# QGIS Application - Feature request #20171 Unable to create a folder within the file name widget when saving layers

2018-10-20 08:19 AM - Harrissou Santanna

Status: Open Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Unknown

Pull Request or Patch sumplied: Resolution:

Easy fix?: No Copied to github as #: 27992

## **Description**

let's take a temporary layer you'd like to make permanent

Click on the icon, opening the "save scratch layer" dialog

browse to a folder and select/enter the name of the file

Now in the "file name" line edit widget, modify the path: replace a folder with a non-existing one

Normally, QGIS will just create the missing folder (as long as the user has rights) and add the new file in it.

Now you get a:

Could not make temporary scratch layer permanent.

Error: Creation of layer failed (OGR error: Failed to create file E:\GitHub\QGIS-Training-Data\exercise\_data\shapefile\places.shp: No such file or directory)

I had to create the "shapefile" folder before it saves the data.

Also occurs when using the "save features as..." tool and maybe other widgets

## History

### #1 - 2018-10-22 06:48 PM - Alessandro Pasotti

Are you sure this is really a regression?

### #2 - 2018-10-22 06:56 PM - Harrissou Santanna

- Tracker changed from Bug report to Feature request

Actually, no. Just tested on 2.18 and at least there, it does seem to be the same behavior: OK is disabled until the filename contains an existing folder. No way to create folder directly. Weird I've never noticed.

Sorry for the noise. Moving it to feature request then.

### #3 - 2018-10-22 07:20 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Priority changed from High to Normal

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