

## QGIS Application - Bug report #19355

### \$length incorrect in expressions

2018-07-07 03:31 PM - Gavin Fleming

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	High	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Hugo Mercier	
<b>Category:</b>	Expressions	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	3.5(master)	<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>	unspecified	<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	No	<b>Resolution:</b>
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 27183
<b>Description</b>		
<p>\$length correctly calculates ellipsoidal length in a field calculator update, but shows planimetric length in the expression dialog and if used in expressions elsewhere, such as in labels.</p>		

#### Associated revisions

**Revision 80919669 - 2019-02-14 01:40 PM - Hugo Mercier**

Fix \$length in labels (fixes #19355)

Use the project expression scope to access project parameters (ellipsoid and distance/area units)

**Revision aaed9ffa - 2019-02-18 11:36 AM - Hugo Mercier**

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#### History

**#1 - 2018-12-02 02:57 PM - Borys Jurgiel**

- *Operating System deleted (MacOS)*
- *Priority changed from Normal to High*

This bug is definitely high priority, and misleading labels can be even considered as indirect data corruption. On every training I teach users how to deal with this long standing issue, what becomes a bit embarrassing... :)

**#2 - 2019-01-30 04:07 PM - Hugo Mercier**

- *File qgis\_length\_bug.png added*
- *Affected QGIS version changed from 3.2 to 3.5(master)*
- *File test\_length.qgz added*
- *File test\_length.gpkg added*

Attached a sample project to reproduce, with one virtual field "length" with expression "\$length" and labels using "\$length || ' - ' || length"

**#3 - 2019-01-30 04:39 PM - Hugo Mercier**

- Assignee set to Hugo Mercier

**#4 - 2019-02-14 02:33 PM - Hugo Mercier**

- Status changed from Open to Closed

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Applied in changeset commit:qgis|809196693c597eb86d1fceaec2e1ce483900adb1.

**Files**

test_length.gpkg	96 KB	2019-01-30	Hugo Mercier
test_length.qgz	5.15 KB	2019-01-30	Hugo Mercier
qgis_length_bug.png	15.9 KB	2019-01-30	Hugo Mercier