

## Redmine - Feature #1179

### Optionally allow Text and Long Text custom fields support wiki formatting

2008-05-05 20:02 - Leandro Lucarella

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	2008-05-05
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Jean-Philippe Lang	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	Custom fields	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	2.5.0		
<b>Resolution:</b>	Fixed		
<b>Description</b>			
It would be very helpful if Text and Long Text custom fields support wiki formatting. It would be even better if the wiki support can be activated or deactivated in a per-field basis, using a checkbox in the custom field properties (something like "Allow wiki format" next to the "Required" checkbox).			
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to Redmine - Feature # 2906: Refine the custom fields display for pro...		<b>New</b>	<b>2009-03-05</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 1358: Link_to for Custom Field		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2008-06-03</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 5794: URL custom fields		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2010-07-01</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 10398: Add a new custom field type with tags r...		<b>Closed</b>	
Related to Redmine - Feature # 5250: Custom Fields may allow full text transf...		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2010-04-06</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 7067: Develop editable textile custom field		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2010-12-07</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 13588: Make long-text and string fields textil...		<b>Closed</b>	
Related to Redmine - Feature # 202: Textilization of Documents, News and Time...		<b>New</b>	
Related to Redmine - Feature # 3543: Improve 'long text' custom fields		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2009-06-25</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 21924: Formatting buttons on long text custom ...		<b>New</b>	
Related to Redmine - Defect # 30027: Some styles (for ex: borders for tables)...		<b>Closed</b>	
Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 6236: Wikified custom fields		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2010-08-27</b>
Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 13183: add wiki format to custom issue fiel...		<b>Closed</b>	

#### History

##### #1 - 2008-06-05 20:56 - Arthaey Angosii

Implementing this would effectively make issue #1358 a duplicate of this by allowing me to have links in any custom field.

##### #2 - 2009-09-09 23:31 - Michael Burton

Related issues: #1358, #2906

##### #3 - 2010-07-15 19:32 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

Can you try the patch I proposed in #5794 and tell me if it works and fit your needs ?

##### #4 - 2010-07-15 20:34 - Leandro Lucarella

Jean-Baptiste Barth wrote:

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I'm sorry, I don't have a Redmine instance to play with at the moment, but I took to the patches and, if I understand correctly what they do (bare in mind I'm not well versed in Ruby nor familiar with Redmine code), it's exactly what I wanted.

I prefer to have the option to textilize or not, but it wouldn't be too terrible if there is no option (it will not be backward compatible, though, and could cause some pain in people already using it as plain text).

Thanks!

#### #5 - 2011-04-19 15:18 - ju mar

+1

I am also interested in having wiki-formatting in Text/Long Text custom fields. And I have a redmine install for testing purpose so I can test patches if needed.

#### #6 - 2011-12-18 23:49 - Andriy Lesyuk

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#### #7 - 2012-05-14 01:27 - Maxim Nikolaevich

Guys,

I think long text custom field should be used as "description" field (i mean full support wiki syntax) and simple text field should not.

I believe it solves many issues related with this issue with simplest way - without any additional options

#### #8 - 2013-02-11 11:11 - Anthony BOUQUET

+1 for this feature :)

#### #9 - 2013-02-18 12:39 - Ilya Ishmatov

Hi i use fix on my redmine:

I use Redmine::WikiFormatting.to\_html for "text" custom field.

```
./app/helper/issue_helper.rb
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```
def render_custom_fields_rows(issue)
  return if issue.custom_field_values.empty?
  ordered_values = []
  half = (issue.custom_field_values.size / 2.0).ceil
  half.times do |i|
    ordered_values << issue.custom_field_values[i]
    ordered_values << issue.custom_field_values[i + half]
  end
  s = "<tr>\n"
  n = 0
  ordered_values.compact.each do |value|
    s << "</tr>\n<tr>\n" if n > 0 && (n % 2) == 0
    s << "\t<th>#{ h(value.custom_field.name) }:</th><td>#{ show_value(value) }</td>\n"
```

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n += 1
end
s << "</tr>\n"
s.html_safe
end
```

./lib/redmine/custom\_field\_format.rb

```
def format_as_text(value)
  Redmine::WikiFormatting.to_html(Setting.text_formatting, value.to_s)
end
```

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['string','int','float','list'].each do |name|
  define_method("format_as_#{name}") {|value| return value}
end
```

#### #10 - 2013-04-10 09:24 - Dipan Mehta

Andriy Lesyuk wrote:

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I personally use this plugin. However, there is a critical challenge I faced which didn't allow me to use it fully. The 'Wiki text' is a new type of field and fields types are not changeable AFTER they are created. so long text fields which we have already created can't take the benefit of this. I know I could tinker DB - but want to avoid this.

#### #11 - 2013-04-10 09:26 - Dipan Mehta

Add Related #13588.

#### #12 - 2013-04-10 10:55 - Maxim Nikolaevich

Maxim Nikolaevich wrote:

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#### #13 - 2013-04-10 12:07 - Dipan Mehta

Other Related #202, #7067, #5250

**#14 - 2013-04-10 12:15 - Dipan Mehta**

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Don't know what exactly was the connotation of the link you posted. Never-the-less, I think this is the essential feature that is quite desirable.

+100

**#15 - 2013-04-10 14:08 - Dipan Mehta**

Add related #5250, #7067

**#16 - 2013-04-10 17:14 - Daniel Felix**

Dipan Mehta wrote:

*Add related #5250, #7067*

Done. Thanks for the hint.

**#17 - 2013-05-03 18:52 - john aylward**

Dipan Mehta wrote:

*Andriy Lesyuk wrote:*

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The other issue I have with this is that the wikitext field is still in the column layout, so an H1 or H2 gets wrapped, and I found it wasn't very useful. I wanted to use it as a place to keep test cases for our QA people, but it's so unwieldy at the moment, I'll stick with using the description field.

I think what I'm looking for is more of a secondary description field. Somewhere I can put nicely formatted text for test cases that doesn't require me to update the description or get lost in the Notes.

**#18 - 2013-06-06 02:32 - David Chiew**

+100 for this feature, this feature would be awesome. I'm also trying to use long text fields to put Test Cases in (its a required field so we don't forget!), and the formatting of this field would really help

**#19 - 2013-11-16 10:30 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- Target version set to 2.5.0

**#20 - 2013-12-17 04:32 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Related to Feature #3543: Improve 'long text' custom fields added

**#21 - 2013-12-22 15:22 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang

- Resolution set to Fixed

Feature added in 2.5.0, Text and Long text custom fields now support optional text formatting.

**#22 - 2013-12-23 22:13 - Dipan Mehta**

Will this allow existing text fields to get text formatting? or will it be applicable on new fields taken only?

**#23 - 2013-12-23 22:50 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

The option is available for existing or new custom fields.

**#24 - 2014-02-14 18:08 - Darth Vader**

Which checkin is this change implemented in?

**#25 - 2015-11-04 11:41 - Luis Blasco**

Sorry if this is not the place to post but I can't see this feature having correctly been implemented in Redmine (old or latest versions).

When I create a long text custom field, I click on the check box "Text formatting", but when used in a tracker the field **doesn't** show the text formatting icons above.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks!

**#26 - 2015-12-03 11:01 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

Luis Blasco wrote:

When I create a long text custom field, I click on the check box "Text formatting", but when used in a tracker the field **doesn't** show the text formatting icons above.

What do you mean "icons"?

**#27 - 2015-12-29 19:38 - Luis Blasco**

- File screenshot1.jpg added

Actually I meant the formatting **buttons** above the text field.

**#28 - 2016-01-28 04:23 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

Luis Blasco wrote:

| *Actually I meant the formatting **buttons** above the text field.*

Please create new issue for request.

**#29 - 2016-02-02 10:59 - Luis Blasco**

Done. Thank you.

**#30 - 2016-02-24 16:44 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

FTR: #21924

**#31 - 2017-06-01 21:00 - Mischa The Evil**

- Related to Feature #21924: Formatting buttons on long text custom fields added

**#32 - 2018-11-25 06:01 - Go MAEDA**

- Related to Defect #30027: Some styles (for ex: borders for tables) in a custom field with text formatting enabled are not displayed added

## Files

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screenshot1.jpg	18.4 KB	2015-12-29	Luis Blasco
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