

## Redmine - Defect #21182

### Project.uniq.visible raises an SQL error under certain conditions

2015-11-08 21:53 - Redmine CRM

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Jean-Philippe Lang	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	Code cleanup/refactoring	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	3.2.0	<b>Affected version:</b>	3.1.1
<b>Resolution:</b>	Fixed		

#### Description

Hi! Recently the issue in Redmine core was discovered by our team. To reproduce it just run Project.uniq.visible in console having at least single project and AnonymousGroup added to it as member.

I have tested it under

#### Environment:

Redmine version 3.1.1.devel  
Ruby version 2.2.2-p95 (2015-04-13) [x86\_64-darwin14]  
Rails version 4.2.4  
Environment development  
Database adapter PostgreSQL

#### SCM:

Subversion 1.7.20  
Git 2.4.9  
Filesystem

#### Redmine plugins:

no plugin installed

#### Stack trace:

```
PG::InvalidColumnReference: ERROR: for SELECT DISTINCT, ORDER BY expressions must appear in select list  
LINE 1: ..."user_id" = $1 AND (projects.status<>9) ORDER BY projects.n...
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: SELECT DISTINCT "projects".id FROM "projects" INNER JOIN "members" ON "projects"."id" = "members"."project_id"  
WHERE "members"."user_id" = $1 AND (projects.status<>9) ORDER BY projects.name
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from

```
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/postgresql_adapter.r  
ql_adapter.rb:641:in `prepare'
```

from

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/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/postgresql_adapter.r  
ql_adapter.rb:641:in `prepare_statement'
```

from

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/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/postgresql_adapter.r
```

```

ql_adapter.rb:600:in `exec_cache'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/postgresql_adapter.r
ql_adapter.rb:589:in `execute_and_clear'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/postgresql/database
ql/database_statements.rb:160:in `exec_query'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/abstract/database_s
database_statements.rb:351:in `select'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/abstract/database_s
database_statements.rb:32:in `select_all'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/connection_adapters/abstract/query_cach
query_cache.rb:70:in `select_all'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation/calculations.rb:180:in
`pluck'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/associations/collection_association.rb:58:i
ation.rb:58:in `ids_reader'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/associations/builder/collection_association
association.rb:66:in `project_ids'
  from /Users/k41n/redmine_development/app/models/user.rb:568:in `block in projects_by_role'
  from /Users/k41n/redmine_development/app/models/user.rb:568:in `reject!'
  from /Users/k41n/redmine_development/app/models/user.rb:568:in `projects_by_role'
  from /Users/k41n/redmine_development/app/models/project.rb:202:in `allowed_to_condition'
  from /Users/k41n/redmine_development/app/models/project.rb:167:in `visible_condition'
... 1 levels...
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/scoping/named.rb:155:in `call'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/scoping/named.rb:155:in
`block (2 levels) in scope'
  from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation.rb:302:in
`scoping'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/scoping/named.rb:155:in
`block in scope'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation/delegation.rb:94:in
`public_send'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation/delegation.rb:94:in
`block in method_missing'
  from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation.rb:302:in
`scoping'
  from
/Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/activerecord-4.2.4/lib/active_record/relation/delegation.rb:94:in
`method_missing'
  from (irb):1

```

```
from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/railties-4.2.4/lib/rails/commands/console.rb:110:in `start'  
from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/railties-4.2.4/lib/rails/commands/console.rb:9:in `start'  
from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/railties-4.2.4/lib/rails/commands/commands_tasks.rb:68:in  
`console'  
from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/railties-4.2.4/lib/rails/commands/commands_tasks.rb:39:in  
`run_command!'  
from /Users/k41n/.rbenv/versions/2.2.2/lib/ruby/gems/2.2.0/gems/railties-4.2.4/lib/rails/commands.rb:17:in `'  
from bin/rails:4:in `require'  
from bin/rails:4:in `'irb(main):002:0>
```

Problem was initially reported by <https://bitbucket.org/ViruZzz/> who is developing plugins for Redmine. One of customers complained about plugin raising exception above under certain circumstances. After investigation I think I found the problem.

Plugin contains model named Contact having following association:

```
has_and_belongs_to_many :projects, lambda { uniq }
```

Sometimes it uses visible scope to filter out projects visible to current user, giving effectively chain of uniq and visible. That causes exception.

After taking a dive in depth of ActiveRecord I discovered that Principal model sets order for projects table ( <https://github.com/redmine/redmine/blob/master/app/models/principal.rb#L32>) which gets merged to entire relation conflicting with uniq which adds SELECT DISTINCT(id) to query.

That entire case is quite rare, it happens only if AnonymousGroup is added as member to some public project.

However, I made a patch, removing that order by name from principal association. I have totally no idea who and why added it there, maybe it is something vital, maybe not. However there is issue and I am attaching one of the solutions which works for me.

All tests are passing.

## Associated revisions

### Revision 14857 - 2015-11-09 19:01 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Fixed that Project.uniq.visible errors under certain conditions (#21182).

Patch by Redmine CRM.

## History

### #1 - 2015-11-08 21:58 - Redmine CRM

- File *fix\_project\_uniq\_visible.diff* added

Sorry, diff somehow got previous commit, probably because I am bad with git diffs, PFA fixed one

### #2 - 2015-11-08 22:13 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Target version set to 3.2.0

**#3 - 2015-11-09 19:02 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- Subject changed from Database exception if "uniq" and "visible" scopes are applied in that order under certain conditions to Project.uniq.visible raises an SQL error under certain conditions
- Category set to Code cleanup/refactoring
- Status changed from New to Closed
- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang
- Resolution set to Fixed

Fix committed in r14857, with slight changes to the test.

Thanks for pointing this out!

**Files**

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fix_project_uniq_visible.diff	2.51 KB	2015-11-08	Redmine CRM
fix_project_uniq_visible.diff	1.72 KB	2015-11-08	Redmine CRM