

## QGIS Application - Bug report #3840

### "additional no data value" has no effect (identify, raster calculator, histograms, etc.)

2011-05-24 12:45 PM - Giovanni Manghi

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Category:</b>	Rasters	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	master	<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>		<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> 13898
<b>Description</b>		
<p>This is probable due to the changes in the raster provider.</p> <p>Using trunk under Ubuntu.</p>		

#### Associated revisions

Revision c4b24806 - 2013-12-14 01:02 PM - Radim Blazek

convert GDAL no data value to a value representable by data type, fixes #3840

#### History

**#1 - 2011-07-25 09:11 AM - Paolo Cavallini**

- Tracker changed from Bug report to 4
- Start date set to 2011-07-25
- Pull Request or Patch supplied set to No

**#2 - 2011-12-16 12:44 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Target version changed from Version 1.7.0 to Version 1.7.4

**#3 - 2011-12-20 12:58 PM - Radim Blazek**

Setting "No data value" has effect on rendering - pixels are rendered transparent.

It does not have effect on identify tool (and similar) and it cannot be easily fixed. While the no data value is set on layer, QgsRasterLayer::identify() calls QgsRasterDataProvider::identify(), and the provider does not know about the no data value set by user on the raster layer. The reason why raster provider returns textual results (QMap<QString, QString>), which can hardly be modified by layer, is to allow for example WMS provider to represent various strange results, e.g. feature attributes, non just a raster value.

**#4 - 2011-12-24 05:51 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Assignee deleted (Redmine Admin)
- Subject changed from setting the "no data value" in raster properties has no effect to setting "no data value" in raster properties is not working
- Priority changed from Low to 6

Actually in QGIS 1.7.3 and master setting the "no data value" has no effect on the pixel value. The only effect it has is turning the pixels with a certain value transparent, but for this we already have the "transparent pixel list".

The function of "no data value" should be to make pixels of a certain value as NULL.

I add that this field would be much better if could accept many values, separated by a comma (or with a selector that shows all the unique values).

**#5 - 2011-12-24 07:47 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Crashes QGIS or corrupts data set to No*
- *Subject changed from setting "no data value" in raster properties is not working to "No data value" in raster properties is not working*
- *Affected QGIS version set to master*

**#6 - 2011-12-25 08:29 AM - Alexander Bruy**

See also #4312 and #4313

**#7 - 2012-04-15 08:46 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Priority changed from 6 to High*

**#8 - 2012-04-15 09:23 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Tracker changed from 4 to Bug report*

**#9 - 2012-04-16 06:28 AM - Paolo Cavallini**

- *Target version changed from Version 1.7.4 to Version 1.8.0*

**#10 - 2012-09-04 12:01 PM - Paolo Cavallini**

- *Target version changed from Version 1.8.0 to Version 2.0.0*

**#11 - 2012-10-05 04:06 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Operating System deleted (All)*
- *Status info deleted (0)*
- *Subject changed from "No data value" in raster properties is not working to "additional no data value" has no effect (identify, raster calculator, etc.)*

Just spoke with both Radim and Marco at the developer meeting and they agree that this ticket should be stay open.

Even after all the latest changes in rasters the original issue is still there:

manually choosing a "additional no data value" has the only effect to make that values transparent. Both the identify tools and the raster calculator tools take into account the original pixel value.

This is confusing for users as they expect to be able to turn to NULLs the values defined in "additional no data value", and have those pixels considered as NULLs by all QGIS tools in that particular project.

**#12 - 2012-10-05 04:08 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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*tools take into account the original pixel value.*

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Also histograms are affected, as the the values defined in "additional no data value" are still computed.

**#13 - 2012-10-05 04:09 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Subject changed from "additional no data value" has no effect (identify, raster calculator, etc.) to "additional no data value" has no effect (identify, raster calculator, histograms, etc.)

**#14 - 2012-10-05 04:10 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

see also #1380

**#15 - 2012-12-30 09:51 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Priority changed from High to Normal

**#16 - 2013-03-31 08:25 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

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**#17 - 2013-04-03 02:42 AM - Radim Blazek**

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

*at least the identify seems fixed, histograms and raster calc are still affected.*

Statistics and histogram should be fixed for GDAL in commit:8e7ffd7. AFAIK, the raster calculator has to be changed to read data from QGIS providers (it is using GDAL directly) but it is not planned for 2.0. Marco, can you comment?

If the calculator is the only problem left, I would suggest to close this issue and create a new one for raster calculator.

**#18 - 2013-04-03 07:00 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Status changed from Open to Feedback

**#19 - 2013-12-06 07:58 AM - Mikhail Titov**

- File *osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata-extra-range-fail.png* added

- File *osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata.png* added

- File *osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata-extra.png* added

Just an update that this is still a problem with QGIS nightly build from OSGeo4W.

gdalinfo seems to report correct NODATA and stats, however QGIS-dev (1e8635c) shows bogus data. I'm attaching screenshots with correct gdalinfo output, messed up info in QGIS master, and I attach sample GeoTIFF to play with.

**#20 - 2013-12-06 08:01 AM - Mikhail Titov**

- *File dem.tif added*

I forgot to attach GeoTiff

**#21 - 2013-12-06 08:26 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Target version changed from Version 2.0.0 to Future Release - High Priority*

- *Status changed from Feedback to Open*

**#22 - 2013-12-09 08:39 AM - Radim Blazek**

The new problem is not that additional no data value is ignored but that the original data source no data value (-999.9) is ignored, right?

**#23 - 2013-12-09 10:28 AM - Mikhail Titov**

I would not call it entirely new problem. I feel like these are all related. While true, that original negative fractional NODATA value is not respected, I cannot override it with additional no data value setting either.

If I use identity tool on original data as is, it reports empty areas as having 9999 value (instead of NODATA=-999.9). Histogram tool is also affected. If I set additional value to 9999, identity tool says the value on one of those cells is -999.8999 alike. I suspect there is direct float comparison, (perhaps with different bit width/precision storage, otherwise it got to work if read from GDAL) and mutual exclusion for NODATA setting, so 2 values can't be respected at the same time. I did not look at the code. It is just my guess from observed behavior.

**#24 - 2013-12-14 03:22 AM - Radim Blazek**

The problem is that the decimal no data value -999.9 cannot be represented with sufficient precision by the raster data type float32. -999.9 converted to float32 results in -999.9000244140625. No data value is stored in the raster as double, i.e. -999.89999999999997726 which cannot be represented by float32. The correct no data value for float32 data type could only be -999.9000244140625.

A solution could be to pass no data doubles given by GDALGetRasterNoDataValue through actual data type to get a representable value.

Until we fix that, you can simply disable (uncheck) original nonrepresentable no data value in transparency tab and everything should work as expected.

**#25 - 2013-12-14 04:03 AM - Radim Blazek**

- *Status changed from Open to Closed*

Fixed in changeset commit:"c4b248066da828c8f00f068053e50eff301ae663".

**#26 - 2013-12-14 04:07 AM - Radim Blazek**

Fixed.

The next bug report will be: "Why QGIS gives no data value -999.9000244140625 while GDAL -999.89999999999997726?"

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**Files**

osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata.png	175 KB	2013-12-06	Mikhail Titov
osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata-extra.png	31.8 KB	2013-12-06	Mikhail Titov
osgeo4w-gdal-1.10.1-qgis-dev-nodata-extra-range-fail.png	42.4 KB	2013-12-06	Mikhail Titov
dem.tif	1.89 MB	2013-12-06	Mikhail Titov