

QGIS Application - Feature request #9279

Preselect field in Label dialogue

2014-01-01 04:55 AM - Noone Noone

Status:	Open	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:		
Category:	GUI	
Pull Request or Patch supplied:		
Easy fix?:	No	Resolution:
		Copied to github as #: 17891
Description		
<p>If you enable the "Label this layer with ..." checkbox at the label dialog within the layer options, currently there is no field selected and the user might forget about it, as he sees a "lorem ipsum" and might get confused as he expects this static string to be rendered first. To avoid this behaviour, I recommend a few slightly changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- preselect the first layer data field (not lat/lon/alt)- display a list of first 1..3 first items of this field as demo text <p>I also recommend to move the demo field down to the bottom of dialog, below the preferences frame. This might improve the workflow, as it triggers the input-process-output methodology. I also recommend to display a transparency pattern in the sample widget, to avoid the interpretation as a regular edit-box with a white background and to allow the user to check style visibility on bright and dark background at twice.</p>		

History

#1 - 2014-01-05 01:45 AM - Matthias Kuhn

How about the QgsVectorLayer.displayField() or QgsVectorLayer.displayExpression() as default?

#2 - 2014-01-05 02:20 AM - Richard Duivenvoorde

@noone noone are you aware of the ux mailinglist we created recently?

I added it to your usability wiki page:

<https://issues.qgis.org/wiki/quantum-gis/Usability#Closed-steps>

Would it not be better to discuss this a little on such list, and then come with a firm feature/dev request?

#3 - 2014-01-05 06:26 AM - Noone Noone

@Matthias I don't know about this widgets, but why not, if they are in use already :)

Another idea would be to skip the checkbox but use the empty combobox to indicate that labeling is currently disabled.

@Richard Only because of your post, so I sended out an hello to the ML :) Thank you!

#4 - 2017-05-01 12:48 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? set to No