

## Redmine - Defect #11035

### Doesn't patch "User" model in a plugin

2012-05-29 04:03 - Vladimir Pitin

<b>Status:</b>	New	<b>Start date:</b>	
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<b>Target version:</b>		<b>Affected version:</b>	2.0.0
<b>Resolution:</b>			

#### Description

Sorry for my English :)

I have a plugin that works in "Redmine 1.3.0.stable.24228 (MySQL)"  
This plugin extend a model "User". And it worked fine.

Now we have installed Redmine 2.0.0

I try rewrite my plugin, but extending model "User" call error "Expected /usr/share/srv-redmine/redmine-2.0/app/models/user.rb to define User"

This init.rb code:

```
Redmine::Plugin.register :advanced_roadmap do
  name 'Advanced Roadmap plugin'
  author 'Author name'
  description 'This is a plugin for Redmine'
  version '0.0.1'
  url 'http://example.com/path/to/plugin'
  author_url 'http://example.com/about'
end

#require 'user'

ActionDispatch::Callbacks.to_prepare do
  User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end
```

If I add

```
require 'user'
```

I have error:

```
ActionView::Template::Error (undefined method `association_class' for nil:NilClass):
 40:      <%= hidden_field_tag(controller.default_search_scope, 1, :id => nil) if controller
.default_search_scope %>
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=> @project}, :accesskey => accesskey(:search) %>:
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 44:      <%= text_field_tag 'q', @question, :size => 20, :class => 'small', :accesskey => a
ccesskey(:quick_search) %>
 45:      <% end %>
 46:      <%= render_project_jump_box %>
app/helpers/application_helper.rb:240:in `render_project_jump_box'
app/views/layouts/base.html.erb:43:in `_app_views_layouts_base_html_erb___374889370_87506190'
app/controllers/projects_controller.rb:168:in `show'
```

This's content of file "lib/advanced\_roadmap/user\_patch.rb"

```
require_dependency "user"
```

```

module AdvancedRoadmap
  module UserPatch
    def self.included(base)
      base.extend(ClassMethods)
      base.send(:include, InstanceMethods)

      base.class_eval do
        end
      end

    module ClassMethods
      end

    module InstanceMethods
      end

  end
end

```

### It's my settings

```

root@redmine:/usr/share/srv-redmine/redmine-2.0/log# RAILS_ENV=development rake about
(in /usr/share/srv-redmine/redmine-2.0)
About your application's environment
Ruby version          1.9.3 (i686-linux)
RubyGems version     1.8.24
Rack version         1.4
Rails version        3.2.3
Active Record version 3.2.3
Action Pack version  3.2.3
Active Resource version 3.2.3
Action Mailer version 3.2.3
Active Support version 3.2.3
Middleware            ActionDispatch::Static, Rack::Lock, #<ActiveSupport::Cache::Strategy::LocalCache::Middleware:0x9b232d0>, Rack::Runtime, Rack::MethodOverride, ActionDispatch::RequestId, Rails::Rack::Logger, ActionDispatch::ShowExceptions, ActionDispatch::DebugExceptions, ActionDispatch::RemoteIp, ActionDispatch::Reloader, ActionDispatch::Callbacks, ActiveRecord::ConnectionAdapters::ConnectionManagement, ActiveRecord::QueryCache, ActionDispatch::Cookies, ActionDispatch::Session::CookieStore, ActionDispatch::Flash, ActionDispatch::ParamsParser, ActionDispatch::Head, Rack::ConditionalGet, Rack::ETag, ActionDispatch::BestStandardsSupport, OpenIdAuthentication
Application root     /usr/share/srv-redmine/redmine-2.0
Environment          development
Database adapter     mysql2
Database schema version 20120422150750

```

Also I use: RVM (version 3.\*), OS - Ubuntu 10.10

Any help is appreciated.

### History

#1 - 2012-05-29 06:03 - Alex Shulgin

```

#require 'user'

ActionDispatch::Callbacks.to_prepare do
  User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end

```

Hm, did you try this instead:

```

require 'dispatcher'

Dispatcher.to_prepare do

```

```
require_dependency 'user'
User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end
```

That seems pretty idiomatic to me.

## #2 - 2012-05-29 06:11 - Vladimir Pitin

If i do this

```
require 'dispatcher'

Dispatcher.to_prepare do
  require_dependency 'user'
  User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end
```

I cause error

```
cannot load such file -- dispatcher
```

## #3 - 2012-05-29 09:49 - Etienne Massip

First code seemed OK, related to [this rails issue](#) if it is an issue; try to clear your caches as suggested?

## #4 - 2012-05-29 09:49 - Etienne Massip

- Category changed from *Plugin Request* to *Plugin API*

- Affected version (unused) set to 2.0.0

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## #5 - 2012-05-29 10:08 - Fabrice ROBIN

Vladimir Pitin wrote:

If i do this

[...]

I cause error

[...]

In fact, 'dispatcher' does not exist anymore in rails 3.  
Redmine documentation for plugin development needs to be updated.  
Try this instead:

```
Rails.configuration.to_prepare do
  require_dependency 'user'
  User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end
```

## #6 - 2012-05-29 10:42 - Etienne Massip

Fabrice ROBIN wrote:

Redmine documentation for plugin development needs to be updated.

I don't think that Redmine documentation actually refers to the use of dispatcher?

## #7 - 2012-05-29 11:22 - Fabrice ROBIN

Exact, I was convinced that was the case.

But it might be a good idea to add something in redmine wiki.  
The `to_prepare` method is a must have when a plugin needs to patch redmine core,  
mainly in development mode.

Here is the documentation about the `to_prepare` method

```
Add a preparation callback. Preparation callbacks are run before every
```

request in development mode, and before the first request in production mode

#### #8 - 2012-05-29 11:31 - Etienne Massip

This is described in RoR guides, mainly in <http://guides.rubyonrails.org/configuring.html#initializers>.

Vladimir is right when he replaces the dispatcher requirement with `ActionDispatch::Callbacks.to_prepare`, see <http://guides.rubyonrails.org/configuring.html#configuring-action-dispatch>, this is the most accurate match.

#### #9 - 2012-05-30 00:47 - Vladimir Pitin

If I try it

```
Rails.configuration.to_prepare do
  require_dependency 'user'
  User.send(:include, AdvancedRoadmap::UserPatch)
end
```

I have same error

Expected /usr/share/srv-redmine/redmine-2.0/app/models/user.rb to define User

#### #10 - 2012-05-30 00:56 - Vladimir Pitin

First code seemed OK, related to this rails issue if it is an issue; try to clear your caches as suggested?

No.How can I clear my caches?

#### #11 - 2012-05-30 01:01 - Vladimir Pitin

My folder /tmp/cache is empty. If it's meant?

#### #12 - 2012-05-30 01:37 - Vladimir Pitin

Upgrade to Redmine 2.0.1 had no affect  
Commands:

```
rake tmp:cache:clear
rake tmp:sessions:clear
```

had no affect, too

#### #13 - 2012-05-30 08:33 - Daniel Munn

This works:

lib/redmine\_test/patches/user\_patch.rb

```
require_dependency 'principal'
require_dependency 'user'
module RedmineTest
  module Patches
    module UserPatch
      def self.included(base)
        base.send(:extend, ClassMethods)
        base.send(:include, InstanceMethods)
        base.class_eval do
          unloadable
        end
      end
    end

    module ClassMethods
      def echoTest
        STDOUT.print "echo Test\n"
        STDOUT.flush
        nil
      end
    end

    module InstanceMethods
    end
  end
end
```

```
end
end
end
end
```

```
ActionDispatch::Callbacks.to_prepare do
  User.send(:include, RedmineTest::Patches::UserPatch)
end
```

After which the User.echoTest method exists - you need to add require\_dependency 'principal' before require\_dependency 'user'

#### #14 - 2012-05-30 09:29 - Vladimir Pitin

init.rb

```
require 'redmine'
require 'advanced_roadmap/user_patch'
Rails.logger.info 'Starting Advanced Roadmap plugin for Redmine'
```

```
Redmine::Plugin.register :advanced_roadmap do
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  author 'Author name'
  description 'This is a plugin for Redmine'
  version '0.0.1'
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end
```

user\_patch.rb

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  module UserPatch
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```

end

```
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end
```

end

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app/views/layouts/base.html.erb:43:in `_app_views_layouts_base_html_erb__947349986_81730330'
```

#### #15 - 2012-05-30 19:08 - Daniel Munn

Hi, looks like an un-resolved dependency on the project model (via member model):

```
require_dependency 'project'
require_dependency 'principal'
require_dependency 'user'
```

Seems to allow standard output, please confirm.

#### #16 - 2012-05-31 00:17 - Vladimir Pitin

It seems that it works fine. I will test it in more detail. In any case, this variant doesn't cause error. Thanks!

#### #17 - 2012-05-31 13:59 - Oleg Kandaurov

Daniel, Thanks a lot. Your solution works for me.

#### #18 - 2012-06-10 21:49 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

I confirm it works too, but it feels like black magic to me. If anybody knows why we should declare explicitly those dependencies manually, it would be great.

#### #19 - 2012-06-13 02:20 - Vladimir Pitin

Jean-Baptiste Barth wrote:

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+1

#### #20 - 2012-07-27 23:58 - John Kubiawicz

Is there a way to have something work with both Rails 2 and 3? I tried the ActiveSupport::Callbacks idiom in a Rails 2.3.14 installation and it doesn't seem to work.

What does seem to work in 2.3.14 is to use

```
config.to_prepare do
  Monkey Patch things
end
```

Will this work in 3.0+? I'm just wondering if this is an idiom that might be usable in general (sorry if this is a dumb question -- I am bit hazy on the startup internals of Rails and plugins).

#### #21 - 2012-07-28 01:34 - John Kubiawicz

Actually, in fact, what about avoiding the callback entirely? If you do a:

```
require_dependency 'my_patch_file'
```

in the init.rb file and then leave your User.send by itself at the end of the patch file, shouldn't this do the right thing (i.e. loaded once in production mode and every requires in development mode)? It certainly seems to work in production mode....

Forgive me if this sounds clueless, just trying to understand options here...

#### #22 - 2012-11-07 01:43 - Vladimir Pitin

For information

If I write

```
require_dependency 'project'
require_dependency 'principal'
require_dependency 'user'
```

in my plugin, the plugin

[http://www.redmine.org/plugins/extended\\_fields](http://www.redmine.org/plugins/extended_fields)

stops working, because validation

```
validates_inclusion_of :field_format, :in => Redmine::CustomFieldFormat.available_formats
```

doesn't pass.

**#23 - 2013-03-20 17:50 - Anonymous**

It seems to me that the issue reported here has been overcome already; the remainder of discussion seems to resolve about a debate how to implement Monkey Patching in a way that work on both Rails 2 and 3 (although I don't understand why you would bother, RoR 3 is the future, RoR 4 is coming soon), and how to do it most elegantly etc.

So it appears this issue can be closed, can't it?

**#24 - 2013-05-02 00:58 - Jean-Baptiste Barth**

Max: not really, the underlying issue (why we need to declare dependencies explicitly) isn't resolved

John: yes, you should use `config.to_prepare { <block> }` in Redmine 1.x/Rails 2.x, and `ActionDispatch::Callbacks.to_prepare { <block> }` above. Note that since we started this thread, support for Redmine 1.x has been removed, and only Redmine 2.3.x is supported at the moment (hence Rails 3.2+).

Vladimir: that's unexpected, it should work