**

The user should get some feedback on how much the multi-attribute search could narrow the choice in the combobox or if the search didn't get any hits at all, so that the user can change the filter or reset it to the whole set.

**#2 - 2017-10-23 11:10 AM - Andreas Neumann**

*- Assignee set to Matthias Kuhn*

**#3 - 2019-02-24 08:21 PM - Andreas Neumann**

*- Resolution set to fixed/implemented*

*- Status changed from Open to Closed*

This works quite well now. One can type and gets responses. Closing this feature request therefore.

## Files

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| relation_reference_search.png | 115 KB | 2017-07-10 | Andreas Neumann |