Redmine - Defect #11141
Redmine should have 'minitest' in its Gemfile
2012-06-12 08:19 - Bohuslav Kabrda

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**Description**

Hi,

I think it would be a good idea to add "gem 'minitest'" into your Gemfile. Some distributions, like Fedora 17, have unbundled the gems from MRI Ruby and therefore these gems can't be loaded now, if not present in Gemfile. (Please note, that I'm well aware of #11071 and this has already been solved on Fedora 17. This is something different :) )

Thanks!

**Related issues:**
- Duplicated by Redmine - Defect # 11281: Add minitest to the GemFile dependency - Closed

**History**

**#1 - 2012-06-12 23:19 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

I disagree. Redmine uses standard Rails test classes (ActiveSupport::TestCase and its subclasses) that inherits from Test::Unit::TestCase. Why the Redmine Gemfile should be aware that these classes are on top of MiniTest in ruby1.9?

**#2 - 2012-06-13 07:25 - Bohuslav Kabrda**

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**#3 - 2012-06-13 08:58 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

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#4 - 2012-06-13 09:24 - Bohuslav Kabrda

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Yes, but still Redmine can't run without being able to require 'test/unit' (be it in whatever testing library).

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Have you read the part "and that aren't drawn in automatically by other dependencies"? :)

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Ah, not actually your problem (and neither mine). The problem is in prototype-rails which deals with ActionView::TestCase.class_eval in the library itself.

#5 - 2015-10-06 01:18 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Description updated

#6 - 2015-12-11 14:05 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Status changed from New to Closed

2.6-stable (Rails 3.2): r14181.
Rails 4.2 requires minitest.
https://github.com/rails/rails/blame/v4.2.5/activesupport/activesupport.gemspec#L26