# QGIS Application - Bug report #19431 \$rownum (and possibly other functions) do not work on virtual fields

2018-07-17 11:30 AM - Giovanni Manghi

Status:	Closed			
Priority:	Normal			
Assignee:				
Category:	Field calculator			
Affected QGIS version:3.3(master)		Regression?:	No	
Operating System:		Easy fix?:	No	
Pull Request or Patch supplied:		Resolution:	wontfix	
Crashes QGIS or corru <b>pits</b> data:		Copied to github as	<b>#:</b> 27259	
Description				
It always return "C	)".			
Another example	is "count", which returns always NULI			
Tested on LTR ar	nd master.			
On non virtual fiel	ds are ok.			

## History

### #1 - 2018-07-17 11:53 AM - Luigi Pirelli

confirmed on master an 2.18 LTR

### #2 - 2018-07-17 11:57 AM - Luigi Pirelli

#### rownumber is filled here

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/blob/master/src/app/qgsfieldcalculator.cpp#L274

#### but completly skipped here

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/blob/master/src/app/qgsfieldcalculator.cpp#L197 in case of virtualfields

probably a simple if reorganization would solve... investigating more

#### #3 - 2018-07-20 03:24 AM - Nyall Dawson

- Resolution set to wontfix

- Status changed from Open to Closed

It's deliberately not exposed here, because it has no meaning outside of the field calculator (since virtual fields are "global" for a layer, yet the layer may be opened in two different attribute table dialogs both with different sort orders). Use \$id instead.