### QGIS Application - Bug report #16812

# Saving GeoJson deletes NULL attributes if QGIS is compiled against GDAL 2.2

2017-07-07 07:45 PM - Alex Mandel

Status: Closed Priority: High

Assignee: Even Rouault

Category: Data Provider/OGR

Affected QGIS version:2.18.10 Regression?: Yes
Operating System: Easy fix?: No

Pull Request or Patch supplied: Resolution: fixed/implemented

Crashes QGIS or corrupts data: Copied to github as #: 24711

#### Description

As described in <a href="https://github.com/UCDavisLibrary/ava/issues/270">https://github.com/UCDavisLibrary/ava/issues/270</a>, Saving Geojson removes any attributes that have null values. This is a new behavior due to a change in GDAL 2.2 <a href="https://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/rfc67\_nullfieldvalues">https://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/rfc67\_nullfieldvalues</a> which changes how null fields are handled.

Discussing with Even R. in IRC, it seems safer to '<EvenR> "unset as null" could be the default behaviour in QGIS. It should bring back the pre GDAL 2.2 behaviour'

That way any saves made while editing a layer won't remove attributes.

As an option the Save As dialog could allow users to override this behavior, dropping null fields to create a more compact geojson file.

#### **Associated revisions**

#### Revision 7d67b02a - 2017-07-08 02:01 PM - Even Rouault

[OGR] Use OGR\_F\_SetFieldNull() with GDAL >= 2.2 to avoid GeoJSON fields to be unset (fixes #16812)

#### Revision fda97b22 - 2017-07-08 02:31 PM - Even Rouault

[OGR] Use OGR\_F\_SetFieldNull() with GDAL >= 2.2 to avoid GeoJSON fields to be unset (fixes #16812)

### Revision fb880711 - 2017-07-08 04:42 PM - Even Rouault

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## History

#### #1 - 2017-07-08 12:46 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? changed from Yes to No
- Operating System deleted (All)
- Priority changed from Normal to High
- Subject changed from Saving GeoJson deletes null attributes to Saving GeoJson deletes NULL attributes if QGIS is compiled against GDAL 2.2

I'm reluctant to tag this as "regression" because technically is not a QGIS issue, point is that QGIS users that will start to hit this change will immediately point to QGIS as the culprit. If setting "unset as null" is trivial I suggest to implement it as soon as possible.

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### #2 - 2017-07-08 02:01 PM - Even Rouault

- % Done changed from 0 to 100
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset commit:qgis|7d67b02ae461adf5bbf8cc753ea61a64ec125bbc.

# #3 - 2017-07-08 02:57 PM - Even Rouault

- Resolution set to fixed/implemented

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