# QGIS Application - Bug report #14083

# Adding up (+) variables in expression builder results in concatenation

2016-01-11 04:35 AM - Rombert Stapel

Status: Closed Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Expressions

Affected QGIS version: 2.12.1

Operating System: OS X El Capitan

Pull Request or Patch shapplied:

Crashes QGIS or corruphs data:

Regression: No

Easy fix?: No

Resolution: invalid

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#### Description

If I add up two variables using the expression builder, the two values are concatenated, instead of added up. So if A = 2091 and B = 0, I get the result of A + B = "20910" (as if I used the || operator). The other operators (-, /, \*) seem to work as they should. If I add up two integers, there is no problem.

I have the latest QGIS on the Mac. Version 2.12.2 is not yet available on the Mac, so I am not sure if the bug is still present there.

### History

## #1 - 2016-01-12 11:18 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Feedback
- Target version deleted (Future Release High Priority)
- Priority changed from High to Normal

your fields are text, not integers or decimals, I would say that the results is the expected one.

### #2 - 2016-01-26 08:13 PM - Nyall Dawson

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- Resolution set to invalid

Variables are always string values. You can convert them to a number using the expression functions to\_real or to\_int, eg 'to\_real(@var1) + to\_real(@var2)'

### #3 - 2016-01-27 01:18 AM - Rombert Stapel

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

That would not explain why I can multiply, subtract and divide the same numbers without any problem. The variables in question are designated as integers, not string values. In my view this is still a bug.

#### #4 - 2016-01-27 01:26 AM - Nathan Woodrow

What are the types of the columns?

## #5 - 2016-01-27 01:38 AM - Nyall Dawson

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Wrapping the variables in to\_int/to\_real is the correct solution. Multiply/etc have special handling to basically have to\_real forced, but that's not possible with + because it's also reused for string concatenation. Otherwise the expression '5' + '2' would incorrectly return 7 instead of 52.

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