QGIS Application - Feature request #7494
layer feature identification in future versions

2013-04-02 01:14 PM - John Sankey

Status:	Closed		
Priority:	Normal		
Assignee:			
Category:			
Pull Request or Patch supplied:	No	**Resolution:**	duplicate
Easy fix?:	No	**Copied to github as #:**	16445

Description

It's very useful with 1.8.0 to use the old label system (doubleclick layer name,labels tab) to show id# to identify each feature while entries are being made in the attribute table for display via the new system (ABC icon). I'm told that the old system is up for deletion. I hope that you can then provide a way of enabling id# to be shown during attribute entry. One possibility might be an option to show id# when entries in the ABC-specified field are null; another might be to allow more than one label per feature with the new system.

History

#1 - 2013-04-03 07:03 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Feedback

I'm sorry, this is really not clear to me. Is tis about the labeling tool or about editing?

#2 - 2013-04-03 08:32 AM - John Sankey

It's a feature request for the new (ABC) labeling tool.

#3 - 2013-04-03 10:03 AM - Regis Haubourg

In new labeling engine, you can use an expression. I remember that $id is available as a field. If confirmed, I think this is what you look for.

#4 - 2013-04-03 10:50 AM - John Sankey

True, but so far only one label can be used for a feature even with the new system. Two labels can't be combined by an expression because neither is shown if either is null. At present, the two independent label methods allow 2 independent labels per feature.

Also, label expressions are more complex/picky than many QGIS users will be comfortable with - it would be a great advantage to have a clear simple method of having multiple labels, an [id option while label field is null], or allow multiline labels to be shown even if one component of them is null.

#5 - 2013-04-04 09:46 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Resolution set to duplicate

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John Sankey wrote:

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what you are asking is the "rule based labelling", that indeed it would be very useful. See

#3843