

## Redmine - Patch #2010

### Wiki Sidebar: Adding a (navigational / TOC) section

2008-10-08 22:37 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

<b>Status:</b> Closed	<b>Start date:</b> 2008-10-08
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b>	<b>% Done:</b> 30%
<b>Category:</b> Wiki	<b>Estimated time:</b> 0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Description</b> It would be nice if we could show a special page (if available) in the Wiki Sidebar section. That way projects can display a list of hot links, a custom TOC or other infos on all wiki pages. Maybe this can be generalized for other areas of redmine too.  Attached is a simple concept patch for <a href="#">r1928</a> .	
<b>Related issues:</b> Related to Redmine - Feature #5208: Ability to edit wiki sidebar <span style="float: right;"><b>Closed</b>    <b>2010-03-29</b></span>	

### History

#### #1 - 2008-10-08 22:38 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

Sorry. This is not a defect. Is it possible to change this to "Feature Request"?

#### #2 - 2008-10-16 21:10 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- *Tracker changed from Defect to Patch*

#### #3 - 2009-01-28 11:59 - Ben Blanco

- *File trac.png added*

- *File redmine.png added*

Hi Christian,

We're looking for the same feature/functionality. We switched over to [redmine](#) from [trac](#) where we used the [TocMacro](#) plugin.

It's really nice to have a native built-in TOC feature in [redmine](#) wiki pages - as well as the ability to have parent/child crumbs.

However, our users still get lost and are asking for easier navigation - ie. like we have before. Thus we'd like to be able to reinstate a global TOC for our projects' wikis in redmine. The TOC in [trac](#) was easy to edit, ie. just another wiki page using same wiki syntax -> it would be ideal to have something equally as simple in [redmine](#), with added difference of being able to also list [redmine](#) default wiki views:

- Index by title
- Index by date

Here is what we had:



- Home
- Getting Started**
  - What is askiavista?
- Support**
  - Minimum requirements
  - Install
  - Update 5.2.4.0
  - Upgrade 5.1.6.x to 5.2.4.0
  - Internet Explorer 6 settings
  - Internet Explorer 7 settings
- Development**
  - Version history
  - AskiaVista SDK
  - API Code examples
  - API Code examples - scripts

## Welcome to AskiaVista Wiki Trac

Hi, we've made this wiki for you!

We do our best to keep it up to date as well as 100% accurate, but in case you do notice something please contact us!

### I. Install

If you want to install askiavista, please read [Install](#).

### II. Updates & upgrades

If you want to upgrade your askiavista from version 5.1.6.x to the 5.2.4.0 version, please read [upg/5.1-5.2](#).

If you want to update your askiavista 5.2.x to the latest build, please read [upd/5.2](#).

### III. Version history

If you want more info on specific features that each version can provide you with we invite you to browse our application's [version history](#).

### Attachments

- [new.png](#) (40.5 kB) - added by *ben* 2 days ago.

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And how it'd be, aside from color-scheme:

The screenshot shows the askiavista Wiki page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, My page, Projects, Administration, and Help. The user is logged in as 'ben'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to askiavista's Wiki' message with a table of contents (I. Install, II. Updates & upgrades, III. FAQ, IV. Version history). A green arrow labeled 'CUSTOMIZABLE GLOBAL TOC' points to a sidebar on the right. This sidebar contains a 'Wiki' section with a 'Home' link and a 'Getting Started' section with sub-links for 'What is askiavista?', 'Support', and 'Development'. The 'Support' section includes links for 'Minimum requirements', 'Install', 'Update 5.2.4.0', 'Upgrade 5.1.6.x to 5.2.4.0', 'Internet Explorer 6 settings', and 'Internet Explorer 7 settings'. The 'Development' section includes links for 'Version history', 'AskiaVista SDK', 'API Code examples', and 'API Code examples - scripts'.

Does your patch allow for this? Will it run on 0.8?

Thanks

**#4 - 2009-01-28 17:32 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

- % Done changed from 0 to 30

Ben,

that's exactly my motivation. The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'. Did you try it? Perhaps the patch needs an update. It runs fine here and I'm still waiting for a general approval from the devs to make this a full-blown feature.

**#5 - 2009-01-28 18:41 - Ben Blanco**

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the feedback - we should be giving this a spin tomorrow ;)

**#6 - 2009-02-06 17:07 - Ben Blanco**

Hi Chris,

We put this in place, and Wow, what a night&day difference it's made for us. Thanks!

Ben

**#7 - 2009-02-27 19:00 - Vianney Lecroart**

Hi Chris,

Thanks for this patch, really useful, I added it on my redmine!

**#8 - 2009-03-30 00:20 - Mischa The Evil**

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

...The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'. Did you try it? Perhaps the patch needs an update. It runs fine here and I'm still waiting for a general approval from the devs to make this a full-blown feature...

This still works in the basics on the current trunk at [r2641](#). One issue that comes up though are the section-links on headings which now points to the incorrect pages...

#### #9 - 2009-03-30 00:44 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

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#### #10 - 2009-03-30 01:24 - Mischa The Evil

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That's exactly what I meant... The automatic anchors/links are pointing to the current page which breaks them and as a side-effect of that duplicates **can** occur (which will raise an error I guess).

#### #11 - 2009-03-30 01:37 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

Can you give a bit more detail? Say I put a "h3. Foobar" in the Sidebar. There will be an anchor #Foobar and a link to #Foobar on every page. No problem there, or am I missing something?

If you then put the same name Say "h1. Foobar" on some page you are in trouble. But content authors will always need to be careful there. I.e. you can't use "h1. Foobar" and say "h2. Foobar" on the same page anyhow.

#### #12 - 2009-03-30 04:12 - Mischa The Evil

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This is the thing *I see* as a problem: The anchor/link #Foobar in your example is pointing to a non-existing section on the current page if no such heading is used in the current page...

#### #13 - 2009-03-30 14:44 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

The anchor/link #Foobar in your example is pointing to a non-existing section on the current page if no such heading is used in the current page...

Let clear this up some. That automatic link is pointing to the that same automatic anchor. I.e. when you add a heading "Foobar" it gets an id of "Foobar" serving as anchor for the link "#Foobar". It doesn't matter if this happens to be content or Sidebar. Did you experience otherwise? You can't use automatic links in the Sidebar to point to some content section.

Maybe you are talking about some manual links? Can you provide an example?

#### #14 - 2009-03-30 16:13 - Mischa The Evil

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It does matter IMHO since this creates non-existent (automatically generated) anchor-links in the sidebar when using a sidebar-page.

For example with a Sidebar-page like following

h1. Sidebar

h2. Testers

\* [[Test1]]

\* [[Test2]]

h2. Others

\* [[Other1]]

\* [[Other2]]

my startpage (named Wiki) includes the Sidebar-page in the wiki-sidebar but this " *partial* " also includes automatically generated anchor-links on the headings (Testers and Others) pointing to these same anchors *though on the current startpage* (Wiki) which doesn't include headings (thus anchors) named Testers and Others.

Pff, seems difficult to explain but hope I made clear what I mean... :wink:

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

You can't use automatic links in the Sidebar to point to some content section.

Agreed and acknowledged... Seems logical indeed ;-)

#### #15 - 2009-03-30 16:30 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

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Ok, I see. But don't these automatic links point to just the headings in the Sidebar?

It seems you want the automatic links to point to content (which would be nice indeed).

Maybe the simple solution would be to remove automatic linking from Sidebar headings. It's just confusing and not that many people would want to link to a sidebar section anyway.

TODO:

- remove automatic links from Sidebar headings
- change Sidebar heading styles to match the existing Redmine sidebar items
- Advise users to start with h3 in the Sidebar

#### #16 - 2009-03-30 16:57 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

TODO:

- remove automatic links from Sidebar headings
- ~~change Sidebar heading styles to match the existing Redmine sidebar items~~
- Advise users to start with h3 in the Sidebar

Here is an updated patch. The Sidebar css styles now match the original sidebar. It's intended for [#2641](#).

#### #17 - 2009-03-30 17:00 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

Huh, where did the attachment go?

#### #18 - 2009-03-30 17:02 - Mischa The Evil

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

Huh, where did the attachment go?

Hehe, I think it got lost due to our concurrent edit-actions I guess...

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

...But don't these automatic links point to just the headings in the Sidebar?

AFAICT they don't... :-)

It seems you want the automatic links to point to content (which would be nice indeed).

I don't want and/or need it. I think it would make the implementation too difficult. I like your initial KISS-approach... :-)

Maybe the simple solution would be to remove automatic linking from Sidebar headings. It's just confusing and not that many people would want to link to a sidebar section anyway.

+10... This seems the best solution IMHO too...

Thanks for supporting this patch...

Kind regards,

Mischa.

**#19 - 2009-03-30 17:03 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

- *File redmine-r2641-sidebar.patch added*

Problem with Safari maybe?

**#20 - 2009-06-15 05:23 - Andy Wiltshire**

Is this still current?

I applied the latest patch to the latest version of redmine (15th June 09) and the sidebar intermittently disappears. As in, it 'kinda' works, then when you reload or go to another page, it disappears etc.

Any ideas?

**#21 - 2009-06-16 02:39 - Mischa The Evil**

Andy Wiltshire wrote:

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I applied the latest patch to the latest version of redmine (15th June 09) and the sidebar intermittently disappears. As in, it 'kinda' works, then when you reload or go to another page, it disappears etc.

Note sure about the current state of the patch but to be sure: have you actually created the Sidebar-wiki page as given in the instructions?:

The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'

Regards,

Mischa.

**#22 - 2009-06-16 20:32 - Jens Goldhammer**

+1 for integrating it into the trunk

**#23 - 2009-07-06 22:56 - Mischa The Evil**

Jens Goldhammer wrote:

+1 for integrating it into the trunk

This seems to be at least implemented as part of the [Wiki Extensions plugin](#) (thus you don't need to rely on core-modifications to get the desired feature).

Regards,

Mischa.

**#24 - 2010-04-11 14:54 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- *Category set to Wiki*

- Status changed from New to Closed

Feature added in [r3632](#).

## Files

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redmine-r1928-sidebar.patch	888 Bytes	2008-10-08	Christian Zuckschwerdt
trac.png	145 KB	2009-01-28	Ben Blanco
redmine.png	267 KB	2009-01-28	Ben Blanco
redmine-r2641-sidebar.patch	779 Bytes	2009-03-30	Christian Zuckschwerdt