# QGIS Application - Feature request #3067 Support DBF table as datasource

2010-09-30 04:48 AM - Jhelebrant -

Status:	Closed		
Priority:	Low		
Assignee:	nobody -		
Category:	Data Provider		
Pull Request or Patch supplied:		Resolution:	wontfix
Easy fix?:	No	Copied to github as #:	13127

## **Description**

Hi,

I am sorry, but this is essential thing for me. Almost all GIS sw support DBF files to be loaded and then converted to shapes. We have a plenty of DBF and use them in various sw from OSS like SAGA to commercial ones. For QGIS, I always have to convert it to CSV and modify, as OOo adds " to the file as text field separator and also uses "," instead of "." (in Czech environment). With DBF I never had a problem so it would be very useful if QGIS could also load DBF tables without any conversion.

regards

Jan

#### History

### #1 - 2010-10-03 04:35 PM - Giovanni Manghi

In OO you can easily change the separator symbol and don't use the "" to wrap values.

When saving to CSV just check the "edit filter setting" checkbox.

Said this I don't see any reason to support this format to import x/y tables: just export DBFs files as csv.

If you have bunch of them you can do convert them with a batch job: there are a ton of applications that can do this under windows. Under linux you probably would like to do the job with a few lines script. Example:

http://avi.alkalay.net/2010/08/convert-dbf-to-csv-on-linux-with-perl-and-xbase.html

## #2 - 2010-10-17 02:52 AM - Giovanni Manghi

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

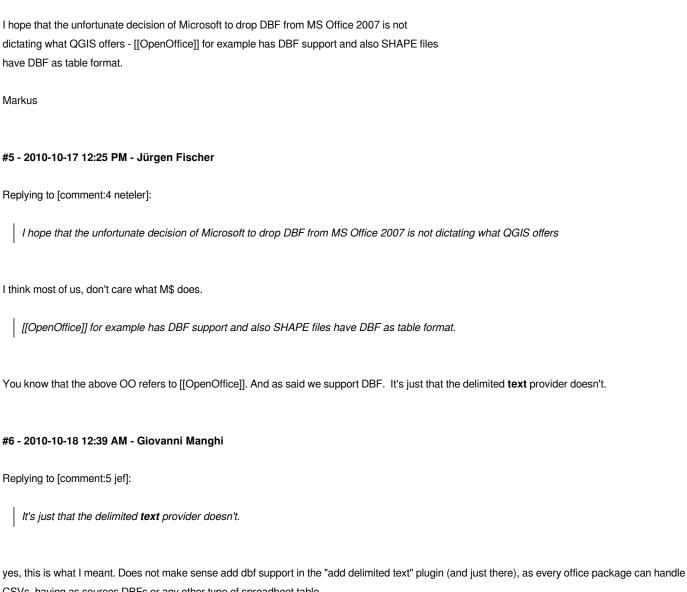
Also DBF has been dropped from Ms Office already in MS Office 2007. Reopen if necessary.

## #3 - 2010-10-17 03:50 AM - Jürgen Fischer

DBFs can be added as geometryless layers.

### #4 - 2010-10-17 09:30 AM - Markus Neteler

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CSVs, having as sources DBFs or any other type of spreadheet table.

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