

## Redmine - Feature #504

### 12 character project id limitation is too short

2007-11-24 18:17 - Nils Adermann

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<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Resolution:</b>	
<b>Description</b> Just like the limit on passwords I believe that a 12 character project id is too short. While I can understand putting a limit on ids, something like 40 chars would still be reasonable and allow me to migrate existing projects from gforge without renaming them. 40 chars should cover a lot of possible names, but 12 seems really short. (You can of course choose any other limit you like ;-))	
<b>Related issues:</b> Blocks Redmine - Feature #6446: Remove length limits on project identifier an... <b>Closed</b> <b>2010-09-20</b>	

#### History

##### #1 - 2007-11-25 09:05 - Jean-Philippe Lang

The field is created as varchar 20 in the database.  
Do you think that changing the limit from 12 to 20 is OK (this wouldn't need a migration) ?

##### #2 - 2007-11-25 13:47 - Nils Adermann

While 20 would suffice for my personal needs, I generally don't like reasonless limitations ;-)

##### #3 - 2007-12-03 04:00 - Derek Montgomery

Passwords are already not limited to 12 characters anymore.

In my opinion, 20 is short too.  
You seem to have an habit of short names/ids/passwords JP :)

Make it 30+ please.

##### #4 - 2007-12-03 05:29 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Changed from 12 to 20 in [r949](#).

##### #5 - 2007-12-14 10:56 - Rocco Stanzione

Wasn't this fixed in [r949](#)?

##### #6 - 2007-12-14 13:57 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Yes, it was.

##### #7 - 2008-05-16 00:48 - Otavio Salvador

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

Please reconsider to change it to 30. Specially when Redmine is used inside of companies that has multiple products this is a bad and too short limit.

For example, if the company has two projects with similar names and similar subproject, it's too difficult to get up with nice names for them, example:

Foobar Manager  
Foobar Manager - User Manual  
Barfoo Installer  
Barfoo Manager - User Manual

The most logical names would be:

foobarmanager-usermanual  
barfoomanager-usermanual

This obviously doesn't fit on the limit.

This is a must, from my point of view, specially due the multi-project nature of Redmine.

Cheers,

**#8 - 2008-05-16 20:54 - Adam Knight**

I'm not sure why there's an arbitrary limit on this field. It's a varchar, so it'll only take up what space you enter on disk. There's no reason not to make this varchar(255) IMO. Anything less is just going to be a point of contention.

**#9 - 2008-05-20 01:19 - Otavio Salvador**

Adam, from database point of view you're right however there're a lot of things to worry about in views and reports.

You can't write a view without having limits for size. That's why I've asked to increase the limit instead of removing it.

**#10 - 2010-11-14 14:11 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

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See [#6446](#).