Redmine - Feature #3647

Data Import/Export System

2009-07-21 20:01 - Mr Embedded

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Description

Hi All,

I think it will be very useful to have some kind of data import/export system for Redmine with the following features:

1. Entire projects could exported or imported to different instances of Redmine. I know this is dependent on user information being included and restored with the project in some capacity.

2. Selectively export/import administrative settings including user information. This one probably needs to be smart enough to allow a controlled data merge to take place during an import.

3. This could serve also as the basis of a backup system for various areas of Redmine

I got the idea as I was deleting a test project. If you can delete a project in its entirety, you should be able to archive all of that information before deletion in one simple step as the delete vs copy logic is pretty much the same. And if you can do that and then delete your project, you should be able to take that exact same archive and restore it.

I haven't investigated this at the code level but wanted to post this because it seems a good idea at this moment and a search of data export did not provide any interesting hits

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #17259: Import_Button	**Closed**	
Related to Redmine - Feature #7884: Import issues from Excel or CSV file	**Closed**	**2011-03-16**
Related to Redmine - Feature #25625: Turn issue numbers into UUIDs	**New**	
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #9993: Export and import all information (Dat...	**Closed**	

History

#1 - 2009-07-22 08:15 - Kirill Ponomarev

+1
Good idea.
Also it can be a simple way to make backup.

#2 - 2009-08-18 16:19 - Hans Fangohr

I agree this would be great, and just what we need for a number of cases.

This relates to http://www.redmine.org/boards/2/topics/5754#message-5761, where just this functionality is required.

#3 - 2009-08-19 05:26 - Mr Embedded

I would love to help out if I can. I am not a coder. My skill set is more geared to project management and testing/debugging. Let me know if I can assist.

#4 - 2009-12-11 19:26 - Nanda P

+1

Recently I received a request to Import only a specific project from our test server to PROD. (MySQL Server)

I did it manually exported records from table by table & imported them in PROD. Took few hours for about 100 Issues.

It will be nice to have this feature to export a single or multiple project data from one server & import to another RedMine server.

#5 - 2009-12-18 03:15 - Andrea Denzler

+1

Yes, it would be very nice to export/import projects and administration/user settings. Good for backup, moving between servers :)

#6 - 2010-03-24 18:38 - Piotr Bazan

+1

#7 - 2010-03-29 12:32 - Balazs Nadasdi

+1

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thx

#8 - 2010-05-04 12:25 - Peter Schuster

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#9 - 2010-05-04 15:10 - Eraldo Girardi

+1

#10 - 2010-05-04 20:20 - minkbear minkbear

+1

#11 - 2010-05-21 11:12 - Marcus Bitzl

+1

#12 - 2010-06-03 07:16 - Pieter Smith

+1

#13 - 2010-06-03 09:13 - Nikolay Kotlyarov

+1

#14 - 2010-06-03 22:49 - Daniel Nautré

+1

#15 - 2010-07-08 10:17 - Denis Gorodnichev

+1

#16 - 2010-07-13 12:43 - Anonymous

+1

#17 - 2010-07-13 12:54 - Andreas Schuh

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#18 - 2010-07-13 14:35 - saturntechweb saturntechweb

Raito Yitsushi wrote:

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#19 - 2010-08-06 17:40 - Colan Schwartz

+1

#20 - 2010-09-09 12:04 - Roland Discein

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#21 - 2010-09-21 13:37 - Thomas Zlika

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The real problem relates to the issues IDs (and in particular the fact that these IDs can be used in SVN commit messages to reference the issue). If Redmine had project-specific issue IDs (for example: shortName-1234), it would be simple to import a project.
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#22 - 2010-09-22 04:39 - Andrea Denzler

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mmm....

1. If you have two different SVN repositories you must first of all merge them, maintaining all the history and creating a report with OldCommitReference->NewCommitReference. This is not a easy task, in any case it is related only to SVN. With such a report you have to update the RedMine servers renaming oldReference with newReference wherever it was used (wiki, notes, etc).

2. Once you merge two RedMine Servers you need a report with OldIssueID->NewIssueId. With that report you have to update all the Commit Comments in your SVN repository, replacing old issue id with new issue id as described in the Subversion FAQ (the Import process could do that automatically). You need to replace the issue IDs not only in SVN but also in all the notes, wiki of RedMine.

Sure, with a global issue ID (like with GIT commits) it would be easier to merge two servers, but the simple incremental Issue ID number is more human friendly....

#23 - 2011-02-17 13:51 - Anthony Cartmell

+1 This would be useful, as I often projects that have started off in my own Redmine later require more access and need a Redmine of their own.

#24 - 2011-02-21 04:51 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

It's nearly impossible to have a clean answer to this question. Something could be built on top of yaml_db gem (https://github.com/ludicast/yaml_db ; it generates a database-independent export in YAML). But the latest posts are right on issue IDs, and I can't imagine such a change in a near future sorry.

#25 - 2011-02-21 11:04 - Hans Fangohr

Dear Jean-Baptiste,

thank you for taking the time to comment.

Okay, it is technically hard (nearly impossible) to provide this feature, so we'll have to leave without it (unless somebody volunteers to pay [a lot] for the development work).

Suppose several projects grow on one Redmine instance, and one of them needs to be transferred to a new server. Could one clone the whole system, and then on the cloned system delete all projects apart from the desired one? This is not pretty, but at least a workable solution available now.
Would we expect this to work?

Thank you,

Hans

#26 - 2011-02-22 17:17 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

Hans: indeed ! It can be a solution if your projects/users are strongly separated from each other. It could even be partially scripted.

Anyway, if you experience load problems :

1. you might be able to solve it outside of Redmine, with a caching reverse-proxy, multiple passenger/mongrel instances (or even a different hosting solution), etc.
2. you can report any specific problem here, I think we would be happy to help Redmine be better with high traffic loads

#27 - 2011-03-03 14:41 - Ryan Cross

A couple things:

I also saw some code for a tentative way to do this over here: http://www.redmine.org/boards/1/topics/8077

Also, the unique id thing is the main problem definitely. I think there are a couple ways to possibly handle this:

1) start down the path of UUID's for objects. This would also have the benefit of allowing people to choose between a system wide unique issue number or a project wide unique issue number. This could possibly be done with the help of a plugin, but would more likely be best implemented at the core of redmine. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universally_unique_identifier for some background. Drupal is a project I know that has some implementations of this http://drupal.org/project/uuid but almost all programming languages have at least one library for using them (ruby has 3-4 i think)

2) use a plugin to manage the mapping of old id's to new id's and then supersede the use of the old id's when linking between version control, issues, wikis, etc.
For example you import issue #253 from site1.com and it becomes #12 on site2.com... when rendering the a link to issue #253 on site2.com, based on per-project settings, it knows to link to issue #12 instead. (The plugin would probably have to create a custom field on the relevant object to store the old id's)
This method could work relatively easily but would probably be a bit hacky. There might need to be a way to resolve/choose which reference you're talking about at times.

#28 - 2011-03-23 08:48 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Category set to Importers

#29 - 2011-09-21 03:53 - mike G

+1

#30 - 2011-10-24 22:00 - Alcides Silveira Costa

+1

#31 - 2011-11-25 15:58 - Snehal p

Could you please provide me updates about this feature?
I want to transfer redmine data from one machine to another machine.Is there any solution to perform this?

#32 - 2011-12-21 19:00 - Jonathan M

+1

Just built a new server for production and would like to import a project from my old test server. Over 100 issues

#33 - 2012-01-15 03:43 - Max Albrecht

+1

(it seems there is no easy way to switch from sqlite3 to mysql, so a data import/export feature could take care of that.)

#34 - 2012-01-20 15:15 - Marcelo Soares Souza

+1

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#35 - 2012-01-20 17:26 - Max Albrecht

Marcelo Soares Souza wrote:

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I haven't thought of that, but now that you mention it:
Being able to import/export single projects would mean way better data portability, thus also more peace of mind hosting-wise. You could start of a little redmine on your dev box with sqlite3 knowing that if demand gets out of hand you can switch to a 'managed' hosted (like plan.io).
It is already the case with wordpress(.org/.com) and their implementation works really well.

#36 - 2012-02-06 12:56 - D B

+1

#37 - 2012-02-14 04:50 - eeezyy -

+1

#38 - 2012-03-25 00:48 - Dieter Egert

Can't it be done in this way:

All issue IDs will be extended internally by the according project ID. The projectID can be written in links, but is not needed in all cases.
The syntax for issue links (e.g. in wiki) will be extended by someting like #projectID:issueID
and alternatively with previous syntax #issueID referencing to local project (if #issueID occurs) else to other project (if #issueID occurs there). This means that the issueID will be specific only for 1 project in future (not for complete redmine).

So when a project is imported to a different redmine installation all issues will keep their numbers and will stay linked to the actually imported project.
Just links to different projects need to be broken, if the according project is not imported in the same time.

Attachments need to be stored in a own folder per project.
Users will be created as new users, or (if name is same in old and new redmine) will be mapped accordingly.
All needed trackers will be transfered as well as workflows, news, wiki and forums.

Also if not all information is transferred it will be better than nothing.
This feature is really needed, if you use redmine for many projects (and therefore on some installations).

#39 - 2012-04-20 05:27 - Jason Palmer

I don't like the idea of non-unique issue ID's.

We have two instances of Redmine currently, and are looking to merge these. Already staff use the issue ID to point people to the relevant issue, and with two instances this can be very confusing. If the issue ID was only relevant when mentioned in the context of the project there would be chaos! Different business units use different projects, with their work going into subprojects of that B.U. Project space. There is enough cross-functional/cross project team work going on that noone would know what issue 123 meant anymore (we are lazy enough to leave off the project identifier).

#40 - 2012-04-20 08:25 - Terence Mill

Holger Kluge wrote:

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#41 - 2012-07-13 04:03 - Jonathan East

+1

#42 - 2012-08-14 16:32 - Maurizio Totti

+1

#43 - 2012-08-19 00:26 - John NWW

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#44 - 2012-09-04 23:47 - Brad Rushworth

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#45 - 2012-09-05 14:07 - Fredrik Svensson

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#46 - 2013-02-04 20:46 - Filou Centrinov

+1

#47 - 2013-03-19 06:56 - Sudhanshu Agrawal

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#48 - 2013-05-29 14:17 - Brad Rushworth

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Yes, it is now attached here: http://www.hostedredmine.com/news/500

#49 - 2013-06-01 20:13 - Thomas Kohler

+1
Hello,
there you can find an importer for "RequisitePro" baselines: https://github.com/gen2thomas/redmine_import_reqpro

"RequistePro" is using UID's. This ID's will be imported as custom field "RPUID".
Baselines are human readable xml files with special names and format (schemes). Relations between issues inside a project and also to other projects are supported currently.

The "DevelopmentV05"-Branch is working quite good. I have now imported more than 20000 issues with that plugin into my redmine database.

If anyone can write the same for export in such a baseline format 3 guys will be happy ;o}:
1.) The one who want to use his redmine datas in "RequistePro"
2.) That guy like you, who want to merge some redmine databases together
3.) Me, because I want to clean up my database for all the stuff I have added while testing the importer

Wiki and other associated data are not present in "RequisitePro". For that to export an separate file is possible which will be ignored for importing in "RequisitePro".

#50 - 2013-08-17 06:15 - Anonymous

+1

#51 - 2013-09-24 16:22 - Lubos Racansky

+1

#52 - 2013-12-05 12:35 - Viktor Berke

+1

In the meanwhile, those who need a guide, I've compiled a bunch of instructions about data migration and upgrade:

Installing, Migrating & Upgrading Redmine with LDAP on Ubuntu

I hope this may be of help to some of you. For me it took about a week to figure all this out lol.

#53 - 2014-02-06 23:35 - Kamil .

+1

#54 - 2014-02-08 22:56 - Kamil .

I've found an importer tool (https://github.com/leovitch/redmine_importer/wiki). Maybe it could be used with Brad's exporter (http://www.redmine.org/issues/3647#note-44) somehow?

#55 - 2014-02-11 21:26 - Anonymous

Kamil Kaproń, looks like that importer tool is about 2 years old.. If you don't have any luck getting it to work with the Redmine 2.x range, you might want to try this one.

#56 - 2014-06-24 00:44 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Related to Feature #17259: Import_Button added

#57 - 2014-07-28 17:28 - Lu Pon

+1

#58 - 2014-08-26 13:55 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Related to Feature #7884: Import issues from Excel or CSV file added

#59 - 2014-09-26 20:43 - name zero

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The database system will take care of that. E.g. MySQL will issue even ID's on member1 and odd on member2. This works for >2 members, too.
See MySQL Multimaster replication and auto_increment_increment.

#60 - 2015-08-19 13:37 - Roger Hunwicks

This is also related to #950 which although it only covers imports, has just been committed and will be released in 3.2.0.

#61 - 2015-12-29 06:17 - Anonymous

What ever happened with this?

It'd be really nice to have a way to export the data in a 'clean' form that didn't just dump the entire database.
For example, I have an old, heavily upgraded Redmine instance and I want to start fresh, but import all the data without taking across the schema and any weird tables that various plugins over the years may have left lying around.

#62 - 2015-12-29 10:28 - Gerhard Gonter

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FWIW: A few months ago, I had a similar problem: One project on an instance with about 100 projects needed to be extracted and moved to a new server. At that time, I only needed to deal with this project's Wiki (no issues and forum), so I decided to copy the elements via MySQL. The Perl scripts are on GitHub [1].

This may not be what you are looking for or you may need to synchronize issues too. Unless something better comes along - that's why I track this issue here - I will use it again for the next migration task.

- [1] https://github.com/gonter/redmine-sync

Cheers!

GG

#63 - 2016-08-05 11:28 - Aleksandar Pavic

+1, IMHO very important feature... I've tested plugins but it's not the same, now I'll test @Gerhard Gonter's link... Thanks!

#64 - 2017-03-22 03:12 - Del Elson

I created this which might help some people: https://github.com/delatbabel/redmine-migrator

#65 - 2017-05-17 14:53 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Related to Feature #25625: Turn issue numbers into UUIDs added

#66 - 2019-09-25 11:14 - Loïc Barreau

+1

#67 - 2020-02-04 19:25 - Jesus Broceno

+1

#68 - 2020-02-06 17:42 - Elymar Silva

+1k

#69 - 2020-12-23 14:22 - C S

+1

#70 - 2021-05-02 23:13 - Maximilian Eschenbacher

I've created https://gitlab.com/meschenbacher/redmine-migration and successfully migrated two projects with a few hundret and a few thousand issues on redmine version 4.1.2.

#71 - 2024-01-12 10:13 - jontofront jontofront

+1