

Redmine - Feature #3543

Improve 'long text' custom fields

2009-06-25 22:56 - Dom Torrisi

Status:	Closed	Start date:	2009-06-25
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:	Custom fields	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Resolution:	Fixed		
Description			
It would be helpful if 'long text' custom fields acted more like the description field in an issue, so that the fields could be longer, wider and have textile support.			
It would also be helpful if they were in a 1 column layout instead of the current 2 column layout for custom fields, or at least for 'long text' custom fields.			
Related issues:			
Related to Redmine - Feature #10021: Enhanced Large Text Field for Issues		Closed	
Related to Redmine - Feature #12789: Redmine - design study		New	
Related to Redmine - Feature #8417: per tracker configurable issue form layout...		New	2011-05-20
Related to Redmine - Feature #1179: Optionally allow Text and Long Text custo...		Closed	2008-05-05
Related to Redmine - Patch #21705: Option for long text custom fields to be d...		Closed	

History

#1 - 2009-07-28 00:13 - VM Weseloh

+1 for us too, we have custom fields that are quite lengthy

#2 - 2009-12-15 11:27 - Lalit Roul

+1 for me also, I have custom field like 'Steps to Reproduce', wider text-areas and textile support would be great and make it more readable

#3 - 2010-01-25 22:23 - Christian Mayr

+1 for us, this feature would be really helpful

#4 - 2010-02-16 10:33 - Holger Winkelmann

+ 1

just tried to add another textile custom field as we will add a field "how to demonstrate" for user stories.

#5 - 2010-05-05 14:42 - Karl-Heinz Nirschl

- File 0101-adstec-custom_field_richtext.patch added

Hi,

i created a patch for 0.9.3 (should work with 0.9.4 too) that adds custom fields with richtext (aka wiki) support. for now this is only working for issues. let me know if you think that this code need some more work. i would be happy if this could be included in 1.0.

#6 - 2011-09-13 02:00 - Daniel Morgan

+1

#7 - 2011-12-07 11:44 - Harry Garrood

+1 for the 1 column layout thing - it looks horrible when a long text field contains more than about 40 characters.

#8 - 2013-04-10 09:21 - Dipan Mehta

- File update_form-dafault.png added

- File update_form-stretched.png added

+100.

Long text makes it very cluttered in the display part with there are long URLs or lengthy text (which is usually important) specially when two long text fields are next to each other.

Long text field has 1 major issue in the update; the long text field occupies half of the plane and it has a corner with triangle to expand and shrink the field. Now if you drag it and implicitly drag out of the visible part of the div - the field now hidden. And also, there is simply no way to re-shrink the field.

See the images [update_form-dafault.png](#) and [update_form-stretched.png](#). In the later case there is no way to stretch back to normal as well. The same effect also appears when browser is resized (shrunk).

Please provide 1 column layout (either by default OR selectable through setting).

If this is agreed upon, I can provide a patch that can provide 1 column layout for issue display as well as update form.

#9 - 2013-04-10 09:39 - Dipan Mehta

Add related [#10021](#) - which shows another use case facing trouble.

#10 - 2013-10-04 12:12 - Perico Os Palotes

+1 to this feature.

I think comment [#8](#) has a good summary about what happens currently with a custom field with long text inside.

#11 - 2013-12-16 18:23 - Dipan Mehta

Can we include this as part of [2.5.0](#) along with [#1179](#) ?

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

- *Related to Feature #1179: Optionally allow Text and Long Text custom fields support wiki formatting added*

#13 - 2014-05-12 12:45 - Matt Fozard

+1 for the option to display long text fields in 1 column (or spanning 2 columns). There isn't enough width to view and edit these fields at present.

#14 - 2015-07-02 07:13 - the fury

+1. Right now my playground has "Steps to reproduce", "Expected result", and "Actual result" as custom fields, all long text, and their short 2 column layout (and apparently top-down reading order) make it a little hard to follow.

Making this span the full length like the description would help a lot.

Also along the lines of making long text fields equivalent to the description: add checkboxes for custom fields to be shown on separate rows in the issue list, like the description can be shown. That way, description, steps, results etc. for all issues can be shown on a single page for people who like that kind of thing.

#15 - 2015-07-09 19:58 - Moisés Bites

+1.

We need a textile custom field as we will add a field "how to demonstrate" for user stories.

#16 - 2016-01-19 19:15 - Marius BĂLTEANU

A patch that solves in other way this ticket was added to [#21705](#).

#17 - 2016-02-11 04:35 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- *Related to Patch #21705: Option for long text custom fields to be displayed using full width added*

#18 - 2016-09-28 16:47 - Gabriel Lopes

+1 this would be a great feature. As best practices we have "Acceptance Criteria" to each Feature that will be developed, having this UI tweak would be great for the team working on any project with similar requirements

#19 - 2017-01-26 04:46 - Go MAEDA

- *Status changed from New to Closed*

- *Resolution set to Fixed*

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I am closing this issue.

#20 - 2017-02-15 18:00 - Greg T

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#21 - 2017-02-15 18:19 - john aylward

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#22 - 2017-02-16 12:59 - Greg T

john aylward wrote:

Personally I'm fine with that as I don't use tables very often. As long as separate issue is opened to address it, I think it's better to get this in even with tables not working.

I don't understand your problem.

Just because you don't use something, it's not a not a nice thing to vote against improvements. The changes you're interested in are already in the SVN trunk.

The description of this issue includes "and have textile support" which is only partially implemented. Patch [#21705](#) doesn't mention Textile at all, that's why I chose this issue.

The "Submissions" guidelines include "have a look at the bug list and the FAQ to see if it has not already been reported". They don't mention closed issues, though, so I'm not sure what to do when I feel the original issue is not fully solved and I can't reopen the issue.

#23 - 2017-02-23 14:07 - Toshi MARUYAMA

FTR: [#21705#note-13](#)

Files

0101-adstec-custom_field_richtext.patch	7.39 KB	2010-05-05	Karl-Heinz Nirschl
update_form-dafault.png	11.6 KB	2013-04-10	Dipan Mehta
update_form-stretched.png	7.76 KB	2013-04-10	Dipan Mehta