

Redmine - Feature #23980

Replace icon images with Tabler SVG icons

2016-10-04 02:07 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Status:	Closed	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Marius BĂLTEANU	% Done:	0%
Category:	UI	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	6.0.0		
Resolution:	Fixed		

Description

Icon fonts have some advantages over the classical images:

- being vector graphics, they are scalable and can be resized without losing quality.
- can be customized directly from CSS (size, colour, etc)
- less HTTP requests to server because they are loaded only with one or a few requests. Now, Redmine make a request for each image.
- some of the current custom themes already use icon fonts (Abacus theme, Minelab, PurpleMine2, our custom theme and I think the theme from plan.io).

We're interested to contribute with a patch that implements the FontAwesome icons, but because there are at least two ways to implement them, we want some feedback before from Redmine contributors and/or users.

1. Using i tags:

Advantages:

- Is the recommended way on their [official page](#)
- We can use all the build-in rules available in the FontAwesome CSS.

Disadvantages:

- it'll be required to add the i elements in views.

2. Only from css

Advantages:

- the views will not be modified

Disadvantages:

- The build-in rules must be reimplemented in the current CSS
- The icons will be defined using their unicode. For example, the fa-pencil icon (similar with the current images for icon-edit) has the unicode f040.

Only for demo purposes, I've attached a patch that replaces the icons from issue page with font awesome icons (using i tags).

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #5830: Replace famfamfam icons with the fugue set	Closed	2010-07-07
Related to Redmine - Feature #11757: Add support for HDPI screens (retina)	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Feature #30229: Optimization: all UI icons collapsed int...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Patch #41710: Checkmarks in tables still have the old ic...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41712: Fix Path for Plugin Assets Added by Rake ...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Patch #41720: Switch checked icon in context menu to SVG...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41724: Missing key icon image on Change password...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41714: Replace search and magnifier icons with S...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41715: Allow Custom SVG Icons for Plugin-Added A...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41729: Installing Redmine 6.0.0 may cause a Load...	Closed	
Related to Redmine - Defect #41853: Group icons in watchers and membership mo...	Closed	

Associated revisions

Revision 22988 - 2024-08-29 23:46 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Start working on replacing old icons with SVG icons (#23980):

- Introduces IconsHelper with methods to render SVG icon from a sprite file.
- Adds SVG sprite file with icons mainly from Font Awesome, but also from Material Design Icons and Fluent UI System Icons (based on the work made by Takashi Kato (@tohosaku)).
- Replaces specific icons with new SVG icons.
- Temporarily keep all old CSS icon definitions for backward compatibility.

Revision 22989 - 2024-08-30 08:25 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fix failing tests by including IconsHelper in ApplicationHelper (#23980).

Revision 22990 - 2024-08-30 17:50 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Add icon to attachment link only when icon variable is passed.

Revision 22991 - 2024-08-30 17:50 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes more tests.

Revision 22992 - 2024-08-30 17:59 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes rubocop offenses introduced by r22991 (#23980).

Revision 22993 - 2024-08-31 09:24 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Removes extra spaces in icon classes introduced by r22988 (#23980).

Revision 22994 - 2024-08-31 09:33 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces zoom-in and zoom-out icons with SVG icons in Gantt (#23980).

Revision 22995 - 2024-08-31 09:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Do not show fav/fav-off background icon if element contains a SVG element (#23980)."

Revision 22996 - 2024-08-31 09:41 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces zoom-in icon with SVG icon in issues report (#23980).

Revision 22997 - 2024-08-31 09:48 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Do not show icon-cancel background icon if element contains a SVG element (#23980).

Revision 22998 - 2024-08-31 10:10 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes icon-multiple (#23980).

Revision 22999 - 2024-08-31 10:11 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icon-email and icon-passwd icons with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23010 - 2024-09-02 22:47 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icon-folder and icon-folder-open in repository view with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23011 - 2024-09-02 22:48 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replace icons for files in repository view with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23012 - 2024-09-03 07:35 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces news icon with SVG icon (#23980).

Revision 23017 - 2024-09-05 22:06 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icons from projects listing and project overview tab with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23018 - 2024-09-05 22:06 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icon-package in Versions index with SVG icon (#23980).

Revision 23019 - 2024-09-05 22:07 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces edit icons in version page with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23020 - 2024-09-05 22:08 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces activity events icons with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23021 - 2024-09-05 22:35 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces more icons with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23022 - 2024-09-05 22:50 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces Users and Projects context menu icons with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23023 - 2024-09-05 22:56 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixed tests (#23980).

Revision 23024 - 2024-09-05 23:32 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icons in calendar view with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23028 - 2024-09-06 22:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icons in administration menu with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23029 - 2024-09-06 22:48 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces project, version and issue icons from Gantt view with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23030 - 2024-09-07 06:07 - Go MAEDA

Fix RuboCop offense Layout/EndAlignment (#23980).

Revision 23033 - 2024-09-07 13:22 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces background images for JS toolbar buttons with SVG icons except for inline code and preformatted code which are now text (#23980).

Revision 23034 - 2024-09-07 13:54 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces two more occurrences of del and attachment icons (#23980).

Revision 23035 - 2024-09-07 13:57 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes typo in plugins icon ID (#23980).

Revision 23037 - 2024-09-08 12:17 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Remove unused JS toolbar SVG icons from sprite (#23980).

Revision 23038 - 2024-09-08 17:11 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Removes unused SVG icon--true icon (#23980).

Revision 23039 - 2024-09-08 19:23 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces various icons with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23040 - 2024-09-08 19:24 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces not-ok icon from workflows without any transitions with 0 highlighted with red (#23980).

Revision 23041 - 2024-09-08 19:25 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icon-expanded and icon-collapsed with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23042 - 2024-09-08 19:25 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icon-sorted-asc and icon-sorted-desc with SVG icons (#23980).

Revision 23043 - 2024-09-08 22:55 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes rubocop warning (#23980).

Revision 23044 - 2024-09-08 23:27 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes SVG icon padding on collapsible fieldset legend (#23980).

Revision 23047 - 2024-09-09 17:50 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Refactors toggle checkboxes link and switch to SVG icon (#23980).

Patch by Mizuki ISHIKAWA (user:ishikawa999)

Revision 23052 - 2024-09-11 21:35 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Do not show legacy icon-bookmarked-project in projects-index (#23980).

Revision 23063 - 2024-09-19 08:39 - Go MAEDA

Fix issue where revision graph and Gantt chart progress line were not being rendered (#23980).

Patch by Minoru Maeda (user:maeda-m).

Revision 23077 - 2024-09-24 22:41 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Switches all icons to Material Symbols (#23980).

Revision 23078 - 2024-09-25 08:21 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Removes fill attribute from issue-edit and issue-note icons (#23980).

Patch by Mizuki ISHIKAW (user:ishikawa999).

Revision 23083 - 2024-09-28 10:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Switches all icons from Material Symbols (Apache License 2.0) to Tabler Icons (MIT License) due to license incompatibilities with Redmine's GPLv2 license. (#23980).

Revision 23084 - 2024-09-28 10:53 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Updates references to new icons (#23980).

Revision 23085 - 2024-09-28 11:12 - Marius BĂLTEANU

References Tabler Icons MIT license in docs/README_FOR_APP

Revision 23086 - 2024-09-28 11:26 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes failing test (#23980).

Revision 23087 - 2024-09-28 11:55 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Moves stroke, stroke-width and fill attributes from icons to CSS (#23980).

Revision 23088 - 2024-09-28 11:57 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Changes stroke-width to 1.5 (#23980).

Revision 23089 - 2024-09-29 21:16 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merges fav and fav-off icons in only one icon and fill the collar from CSS (#23980).

Revision 23090 - 2024-09-29 21:17 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes for scm entry to switch between folder and folder-open icons and adjusts the padding for file icons (#23980).

Revision 23091 - 2024-09-29 21:18 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes for projects index (#23980).

Revision 23092 - 2024-09-29 21:19 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Drops icon-error and style the error icon from CSS (#23980).

Revision 23093 - 2024-09-29 23:58 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes some align issues on Calendar, Gantt, Files section from issue page and on mobile version (#23980).

Revision 23100 - 2024-10-03 18:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Raplaces old del icon with SVG in repository settings (#23980).

Revision 23101 - 2024-10-03 18:47 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes SVG margin in projects board view (#23980).

Revision 23104 - 2024-10-08 23:19 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes gantt collapse/expand buttons are not available after switching to SVG icons (#41447, #23980).

Revision 23105 - 2024-10-08 23:53 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Adds rake task to download SVG icons from Tabler Github repository using config/icon_source.yml as source and to generate a sprite file with all the SVG icons (#23980):

- icons:download: downloads the default icons
- icons:sprite: generates the SVG sprite file for the default icons
- icons:generate: runs icons:download and icons:sprite tasks
- icons:plugin:download: downloads the icons for a specific plugin if the plugin provides a icon_source.yml in plugin config directory.
- icons:plugin:sprite: generates the SVG sprite for the plugin.
- icons:plugin:generate: runs icons:plugin:download and icons:plugin:sprite tasks

Revision 23114 - 2024-10-11 08:48 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes tests after r23104 (#23980).

Revision 23122 - 2024-10-14 22:32 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Replaces icons on the syntax help page with SVG icons (#23980).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23133 - 2024-10-16 15:33 - Go MAEDA

Fix separator lines cutting off in Activity view caused by inline-flex shrinking (#23980).

Revision 23145 - 2024-10-19 12:06 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Renames and improves methods provided by IconsHelper (#23980).

Revision 23146 - 2024-10-19 12:08 - Marius BĂLTEANU

sprite_icon accepts plugin name as parameter to render an icon from a sprite provided by a plugin (#23980).

Revision 23147 - 2024-10-19 12:51 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes rubocop offenses (#23980).

Revision 23205 - 2024-11-04 00:05 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Adds tests for IconsHelper (#23980).

Revision 23207 - 2024-11-04 02:29 - Go MAEDA

Fix RuboCop Layout/TrailingEmptyLines in test/helpers/icons_helper_test.rb (#23980).

Revision 23208 - 2024-11-04 02:43 - Go MAEDA

Merged r23207 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#23980).

Revision 23214 - 2024-11-05 23:01 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes issue introduced in r23145 for rendering attachment and download icons (#23980).

Revision 23215 - 2024-11-05 23:03 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23214 from 6.0-stable to trunk (#23980).

Revision 23221 - 2024-11-07 17:32 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Switches checkmark icon in tables with SVG icon (#41710, #23980).

Patch by Bernhard Rohloff (user:cappumuc).

Revision 23222 - 2024-11-07 22:38 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Switches group icon in members box to SVG icon (#41711, #23980).

Revision 23223 - 2024-11-07 22:41 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23221 and r23222 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#41710, #41711, #23980).

Revision 23224 - 2024-11-10 07:40 - Go MAEDA

Switched checked icon in context menu to SVG icon (#23980, #41720).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23225 - 2024-11-10 07:43 - Go MAEDA

Added tests for context_menu_link helper (#23980, #41720).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23226 - 2024-11-10 07:45 - Go MAEDA

Fixed duplicate "disabled" class in the context_menus_helper result (#23980, #41720).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23227 - 2024-11-10 12:36 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes broken link_to_principal helper test caused by r23222 (#41711, #23980).

Revision 23228 - 2024-11-10 12:37 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes double-escaping issue for a principal name with special chars (#41721, #23980).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23229 - 2024-11-10 16:29 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Use double splat operator for icons methods that are extending sprite_icon (#23980).

Revision 23230 - 2024-11-10 16:31 - Marius BĂLTEANU

principal_icon method should accept a Principal as argument (#23980).

Revision 23231 - 2024-11-10 16:33 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fixes missing key icon SVG on Change password button (#23980, #41724).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAKA (user:hidakatsuya).

Revision 23232 - 2024-11-10 16:36 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23227 - r23231 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#23980).

Revision 23233 - 2024-11-10 16:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23224 to r23226 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#23980).

Revision 23234 - 2024-11-10 16:54 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Allows plugins to add custom SVG icons for menu items added by the plugin (#23980).

Patch by Takenori TAKAKI (user:takenory).

Revision 23235 - 2024-11-10 21:12 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fix failing test after r23230 (#23980).

Revision 23236 - 2024-11-10 21:18 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23230 and r23234 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#23980).

Revision 23237 - 2024-11-10 21:24 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Fix path for plugin assets in icons rake task (#23980, #41712).

Patch by Takenori TAKAKI (user:takenory).

Revision 23238 - 2024-11-10 21:25 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Merged r23237 from trunk to 6.0-stable (#23980).

History

#1 - 2016-10-04 02:11 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Marius BALTEANU wrote:

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The "disadvantages" word should be after the first advantage. Like is in this comment.

#2 - 2016-10-04 02:19 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *font_awesome.png* added

Attached a screenshot also.

font_awesome.png

#3 - 2016-10-06 12:31 - Jan from Planio www.plan.io

Hi Marius, thanks for proposing this. I think replacing the current icon set with an icon font is a great idea. As you noticed, we're using Font Awesome for the [new Planio design](#).

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Totally agree with you, I'll try to create a patch using only CSS.

One sidenote: At Planio, we're using [Rails' Asset Pipeline](#) with Redmine and are thus using [SCSS](#) and the [fontawesome-rails gem](#) which is a tremendous help.

I know that were some discussions about the Rails' Asset Pipeline (I can't find the ticket now) and enabling this feature is not an option because will add some complexity. If I'm wrong, I'll be very happy to use that gem.

Thanks for your feedback.

#5 - 2016-10-09 12:12 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- *File use_font_awesome_icons_for_all_elements_that_use_icon_class.patch added*

I've attached a first patch which:

- adds the Font Awesome fonts
- replaces the images icons with font awesome icons for all elements that have `icon` and `icon-*` classes

Some observations:

1. Currently, there are some specific programming images for file types like text-x-php, text-x-c, text-x-java and so on. Because FontAwesome doesn't have these types of icons, I see 3 ways to solve this problem:

1.1 use the current images

1.2 use the [generic file code icon](#) provided by FontAwesome for all of these files.

1.3 add [Font-Mfizz](#) which is an extension of FontAwesome icons and provides the required icons.

IMHO, I prefer the second solution because:

- it doesn't add new fonts
- it doesn't require to keep the rules related to background images in `icon` class
- it doesn't require maintenance when a new type of files appears (in this patch I've added a new class named "application-javascript" in order to recognize the javascript files)

2. I'll add separate patches that replaces the current images with FontAwesome icons in other pages like: administration, project overview, etc..
3. In the last patch, I'll remove the unused images.

Any feedback is appreciated.

#6 - 2016-10-10 07:35 - Alexander Meindl

I would prefer the Font-Mfizz solution. It does not require much more server load using it (there are a lot less server requests compared to the background image solution). Main reason for this solutions is, that the usability and the user acceptance would be higher. A lot of technical teams are working with Redmine and SCM, and these people will be certainly happy to see file type specific icons.

#7 - 2016-10-25 15:33 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Description updated

#8 - 2016-11-12 15:24 - Marius BĂLTEANU

We discussed internally in [Zitec](#) and we are going to implement the solution with Font-Mfizz but for the moment we are waiting for some feedback on issue [#24313](#) because having that ticket committed, it will be much easier for us to implement this one.

#9 - 2016-11-20 05:50 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Feature #5830: Replace famfamfam icons with the fugue set added

#10 - 2016-11-20 13:25 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to Candidate for next major release

[#24313](#) has been implemented.

I am looking forward to seeing this feature in 3.4.0. Setting target version to "Candidate for next major release".

#11 - 2016-11-20 14:39 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Go MAEDA wrote:

[#24313](#) has been implemented.

I am looking forward to seeing this feature in 3.4.0. Setting target version to "Candidate for next major release".

The patch that replaces the images with fa icons is ready, but I want to take some feedback from our users regarding the icons color. Now all the icons have the same color (# 169). Please let me know if you want to test it as it is now.

#12 - 2016-11-29 02:07 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `replace_images_with_fa_icons.patch` added

- File `font-mfizz.zip` added

- File `fonts_folder.png` added

The attached patch (`replace_images_with_fa_icons.patch`) replaces the images for all regular icons (that have the classes "icon icon-*)" with font-awesome icons.

Because the git binary diffs are not supported by the patch command, I wasn't able to add the required fonts as patches, but I've documented below the necessary steps:

1. Create a folder **fonts** in the **public** directory from redmine.
2. Unzip the attached `font-mfizz.zip` in the new **fonts** folder.
3. Because the font-awesome archive is bigger than the maximum allowed size for attachments (600kb), the zip can be downloaded from [here](#). If the official [link](#) is preferred, the fonts must be extracted from the archive (folder `fonts`) to a folder named **font-awesome** in the same folder **fonts** from public directory.

At the end, the fonts folder from public should have 2 directories:

- font-awesome
- font-mfizz

fonts_folder.png

There are still some elements that are using images (like classes expander, asc, desc), but I think that is safer to replace them with FA icons in another ticket (requires more changes). Also, I think the images should be removed in a later major release (for plugins compatibility).

Any feedback on the chosen icons is welcome.

#13 - 2016-11-29 02:11 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *activity_fa.png* added

- File *admin_fa.png* added
- File *issue_fa.png* added
- File *issues_fa.png* added
- File *overview_fa.png* added
- File *projects_fa.png* added
- File *repository_fa.png* added
- File *roadmap_fa.png* added

Some screenshots.

#14 - 2016-11-29 02:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *replace_images_with_fa_icons_v2.patch* added

Updated to include a fix for the responsive mode (the left padding is no more required).

#15 - 2016-12-19 22:09 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Any feedback on this patch? FTR, I tried to create a single patch with all the changes with Subversion too but it didn't work.

#16 - 2016-12-24 08:18 - Go MAEDA

- Assignee set to *Jean-Philippe Lang*

Screenshots looks nice for me.

Jean-Phillipe, is there any possibility that this patch will be merged?

#17 - 2017-01-21 10:51 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Jean-Philippe, do you have any feedback on this?

#18 - 2017-01-28 11:31 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Feature #11757: *Add support for HDPI screens (retina)* added

#19 - 2017-12-30 08:29 - Bernhard Rohloff

This patch is a great improvement to Redmine. It extends the variety of icons available to developers of plugins and Redmine itself. It's a pity that there hasn't been more discussion about this improvement for a year now.

Unfortunately this patch doesn't work anymore.

[Marius Ionescu](#) BALTEANU is it possible to update this patch to a recent revision of Redmine? I would really love to see this patch applied in [4.0.0](#) or [4.1.0](#).

+1 for this!

#20 - 2018-01-08 20:17 - Marius BĂLTEANU

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[Marius Ionescu](#) BALTEANU is it possible to update this patch to a recent revision of Redmine? I would really love to see this patch applied in [4.0.0](#) or [4.1.0](#).

Sure, I'll try to do it this month (including the update to Font Awesome 5).

#21 - 2018-01-12 14:27 - Anonymous

[GitHub changed from Icon fonts to SVG icons.](#)

Icon fonts is not bad, but I think it will be better if you change to SVG icons.

#22 - 2018-03-13 15:20 - Bernhard Rohloff

Taiki IKEGAME wrote:

[GitHub changed from Icon fonts to SVG icons.](#)

Icon fonts is not bad, but I think it will be better if you change to SVG icons.

This also sounds very interesting to me and seems to be more versatile than icon fonts. It could be nice to load custom icons in a plugin and use them

with the same helper method as the core icons. Or just to install a custom icon pack as a plugin. Just a few thoughts. I'm not so well informed about this topic right now. So are there some other opinions about preferring SVG icons over icon fonts?

#23 - 2018-04-12 16:43 - Anonymous

Fontawesome 5 recommends [JS with SVG](#).
Sorry for not checking well.

#24 - 2018-12-16 08:46 - Anonymous

Yey! This asap pls! 471854100984758274.png
+1

#25 - 2018-12-16 16:27 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Feature #30229: Optimization: all UI icons collapsed into a single sprite added

#26 - 2018-12-16 16:29 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Max Johansson wrote:

Yey! This asap pls! 471854100984758274.png
+1

Max, I'll be very happy to update my patch if Jean-Philippe agrees to replace the current icons with FA icons.

#27 - 2018-12-17 00:53 - Anonymous

Marius, 468702863795683328.png
Jean-Philippe, could you please let us know your opinion about this?

#28 - 2019-02-15 18:28 - Anonymous

Marius, maybe it will be easier to update the patch and sneak-commit it with help of Go? Then we could cross fingers and hope that Jean-Philippe might not notice it :D

#29 - 2019-02-16 02:04 - Go MAEDA

Max Johansson wrote:

Marius, maybe it will be easier to update the patch and sneak-commit it with help of Go?

I will not commit such a big change without Jean-Philippe's consent. I never forget that he is the owner of this software and we can use Redmine thanks to him and his many years of efforts.

#30 - 2019-02-16 08:14 - Jan from Planio www.plan.io

Go MAEDA wrote:

I will not commit such a big change without Jean-Philippe's consent. I never forget that he is the owner of this software and we can use Redmine thanks to him and his many years of efforts.

Absolutely agree!

#31 - 2019-02-17 11:30 - Bernhard Rohloff

Basically I agree with Go and Jan. It's not an option to make decisions behind JP's back. As much as I share this opinion I can understand Max's intention. This issue is nearly three years old and no decisions are made. So has anybody a better idea on how to get at least a **yes, no, maybe** from Redmine's kahuna?

#32 - 2019-02-18 15:49 - Anonymous

So has anybody a better idea on how to get at least a yes, no, maybe from Redmine's kahuna?

I guess the only way I could come up with is to bump this ticket with a message mentioning **JPL** and **urgent** to be visible in the **activity log of Redmine.org** next time a commit streak from JPL will occur. And it can be detected with help of #redmine-commits channel on our Discord, but if RSS tracker bot will not logout again (Discord been having problems with bots logging out lately, but they are working on fixing it afaik) and there will be anyone available or online to bump this message in that perfect moment :)

#33 - 2019-02-21 17:27 - Anonymous

Bump! Jean-Philippe, this ticket is ultra-urgent to many, please share your consent.

#34 - 2019-02-21 17:57 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Max Johansson wrote:

Bump! Jean-Philippe, this ticket is ultra-urgent to many, please share your consent.

Max, let be honest, it is not so ultra-urgent, it is just a nice UI improvement for the core and for the theme developers. I'll update my patch to Font Awesome 5 and then I'll share my thoughts regarding this feature.

#35 - 2019-02-21 17:58 - Marius BĂLTEANU

But I partially agree, a feedback from Jean-Philippe could be useful to not work in the wrong direction.

#36 - 2019-05-20 08:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *gitlab.png* added

[Here](#) is an updated version of my patch. Because the size of the patch is too big, you need to download it from my gitlab instance (screenshot attached for those who are not familiar with GitLab - [gitlab.png](#)).

The patch includes now the latest version of Font Awesome (5.8.2) and replaces the images with font icons only for elements with 'icon icon-*' classes. I'll add very soon another patch for the rest of the elements.

Please test it and let me know what do you think.

#37 - 2019-05-20 16:51 - Go MAEDA

Marius BALTEANU wrote:

[Here](#) is an updated version of my patch.

Since the page requires authentication, I could not get the patch.

#38 - 2019-05-20 22:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Go MAEDA wrote:

Marius BALTEANU wrote:

[Here](#) is an updated version of my patch.

Since the page requires authentication, I could not get the patch.

Sorry, I didn't know that the project is private. I made it public now, you should have access.

#39 - 2019-06-02 11:11 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Target version changed from Candidate for next major release to 4.1.0

I've have updated my patch to include the latest changes made in [#31433](#) and [#31496](#).

Considering that most of the icons are now replaced with font awesome icons, I'm assigning this to [4.1.0](#) in order to take a feedback from Jean-Philippe.

There are still some images that can be replaced with FA icons, but we can do it in a later version. I'm really sure that it'll be a great improvement to deliver this for everyone (users, theme developers, plugin developers, 3rd party saas providers like Plan.io).

#40 - 2019-08-01 08:40 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

+1

I hope this feature will be released as soon as possible.
The current icon is hard to see due to its small size and is not kind to the user.

#41 - 2019-09-25 21:48 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *after.png* added
- File *before.png* added

Updated the patch and added a new commit to replace the images from JS Toolbar with FA icons.

Toolbar with current images:
before.png

Toolbar with FA icons*:
after.png

*The icons for Inline code, H1, H2 and H3 are not really icons because FA doesn't have such icons, are just text.

The patches (2 commits) can be found [here](#).

#42 - 2019-11-02 08:38 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Target version changed from 4.1.0 to 5.0.0

This is a major change for plugins and themes, reassigning to 5.0.

#43 - 2021-04-04 23:12 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Assignee changed from Jean-Philippe Lang to Marius BĂLTEANU

#44 - 2021-04-30 09:57 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've started to look again on this and I think it's better to move from icon fonts to svgs if we really do this step. Most of the major apps that I use did this and Github wrote a very nice article about this (<https://github.blog/2016-02-22-delivering-octicons-with-svg/>).

I will post in a few days a PoC for this change which allows easy customisation by plugin developers or to keep the existing functionality.

#45 - 2021-10-10 20:17 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *issue.png* added

- File *0001-Replace-icon-images-with-inline-SVG-icons.patch* added

I made a demo patch that adds SVGs instead of icon fonts for issue page: –

- rendering SVG inline (in HTML) make them fully customisable from CSS (size, fill, stroke, etc)
- added a Helper class to render all icons/SVGs. This means that are easily customisable/extendable.
- plugin developers can use this new class to render the icons using the existing SVGs or they can add new SVGs
- the SVGs used are from Font Awesome (latest 5.* version).

issue.png

#46 - 2021-10-13 16:54 - Bernhard Rohloff

Marius BALTEANU wrote:

I made a demo patch that adds SVGs instead of icon fonts for issue page: –

Marius I've tested your patch. IMHO it looks really nice. I would love to see this landing in v5.0.0.

#47 - 2021-10-26 06:52 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

Marius BALTEANU wrote:

I made a demo patch that adds SVGs instead of icon fonts for issue page

That looks very good.

I know of a few themes that replace icon images with icon fonts.

For those themes, you can continue to use your own icons without making any major changes by applying the following CSS.

```
.icon-svg svg {display: none;}
```

This change looks like it could be released without breaking the theme too much.

#48 - 2022-03-18 22:26 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Target version changed from 5.0.0 to Candidate for next major release

#49 - 2022-03-21 22:37 - Takashi Kato

- File 0001-Add-tag-helper-patch.patch added
- File 0002-Add-svg-icons.patch added
- File 0003-Support-expand-collapse-with-svg-icons.patch added
- File 0004-Support-jsToolbar.patch added
- File 0005-Replace-tags-with-helper.patch added
- File 0006-Add-a-temporary-svg-icon-to-the-plugin-template.patch added
- File svg-icon.png added

I'm very much looking forward to its introduction.

Although svg icons may require more effort than icon fonts, they can be implemented using only standard technology.

On the other hand, I see the following issues with the current proposal (I understand that the attached patch is for verification purposes).

1. Inline svg images do not cache svg files.
2. The new helper would require significant modifications, including plugins.
3. We need a mechanism to add icons in themes and plugins.
4. We need a way to add/remove svg icons with javascript.
5. It is tedious to check and obtain updates of external resources that distribute svg icons.

I am attaching patches to solve the problem. Icons are from fontawesome and material design using a service called iconify. Note that it does not work in IE11.

For consistency of icons with themes and plugins, this feature can be disabled in the configuration file. After applying patches, We must set `config.redmine_enable_svg_icon` to true in "config/application.rb" to enable it.

1 Inline svg images do not cache svg files.

- We can use svg from another file by adding a symbol element to svg and using "href" in the use element.
- Stylesheets can control the size and the color of the icons.

2 The new helper would require significant modifications, including plugins.

- I patched to tag helper to add icons, check classes and add necessary svg icons if icon class or icon-only class is present.
- link_to and content_tag do not need to be modified since they use the tag helper internally.
- Rewrite the part of the html in the view with a helper (we must notify the plugin authors).

3 We need a mechanism to add icons from themes and plugins.

- Prepare common.yml ("class name => svg" correspondence).
- common.yml prepared by plugin and theme will be merged into icon data in Redmine at startup.
- svg icon is generated by default when We generate a new plugin.

4 We need a way to add/remove svg icons with javascript.

- create addSVGIcon and removeSVGIcon method.
- It is necessary to announce to plugin/theme authors that the method of toggling icon display by simply adding/removing CSS classes is not available.

5. It is tedious to check and obtain updates of external resources that distribute svg icons.

- rake icon:fetch to fetch required icons at once.

patches can be applied to [r21487](#)

#50 - 2023-11-25 08:26 - pasquale [:dedalus]

[Marius BĂLTEANU](#) [Go MAEDA](#)

I think that modernizing the graphic aspect of redmine is a way to increase its diffusion. This ticket has been stalled since version 3.4. The default theme icons are really outdated. Is it possible in your opinion to foresee a release in version 6.0?

#51 - 2024-07-15 01:20 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Tracker changed from Patch to Feature
- Subject changed from Replace images with icon fonts to Replace images with icon fonts or SVG images

Thanks, Takashi, for the patch series. I like your solution, but at the same time, it adds some code complexity that I'm not sure is really necessary.

I've started working on this again, as I really want to ship this change in Redmine [6.0.0](#). However, after multiple attempts in my environment (all based on SVG icons), I'm still unsure which is the best solution, so I would appreciate to get some feedback.

I'm splitting the discussion in two points:

1. How to fetch/update the SVG icons

1.1 The easiest way is to add all the SVG icons from the Font Awesome free pack (or another set like Heroicons) to `app/assets/images/`.

Advantages:

- Very easy to update: we just need to replace all the existing icons with the new versions
- It will be very easy for theme/plugin developers to use the icons that are part of the pack (FA 6.5.2 offers 1,555 icons)

Disadvantages:

- The codebase increases by 1,555 icons, and many of them probably won't be used
- To render the SVG icons inline, it will be necessary to add the naming from the icon set to the core code. For example, the name of the image for icon-edit is currently `edit.png`, but in FA it will be `pencil.svg`. In the future, if we want to move to another icon set (which is less likely), a lot of changes will be required again. Also, plugin/theme developers should learn which image to use for each icon. To avoid this, we have the second option inspired from Takashi patch:

1.2 Add a rake task (available only in development mode) to fetch the images and save them using the naming from Redmine based on a mapping. So instead of `pencil.svg` to have `edit.svg`.

Advantages:

- Still very easy to update the icons or migrate to another icon set
- We keep our own naming so it will be easy to know what to use
- We ship only the icons required by Redmine core. The rake task can be used by themes/plugins in their scope as well so each plugin / theme will have their own mapping to fetch the icons
- Depending on how we will render the SVG icons, we can extend the rake task to generate a sprite for each mapping (Redmine core will have a sprite with all SVG images, plugin A will have its own sprite and so on) where the ID is the actual icon class.

Disadvantages:

- I don't see a real disadvantage, maybe only the work required to develop and maintain this rake task and all the cases.

My conclusion after all the tests I made is to go with the second solution.

2. How to render the SVG icons

I experimented two options, one that requires only CSS changes and another one that requires to touch all the files that contain icons.

2.1 Use CSS mask with `::before` pseudo-element to render the icon

Advantages:

- It requires to change only the CSS lines related to icons
- We keep all the existing classes
- Very easy to maintain / extend / override by theme / plugins developers
- Icons are cacheable by the browser

Disadvantages:

- The mask attribute is newly available and it may not work as expected on some old browsers
- I didn't find an easy way to not break the icons that have not been updated

2.2. Render the SVG inline

Initially (as I proposed three years ago), I tried to render the SVG fully inline, but I gave up in the last weeks because I don't find it elegant to render all the content of the SVG in the HTML markup. What I tried and liked is to render only the SVG tag with `use` to reference the icon.

Advantages:

- Is fully supported by the browser
- The icons are cacheable by the browser
- It works nicely in parallel with the old icons

Disadvantages:

- It requires to modify all the files that contain code related to icons

Because I'm not very sure about the CSS mask attribute, I feel like we should have SVG sprites generated with a rake task (1.2) rendered inline using `svg` and `use`. Also, if we still have to change a lot of files, we will introduce helper methods to render the icons with labels and to make it easier to improve this in the future.

I'll post soon some working code for the above solution.

As a side note, for sure I didn't cover all the advantages / disadvantages of each solution.

#52 - 2024-07-15 01:29 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `css#mask.png` added

- File `svg#use.png` added

SVG icons with CSS mask attribute:

||
SVG icons rendered inline using `svg` and `use`:
`svg#use.png`

#53 - 2024-07-22 22:13 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch` added

#54 - 2024-07-22 22:16 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch` added

#55 - 2024-07-22 22:16 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `deleted (inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch)`

#56 - 2024-07-22 22:19 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've uploaded [inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch](#) which demonstrate how the approach using inline SVG from a sprite will look like. There are still some minor improvements to do and to extend to all the icons, but I think it should be enough for a first version.

I will add the code that generates the sprite later on.

#57 - 2024-07-22 22:30 - Takashi Kato

I deployed a branch with "mask-image" to `render.com`.
The advantage of this approach is that there is no need to modify `erb` or `helpers`.

<https://redmine-zp9p.onrender.com/projects/sample-project/issues>

The difference is here.

<https://github.com/redmine/redmine/compare/master...tohosaku:redmine:render>

I think `application.css` needs a little more organization

#58 - 2024-07-22 22:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `deleted (inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch)`

#59 - 2024-07-22 22:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch` added

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-56](#):

I've uploaded [inline-svg-demo-from-sprite.patch](#) which demonstrate how the approach using inline SVG from a sprite will look like. There are still some minor improvements to do and to extend to all the icons, but I think it should be enough for a first version.

I will add the code that generates the sprite later on.

Just a minor improvement to keep the existing `.icon-only` class.

#60 - 2024-07-22 23:41 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File `01-svg-icons.patch` added

- File `02-using-mask.patch` added

Takashi Kato wrote in [#note-57](#):

I deployed a branch with "mask-image" to `render.com`.
The advantage of this approach is that there is no need to modify `erb` or `helpers`.

<https://redmine-zp9p.onrender.com/projects/sample-project/issues>

The difference is here.

<https://github.com/redmine/redmine/compare/master...tohosaku:redmine:render>

I think application.css needs a little more organization

I have some working code as well using mask, please see second patch that contains only the CSS changes. These two patches should be enough to test this approach.

#61 - 2024-07-28 18:38 - Takashi Kato

- File 0001-Add-SVG-Icons.patch added
- File 0002-Change-Replace-png-icons-with-svg-icons-using-mask-a.patch added
- File 0003-Replace-more-icons-to-svg.patch added
- File 0004-Remove-unused-line.patch added
- File svg-icon-fetch-task.patch added

I've updated patches.

- Since Chrome 120 (released in December 2023), mask-image no longer requires vendor prefixes. However, we still need them for other browsers. To simplify the CSS, we use custom properties within each class instead of :root, making it easier to manage even with vendor prefixes.
- According to MDN, here's the support status for mask-image across major browsers(MDN uses mask-image with SVG icons on its website.).

browser	chrome	firefox	safari	.opera
support with vendor prefix	2010/12	-	2009/06	2013/07
support without vendor prefix	2023/12	2017/04	2022/03	-

- These patches aim to minimize changes to the view. However, unlike background-image, mask-image does not support side-by-side display, so we made a minor adjustment in /app/helpers/project_helper.rb.
- Because mask-image can't be used directly on input and select elements (unless we add a wrapper), I use SVG icons as background-image for some icons. These icons have the prefix "bg-" to keep things clear and avoid changing the erb files too much.
- Icons unavailable in FontAwesome, mainly file icons, were sourced from Material Design Icons and Fluent UI System Icons via the <https://iconify.design> API.
- I also created a rake task to retrieve icons from <https://iconify.design>, but since downloading many SVG icons is rare, merging this patch may not be necessary.

patches can be applied to [r22945](#)

#62 - 2024-08-20 23:05 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File 0001-Replace-images-with-SVG-icons.patch added
- Target version changed from Candidate for next major release to 6.0.0

Thanks again [Takashi Kato](#) for your continued support!

I'm still unsure about using the CSS approach with mask attributes and I believe that it's more reliable to render the SVG icons inline by referencing them from a sprite file. I've attached a more developed patch that demonstrates this approach. While there are still some elements to finalize (file icons, admin menu icons, non-link icons, support for plugins, and some CSS optimizations), it's already functional for testing purposes.

I'm assigning this to [6.0.0](#) for targeted delivery. Any feedback on this solution would be greatly appreciated.

#63 - 2024-08-29 23:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've committed the first patch that replaces a part of the icons with SVG icons from a sprite file. I will continue with the rest of the work in the following days, but if you have any feedback, please let me know.

#64 - 2024-09-05 23:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've replaced most of the icons with SVG icons based on the mapping made by [Takashi Kato](#).

I still have to:

- Replace the icons in Administration menu
- Replace the icons in Gantt tab

- Replace the icons in JS Toolbar
- Double check if I miss any icon to replace
- Allow plugins to easily render icons from their own sprite file
- Review / improve the icons

Any feedback / help on this is welcome!

#65 - 2024-09-07 13:30 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-64](#):

I've replaced most of the icons with SVG icons based on the mapping made by [Takashi Kato](#).

I still have to:

- Replace the icons in Administration menu
- Replace the icons in Gantt tab
- Replace the icons in JS Toolbar

Done. Regarding JS Toolbar icons, I've preferred to use the icons provided by Material Design v3 except for inline code and pre code for which I didn't find any similar icon with what we had and I chose text.

#66 - 2024-09-07 13:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-65](#):

Done. Regarding JS Toolbar icons, I've preferred to use the icons provided by Material Design v3 except for inline code and pre code for which I didn't find any similar icon with what we had and I chose text.

Also, I preferred to set them from CSS as background image for now and for wiki link I made a custom icon by combining two icons.

#67 - 2024-09-07 13:54 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- *Subject changed from Replace images with icon fonts or SVG images to Replace icon images with SVG*

#68 - 2024-09-08 23:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've replaced most of the icons, there are only a few places where are still used the legacy ones:

- gantt subject expand / collapse
- toggle plus / minus
- select

Beside these icons, there is still some work to do: CSS fixes and optimisations, support for plugins developers.

Also, I would like to propose to move completely to Material Design Icons v3 which offers more options and all of them are open source / free (for ex: [bookmark-add](#), [bookmark-remove](#)). Font Awesome in Free version has certain limitations. Another icon set option could be <https://heroicons.com/>.

#69 - 2024-09-09 10:30 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

- *File replace-toggle-checkboxes-icon.patch added*

- *File screenshot 2024-09-09 17.28.28.png added*

- *File screenshot 2024-09-09 17.28.17.png added*

I have written a patch to replace the icon for toggle_checkboxes_link into an SVG.

#70 - 2024-09-09 17:51 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote in [#note-69](#):

I have written a patch to replace the icon for toggle_checkboxes_link into an SVG.

Thanks, committed, nice refactor!

#71 - 2024-09-18 04:56 - Minoru Maeda

- *File svg-revision-graph.png added*

- *File svg-progress-line.png added*

I wrote a patch to fix the issue where the progress line on the Gantt chart and the revision graph in the repository were hidden.

```
diff --git a/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css b/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css
index 5a132fb78..cf6cb48cd 100644
--- a/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css
+++ b/app/assets/stylesheets/application.css
@@ -1663,7 +1663,7 @@ svg.icon-ok {
   display: none;
 }

-svg {
+svg:not(div#gantt_draw_area svg, div.revision-graph svg) {
   width: 0;
   height: 0;
 }
```

#72 - 2024-09-19 09:21 - Go MAEDA

Minoru Maeda wrote in [#note-71](#):

I wrote a patch to fix the issue where the progress line on the Gantt chart and the revision graph in the repository were hidden.

I have committed the fix in [r23063](#). Thank you.

#73 - 2024-09-24 22:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've switched the icons from Font Awesome to Material Symbols, please let me know what do you think.

Also, I've included multiple fixes.

#74 - 2024-09-25 04:26 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

- File *screenshot 2024-09-25 10.21.09.png* added

- File *fix-some-icons-color.patch* added

Thank you all for your efforts on this issue.

I attached is a [fix-some-icons-color.patch](#) to fix the icon-issue-edit not changing color. This is due to fill="none" and fill="#1C1B1F" being set in icons.svg, so remove those settings.

screenshot 2024-09-25 10.21.09.png

#75 - 2024-09-25 08:27 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote in [#note-74](#):

Thank you all for your efforts on this issue.

I attached is a [fix-some-icons-color.patch](#) to fix the icon-issue-edit not changing color. This is due to fill="none" and fill="#1C1B1F" being set in icons.svg, so remove those settings.

screenshot 2024-09-25 10.21.09.png

Thanks for catching this, I've committed the fix. In the following days, I will commit also these 2 icons that are custom created (based on the Material Symbols icons) together with the script to download the Material Symbols icons (inspired from Takashi Kato work).

#76 - 2024-09-25 09:13 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

[Marius BĂLTEANU](#)

The Material Symbols license is the Apache License v2, which seems to be incompatible with GPLv2. I'm not very familiar with licensing, so is it okay to use Material Symbols in Redmine? Alternatively, would adding a license notice make it possible to use them?

reference:

- https://developers.google.com/fonts/docs/material_symbols?hl=en#licensing
- <https://github.com/redmine/redmine/blob/master/LICENSE.txt#L5>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apache_License#Compatibility

#77 - 2024-09-25 10:33 - Bernhard Rohloff

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote in [#note-76](#):

[Marius BĂLTEANU](#)

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- <https://github.com/redmine/redmine/blob/master/LICENSE.txt#L5>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apache_License#Compatibility

The LICENSE.txt file in the repository states following:

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...

The **any later version** part, so my understanding, makes it possible to relicense the code under the GPLv3 which seems to be compatible with the Apache License v2.

I'm not sure if it's necessary to consequently change the license of Redmine to GPLv3 in this case.

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/licence/gnu-general-public-license-v20-or-later>

#78 - 2024-09-25 18:05 - Takashi Kato

- File *tabler1.png* added

- File *tabler2.png* added

Mizuki ISHIKAWA wrote in [#note-76](#):

[Marius BĂLTEANU](#)

The Material Symbols license is the Apache License v2, which seems to be incompatible with GPLv2. I'm not very familiar with licensing, so is it okay to use Material Symbols in Redmine? Alternatively, would adding a license notice make it possible to use them?

It was my mistake to easily include icons with different licenses in the initial patch.

Although there are not as many types of icons as Material Symbols, there are MIT licensed icons such as [Tabler Icons](#)

Compared to Material Symbols, Tabler icons have a softer impression.

Not all icons have been replaced, so I'm attaching a screenshot.

tabler1.png

tabler2.png

#79 - 2024-09-25 19:45 - Holger Just

Bernhard Rohloff wrote in [#note-77](#):

The **any later version** part, so my understanding, makes it possible to relicense the code under the GPLv3 which seems to be compatible with the Apache License v2.

I'm not sure if it's necessary to consequently change the license of Redmine to GPLv3 in this case.

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/licence/gnu-general-public-license-v20-or-later>

Forcing GPLv3 "just for some icons" would be an incredible overkill which will result in a lot of pain. Many organisations actively reject GPLv3 due to its stricter rules (which may or may not actually hold any merit, but that's the wrong place to discuss this).

In any case: if we ship any Apache2 licensed code or data with Redmine, we have to ship the entirety of Redmine under a compatible license (which would be GPLv3 in that case). I'm not 100% sure about other direct dependencies which are not directly shipped with Redmine itself. As such, we should refrain from using Apache-2-licensed icons (or other code/data) to still retain the choice of using GPLv2.

When in-lining external assets (such as icons) into Redmine, we should also make sure to follow the attribution rules of their respective source licenses.

#80 - 2024-09-25 22:18 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Thanks everyone for the discussions related to licenses compatibility. It was my mistake as well that I didn't check this before migrating the icons from Font Awesome to Material Symbols.

I agree with Holger, is not worth it to change the license just for some icons so this icon set is not longer an option.

I see 2 alternatives:

1. Revert to Font Awesome which I don't really like it because of the mix between solid and regular icons, but this is just more a personal taste. I can revert to this icon set based on your feedback.
2. Find another icon set released on an compatible license (ex: GPUv2, MIT). [Tabler Icons](#) is an option, [Heroicons](#) another option.

#81 - 2024-09-25 22:40 - pasquale [:dedalus]

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-80](#):

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1. Find another icon set released on an compatible license (ex: GPUv2, MIT). [Tabler Icons](#) is an option, [Heroicons](#) another option.

+1 for me.

"Tabler Icons" screenshot in [#note-78](#) looks good

#82 - 2024-09-25 23:14 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *clipboard-202409260014-wghmp.png* added

I made a quick test with Heroicons which looks very nice:

clipboard-202409260014-wghmp.png

#83 - 2024-09-26 12:12 - Marius BĂLTEANU

[Tabler Icons](#) looks very nice as well, I think it is the best option for us because of the wide range of icons, which will cover all our needs. I'm going to commit the new set of icons these days.

Does anyone have any objections?

#84 - 2024-09-26 13:26 - Go MAEDA

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-83](#):

Does anyone have any objections?

I completely agree!

#85 - 2024-09-26 13:43 - Bernhard Rohloff

The Tabler icons look gorgeous!

+1 from my side and a huge thanks for pushing this topic for so long.

#86 - 2024-09-26 16:27 - Holger Just

Yeah, they look great. Thanks for taking care, Marius!

#87 - 2024-09-26 17:53 - Takashi Kato

- File *0001-Add-tabler-icons.patch* added

Thank you Marius! I attach a patch used in note-78 (with some modifications)

#88 - 2024-09-28 11:17 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I've migrated the icons in [r23084](#) to Tabler Icons and in [r23085](#) I've referenced the source and the MIT license in doc/README_FOR_APP. Is this enough in terms of license?

There are still some fixes to do.

#89 - 2024-10-01 13:32 - Fabiano Souza

Marius BĂLTEANU wrote in [#note-83](#):

[Tabler Icons](#) looks very nice as well, I think it is the best option for us because of the wide range of icons, which will cover all our needs. I'm going to commit the new set of icons these days.

Does anyone have any objections?

They look very nice!

#90 - 2024-10-03 18:38 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Subject changed from *Replace icon images with SVG* to *Replace icon images with Tabler SVG icons*

#91 - 2024-10-06 21:52 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- File *0001-Adds-rake-task-to-download-SVG-icons-from-Tabler-Git.patch* added

Based on the work made by [Takashi Kato](#), I've modified the rake task to download the icons defined in `icon_source.yaml` from Tabler Github repository and to generate a sprite file using `svg_sprite` gem.

The following tasks are available:

- `icons:download`: downloads the default icons
- `icons:sprite`: generates the SVG sprite file for the default icons
- `icons:generate`: runs `icons:download` and `icons:sprite` tasks
- `icons:plugin:download`: downloads the icons for a specific plugin if the plugin provides a `icon_source.yaml` in plugin config directory.
- `icons:plugin:sprite`: generates the SVG sprite for the plugin.
- `icons:plugin:generate`: runs `icons:plugin:download` and `icons:plugin:sprite` tasks

Please let me know what do you think, I would like to commit this in the following days.

#92 - 2024-10-07 16:51 - Holger Just

Some random thoughts:

- I would think it may be safer / more reproducible to download the icons from a release / tag rather than just from the GitHub main branch. This would mean that we have to update the used version from time to time. But it would also grant the opportunity to check if the YAML map is still valid.
- Rather than downloading the icons from the repo, maybe we should download the full zip release from <https://github.com/tabler/tabler-icons/releases> instead?
- With many icons, it may be difficult to detect errors. Rather than just writing a message and continue in the error case in `download_svg_icons`, it may be safer to actually raise an error and abort the rake task. That may allow this to be used as a smoke test in CI.

#93 - 2024-10-08 03:53 - Go MAEDA

- Blocked by Defect #41447: *Gantt collapse/expand buttons are not available* added

#94 - 2024-10-08 03:55 - Go MAEDA

I have filed an issue related to this change. Please see: [Defect #41447: Gantt collapse/expand buttons are not available](#)

#95 - 2024-10-08 20:31 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Thanks Holger for your review!

Holger Just wrote in [#note-92](#):

Some random thoughts:

- I would think it may be safer / more reproducible to download the icons from a release / tag rather than just from the GitHub main branch. This would mean that we have to update the used version from time to time. But it would also grant the opportunity to check if the YAML map is still valid.

You're right, I'll add this.

- Rather than downloading the icons from the repo, maybe we should download the full zip release from <https://github.com/tabler/tabler-icons/releases> instead?

My original plan was to download the full zip release, but I realized that would require additional steps to extract only the icons needed for Redmine plain and right now I don't see any advantage of switching to full zip release.

- With many icons, it may be difficult to detect errors. Rather than just writing a message and continue in the error case in `download_svg_icons`, it may be safer to actually raise an error and abort the rake task. That may allow this to be used as a smoke test in CI.

I'll add this change as well.

#96 - 2024-10-13 17:09 - Katsuya HIDAHA

- File `wiki-syntax-help_commonmark_after.png` added
- File `wiki-syntax-help_commonmark_before.png` added
- File `0001-Replaced-icons-on-the-syntax-help-page-with-SVG-icons.patch` added
- File `0002-Removed-unused-syntax-icon-images.patch` added

I have attached two patches that replace the icons on the syntax help page with SVG icons.

The first patch replaces all icon images on the syntax help page with the SVG icon images like below:

- `jstoolbar/bt_strong.png` -> `jstoolbar/bold.svg`
- `jstoolbar/bt_precode.png` -> `jstoolbar/code.svg`
- ...

The second patch removes the icon images that are no longer in use, and also removes the `bt_bq.png`, `bt_bq_remove.png`, and `bt_table.png` images that appear to be unused.

[Result in CommonMark Markdown](#)[Result in CommonMark Markdown](#)

After	Before

wiki-syntax-help_commonmark_after.png

wiki-syntax-help_commonmark_before.png

#97 - 2024-10-14 22:37 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Katsuya HIDAHA wrote in [#note-96](#):

I have attached two patches that replace the icons on the syntax help page with SVG icons.

The first patch replaces all icon images on the syntax help page with the SVG icon images like below:

- jstoolbar/bt_strong.png -> jstoolbar/bold.svg
- jstoolbar/bt_precode.png -> jstoolbar/code.svg
- ...

I've committed the patch, thanks for fixing this!

The second patch removes the icon images that are no longer in use, and also removes the bt_bq.png, bt_bq_remove.png, and bt_table.png images that appear to be unused.

I will remove these images later together with the rest of the images, but I'm not sure yet if we should remove them in 6.0 or in 6.1

#98 - 2024-10-19 12:49 - Marius BĂLTEANU

I made some changes to the methods provided by the new IconsHelper:

- merged icon_with_label and sprite_icon methods in one method (sprite_icon)
- svg_sprite_icon is the method that renders the SVG tag and I made it private because it should not be called from outside the helper
- sprite_icon accepts plugin parameter to render a SVG icon from a sprite provided by a plugin.
- all other public methods from IconsHelper call sprite_icon.

One more improvement that we can do is to move the svg_sprite_icon to a lib file.

#99 - 2024-10-29 08:46 - Tiemo Vorschuetz

Just noticed that only the default theme is working in 5.1.3-devel if redmine is running on sub-uri. Assets are not relative to the sub-uri.

config.ru:

```
require ::File.expand_path('../config/environment', FILE)
map ENV['REDMINE_RELATIVE_URL_ROOT'] || '/' do
  run Rails::application
end
```

#100 - 2024-11-04 00:06 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Status changed from New to Resolved

- Resolution set to Fixed

I've added some tests for @IconsHelper", I'm going to close this.

#101 - 2024-11-04 00:07 - Marius BĂLTEANU

Tiemo Vorschuetz wrote in [#note-99](#):

Just noticed that only the default theme is working in 5.1.3-devel if redmine is running on sub-uri. Assets are not relative to the sub-uri.

config.ru:

```
require ::File.expand_path('../config/environment', FILE)
map ENV['REDMINE_RELATIVE_URL_ROOT'] || '/' do
  run Rails::application
end
```

Please open a new issue with more details, if there is an issue, it should be related to propshat

#102 - 2024-11-05 23:04 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

I'm closing this, please open a new ticket to report a new issue.

The old styles kept for compatibility will be removed in [6.1.0](#).

#103 - 2024-11-07 17:31 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Patch #41710: Checkmarks in tables still have the old icon style added

#104 - 2024-11-08 07:49 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Defect #41712: Fix Path for Plugin Assets Added by Rake Task added

#105 - 2024-11-10 07:48 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Patch #41720: Switch checked icon in context menu to SVG icon added

#106 - 2024-11-10 08:00 - Go MAEDA

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

I am reopening this issue because three patches related to this issue were posted:

- [Defect #41712: Fix Path for Plugin Assets Added by Rake Task](#)
- [Defect #41715: Allow Custom SVG Icons for Plugin-Added Admin Menu Items](#)
- [Defect #41721: Principal link text with special characters not displayed correctly after r23222](#)

Marius, could you handle these patches?

#107 - 2024-11-10 11:28 - Bernhard Rohloff

- Related to Defect #41724: Missing key icon image on Change password button added

#108 - 2024-11-10 11:28 - Bernhard Rohloff

- Related to Defect #41714: Replace search and magnifier icons with SVG icon added

#109 - 2024-11-10 16:56 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Defect #41715: Allow Custom SVG Icons for Plugin-Added Admin Menu Items added

#110 - 2024-11-10 21:33 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Status changed from Reopened to Closed

Go MAEDA wrote in [#note-106](#):

I am reopening this issue because three patches related to this issue were posted:

- [Defect #41712: Fix Path for Plugin Assets Added by Rake Task](#)
- [Defect #41715: Allow Custom SVG Icons for Plugin-Added Admin Menu Items](#)
- [Defect #41721: Principal link text with special characters not displayed correctly after r23222](#)

Marius, could you handle these patches?

Thanks, all of them are closed now.

#111 - 2024-11-12 09:31 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Defect #41729: Installing Redmine 6.0.0 may cause a LoadError for svg_sprite added

#112 - 2024-12-11 00:34 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Defect #41853: Group icons in watchers and membership modals are using a mix of legacy and SVG icons added

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