# Attribute table will not allow letter 'N' to be entered

**Status:** Closed  
**Priority:** High  
**Assignee:** Jürgen Fischer  
**Category:** Attribute table  
**Affected QGIS version:** 3.4.4  
**Regression?:** Yes  
**Operating System:** Windows 10  
**Easy fix?:** No  
**Resolution:**  
**Copied to github as #:** 28838

## Description

Entering the letter N as the value in the attribute table for a layer does not work. QGIS will not allow the layer to be saved. All other letters and strings work.

I've tested this both on a temporary scratch layer and a couple of PostGIS databases with the same results.

## Associated revisions

**Revision 99904f1f - 2019-01-23 03:30 PM - Jürgen Fischer**

field validator: only check for null representation if the string value exceeds the field length (fixes #21019)

**Revision 1b6329c3 - 2019-01-23 03:32 PM - Jürgen Fischer**

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(cherry picked from commit 99904f1f5e7b86a92f50132fd89750fe858e7)

## History

**#1 - 2019-01-17 12:03 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

- Status changed from Open to Feedback

Just tried on 3.4.3 on Windows 10 and cannot confirm.

**#2 - 2019-01-17 12:35 PM - Keelan Fadden-Hopper**

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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I can give it a go installing 3.4 on Windows 10 and see what happens but maybe it's just a 3.2 issue

**#3 - 2019-01-17 09:58 PM - Keelan Fadden-Hopper**
Keelan Fadden-Hopper wrote:

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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I have tried with a fresh install of 3.4.3 from the QGIS website and I’m still getting the same error. It’s a really strange error but I’m not sure why it wasn’t replicable.

#4 - 2019-01-18 05:27 AM - Gabriel De Luca

Same behaviour here.

The string defined in Settings > Options > Data Sources > Representation of NULL values, or strings "LIKE" that ('N', 'NU', 'NUL', 'NULL', by default), can’t be entered by keyboard in string type fields, editing the attribute table.

That values (except the 'NULL' string) can be entered in the add-feature form, or from the field calculator.

#5 - 2019-01-18 03:15 PM - Giovanni Manghi

Gabriel De Luca wrote:

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I can’t confirm or I’m not understanding how to replicate, for the sake of clarity please add step by step instructions. Thanks.

#6 - 2019-01-18 11:30 PM - Keelan Fadden-Hopper

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

Gabriel De Luca wrote:

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Step by step instructions:

1. Open QGIS and start new project
2. Layer > Create Layer > New Shapefile Layer
3. Set file name and location
4. Set new field name with type Text data
5. Add to Fields List
6. OK
7. Right click layer in Layers pane > Toggle Editing
8. Edit > Add Point Feature
9. Drop somewhere on map
10. OK
11. Right click layer in Layers pane > Open Attribute Table
12. Click on cell (1, asd)
13. Type N
14. Press enter or click outside cell. Note that the value will not save in the cell. Observe the behaviour with any other letter.

Hope that helps...

#7 - 2019-01-19 12:15 AM - Gabriel De Luca
- File StringLikeNullValue-3-4-3-Win10.png added

Screencast attached.

#8 - 2019-01-22 03:11 PM - Jérôme Guélat
I can confirm this issue using QGIS 3.4.4 with a GeoPackage on Windows 7. It's also a regression (not happening with QGIS 2.18).

#9 - 2019-01-22 10:54 PM - Giovanni Manghi
- Affected QGIS version changed from 3.2.2 to 3.4.4
- Status changed from Feedback to Open
- Priority changed from Normal to High
- Regression? changed from No to Yes

I'm seeing that now.

#10 - 2019-01-23 03:21 PM - Jürgen Fischer
- Assignee set to Jürgen Fischer

#11 - 2019-01-23 03:29 PM - Jürgen Fischer
- Status changed from Open to Closed
- % Done changed from 0 to 100
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