

Redmine - Defect #11116

CSV export encoding problem when issues and interface languages are not equal

2012-06-08 11:29 - Dmitry Babenko

Status:	Closed	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:	I18n	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:		Affected version:	
Resolution:	Wont fix		
Description			
general_csv_encoding should be set to UTF-8 in locales (config/locales/*.yml) in order to avoid encoding problems when you try to export issues in one language when interface is set to another.			
Related issues:			
Related to Redmine - Patch #6287: character corruption in exporting spent time		Closed	2010-09-03
Related to Redmine - Feature #7037: CSV export encoding and excel. UTF-8 and BOM		Closed	2010-12-03
Has duplicate Redmine - Defect #19523: problem in exporting Arabic text to csv		Closed	

History

#1 - 2012-06-08 20:48 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Could you explain why?

#2 - 2012-06-11 11:25 - Dmitry Babenko

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

Could you explain why?

Sure. Here is our case. We use English interface and manage almost all projects and their issues in English. But also we have some local projects and we need to manage them in Russian. So, when we try to export issues written in Russian when we use English interface we get only "?" instead of Russian chars in CSV file.

But when we use Russian interface we have no problems with export to CSV because general_csv_encoding is set to UTF-8, and won't have them with issues in any language.

Also, I believe that UTF-8 is more universal encoding for multi-lingual software :)

#3 - 2012-09-11 23:14 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Category changed from Issues to I18n

#4 - 2013-02-14 12:01 - Timur Irmatov

I support Dmitry, we similarly using Redmine with English interface, but issues are in Russian. CSV export converts all russian characters to question marks with default setting. Changing general_csv_encoding to UTF-8 in config/locales/*.yml fixes this issue. Last comment about UTF-8 being a standard for today is pretty valid too.

#5 - 2013-04-16 13:26 - Filou Centrinov

Related with [#6287](#)

#6 - 2013-07-10 15:27 - Johan Hornof

agree with Dmitry and Filou, I'd also appreciate changing csv export to utf8

#7 - 2013-11-03 06:16 - alex koval

In today world the standard de-facto is UTF8 and not national charsets anymore.

My Redmine installation for example contains projects for different customers, some in German, some in Russian, **most** in English. This simply means, for the sake of simplicity I use English interface and it take quite time for me to get to this issue. All non-English letters are '?' by default... Not usable for truly international Redmine install.

The shortcut here would be to provide language setting: English (UTF-8) for those people which require UTF-8 support.

#8 - 2015-04-17 22:02 - @ go2null

+1 for UTF-8 in en.yml, or have it as a UI option.

#9 - 2015-04-18 05:35 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- *Related to Feature #7037: CSV export encoding and excel. UTF-8 and BOM added*

#10 - 2015-04-18 05:35 - Toshi MARUYAMA

Try [#7037](#) patch.

#11 - 2015-04-18 05:40 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- *Has duplicate Defect #19523: problem in exporting Arabic text to csv added*

#12 - 2015-07-01 16:00 - Pavel Liavonau

@ go2null wrote:

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+1

When I am working under english locale of redmine export to csv doesn't work correctly. Cyrillic symbols looks like questions. When I switch language of redmine to Russian - export works good.

So, why the parameter `general_csv_encoding` in localization files is not UTF-8 by default? Especially I mean the file en.yml.

thanks.

#13 - 2015-07-01 18:48 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- *Status changed from New to Closed*

- *Resolution set to Wont fix*

Pavel Liavonau wrote:

So, why the parameter `general_csv_encoding` in localization files is not UTF-8 by default? Especially I mean the file en.yml.

Because old MS Excel cannot treat UTF-8 with BOM.

[#7037](#) was fixed in [3.1.0](#).

You can change `general_csv_encoding` to UTF-8 if your all MS Excel can treat UTF-8 with BOM.

I close this issue.