

## Redmine - Feature #30471

### Move "Default columns" checkbox on the query edit page from "Options" to "Columns" fieldset

2019-01-21 09:55 - Go MAEDA

<b>Status:</b>	New	<b>Start date:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>		<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	UI	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	Candidate for next major release		
<b>Resolution:</b>			

#### Description

Currently, the "Default columns" checkbox on the query edit page is placed in the "Options" fieldset. I think that we can improve the UI more intuitive if we move the checkbox to "Columns" fieldset. Reasons are as follows:

- The checkbox is obviously related to "Columns"
- Since the checkbox switches enabled/disabled status of "Available columns" and "Selected columns" list boxes, it should be placed close to those.

## Custom query

**Name** Multiple custom fields query

**Visible**  to me only  
 to any users  
 to these roles only:  
 Manager  
 Developer  
 Reporter

**For all projects**

**Options**

**Group results by**

**Show**  Description  Last notes

**Totals**  Estimated time  Spent time  Float field

**Filters**

Database

Status

Searchable field

**Sort**

1:

2:

3:

**Columns**

**Default columns**

**Available Columns**

- Project
- Parent task
- Author
- Category
- Target version
- Start date
- Due date
- Estimated time
- Total estimated time
- Spent time

**Selected Columns**

- Tracker
- Status
- Priority
- Subject
- Assignee
- Updated

## History

### #1 - 2019-01-21 09:56 - Go MAEDA

- Tracker changed from Defect to Feature

### #2 - 2019-01-21 14:40 - Bernhard Rohloff

It would make sense but please notice that this checkbox also disables the checkboxes for descriptions and last notes. I have no clue why they should get disabled, too. There are no default settings for these two options so perhaps they where included by mistake.

### #3 - 2021-01-15 03:53 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

- File screenshot\_2021-01-15\_11.34.36.png added

- File screenshot\_2021-01-15\_11.38.31.png added

- File screenshot\_2021-01-15\_11.38.46.png added

- File 30471.patch added

How about arranging it similar to query form at the top of the list?

Change before	Change after
screenshot_2021-01-15_11.38.46.png	screenshot_2021-01-15_11.38.31.png

Arrangement of List query form for reference  
screenshot\_2021-01-15\_11.34.36.png

This will also place the checkboxes for descriptions and last notes nearby.

#### #4 - 2021-01-16 07:45 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to Candidate for next major release

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote:

How about arranging it similar to query form at the top of the list?

+1

It makes the UI less confusing and consistent.

#### #5 - 2021-02-02 09:13 - Mischa The Evil

+1 from me too for the proposal by Mizuki ISHIKAWA. Nevertheless, some remarks and comments (in reply to others in chronological order):

Go MAEDA wrote:

- The checkbox is obviously related to "Columns"

Somewhat OT-nitpicking; I see what you mean and I agree to a large extent. However, I can equally-easily take the opposite stance in a way that the columns selection can also be perceived as being a(n) (display) option of/for the query.

Bernhard Rohloff wrote:

It would make sense but please notice that this checkbox also disables the checkboxes for descriptions and last notes. I have no clue why they should get disabled, too. There are no default settings for these two options so perhaps they were included by mistake.

This is a separate thing and it is not a defect. Given that the descriptions and last notes options are actually implemented as block columns, which are, along with the inline columns (and which are both query columns), reset by enabling the default columns option, selecting these options wouldn't affect the resulting query as their state would not persist. To prevent confusion about this, these options are disabled along with the inline column selection. See [#24907](#) for reference.

Besides the above, it might be worth opening a separate feature request to implement default settings for at least just these two options.

Go MAEDA wrote:

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote:

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[...]

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I agree with Go MAEDA. Additionally, these views were originally already supposed to look like each other. See [#4272#note-9](#) and [#4272#note-10](#) for the history of this.

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Now with the above in mind (as in the code), I looked at the new query form on redmine.org itself and again at the screenshots posted by Mizuki ISHIKAWA in note-3, and noticed that the column selection was initially hidden from display, which brought me back to [#24907](#) again.

The fix for it also has a side-effect (intentional or unintentional) that the inline column selection now only remains disabled instead of being hidden. I honestly prefer the pré-[#24907](#) behavior where the whole field-set is (also) hidden from display completely.

Maybe this can be re-added with this current re-ordering of query elements with an extension to implement the same hidden behavior for the block column selection. Looking at it from a strictly functional standpoint it might even be a good idea to place the show description, last notes, full width layout custom fields line(s) directly after (and grouped with?) the inline column selection, to be followed by the group-by element (AFAIK these columns are not group-able nonetheless). Although that might not look good from a more visual standpoint.

Lastly, I'd like to point out that this code is currently used within at least six different contexts (ProjectQuery, TimeEntryQuery details, TimeEntryQuery report, IssueQuery, IssueQuery in gantt and IssueQuery in calendar, which is already troublesome in cases: see e.g. issue [#15167](#) which I reported myself a long time ago) and with related, corresponding JavaScripts, which makes that any element re-ordering/re-grouping should be done with care

and precision.

## Files

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move-default-columns-checkbox@2x.png	65.5 KB	2019-01-21	Go MAEDA
screenshot_2021-01-15_11.34.36.png	121 KB	2021-01-15	Mizuki ISHIKAWA
screenshot_2021-01-15_11.38.31.png	190 KB	2021-01-15	Mizuki ISHIKAWA
screenshot_2021-01-15_11.38.46.png	189 KB	2021-01-15	Mizuki ISHIKAWA
30471.patch	3.39 KB	2021-01-15	Mizuki ISHIKAWA