

## Redmine - Feature #1125

### Template projects - Or copy as new feature

2008-04-28 09:30 - Anders Tillebeck

<b>Status:</b> Closed	<b>Start date:</b> 2008-04-28
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b>	<b>% Done:</b> 100%
<b>Category:</b> Projects	<b>Estimated time:</b> 0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b> 0.9.0	
<b>Resolution:</b> Fixed	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>In my compnay we offen have the exact same projects again and again and again...</p> <p>It would be nice to have a "template project" with tasks assigned including all time estimates etc. When getting a new customer I can then look at the templates and pick the one that suit the new customer best and "kick-start" the new project that way.</p> <p>I will rate it as a low priority but very nice-to-have feature.</p> <p>BR. Anders</p>	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Related to Redmine - Feature #886: Copy A Project	<b>Closed</b> <b>2008-03-18</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature #309: Copy project template.	<b>Closed</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature #1556: Copy users to new projects	<b>Closed</b> <b>2008-07-01</b>
Related to Redmine - Defect #3386: When a project is copied the sub-project s...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-05-18</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature #3367: Copy versions/custom fields/wiki when cop...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-05-15</b>
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #531: Project templates	<b>Closed</b>

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 2704 - 2009-05-03 23:25 - Eric Davis

Added the ability to copy a project in the Project Administration panel.

- Added Copy project button.
- Added Project#copy\_from to duplicate a project to be modified and saved by the user
- Added a ProjectsController#copy based off the add method
  - Used Project#copy\_from to create a duplicate project in memory
- Implemented Project#copy to copy data for a project from another and save it.
  - Members
  - Project level queries
  - Project custom fields
- Added a plugin hook for Project#copy.

#1125 #1556 #886 #309

#### History

##### #1 - 2008-04-28 09:38 - Anders Tillebeck

Update...

A colleague of mine just suggested that the template system could be something like a project with all thinkable project tasks. Then the administrator can place checkmarks in front of each task prior to create the new project. When creating the new project each of the marked tasks will be created for this new project. There will still be quite a bit of editing of tasks, deadlines etc. afterwards but it would be a great help to remember all small subtasks from the latest projects.

##### #2 - 2008-04-28 09:56 - Tommy Jensen

+1 on This one :)

##### #3 - 2008-05-02 08:47 - Antti Perkiömäki

Thumbs up for this one :) we have similar issue.

**#4 - 2008-05-09 06:20 - Caroline Lloyd**

Yes same here - this would be a big timesaver!

**#5 - 2008-05-31 01:47 - Yuki Shida**

I also want this function!

**#6 - 2008-06-19 10:59 - Nils Kluge**

That's a good one, we need that, too!

Another good feature would be a *mantis like* copy of project members, categories etc.  
Or a function to take over the settings of another project ...

**#7 - 2008-09-22 13:41 - Pim Snel**

This would be very very usefull. If project templates would exist, redmine could be used to model and organize company processes.

**#8 - 2008-09-22 13:41 - Pim Snel**

Ticket # [#531](#) asks the same.

**#9 - 2009-02-28 16:43 - Anonymous**

+1.

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**#10 - 2009-03-02 00:44 - Eric Davis**

- Status changed from New to 7

- Assignee set to Eric Davis

Alexandre Garino wrote:

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You're right, it wasn't too difficult ;). I'm finishing up something like this right now that will copy an existing project to a new project keeping:

- Project Settings (Except name and identifier)
- Custom Fields
- Members
- Issues
  - Assignments
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  - Priorities
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It also includes a plugin hook to let plugins add their own information to the copy method (e.g. Deliverable items in the Budget plugin)

**#11 - 2009-03-02 20:45 - Anonymous**

Such task is time consuming when done manually. Thank your Eric!

**#12 - 2009-03-05 23:44 - Henrique Mattos**

Eric, if I can help somehow, I can do my best effort.

Don't even need to say how helpful it will be!  
thanks!

**#13 - 2009-03-18 13:21 - Stewart MacArthur**

This would be a great feature as it is about the only thing holding us back from switching from dotProject.

**#14 - 2009-04-07 19:10 - John Moore**

Wow - Would love to see this happen. We have three types of projects that we do over and over that all have the same basic steps. - thanks!

**#15 - 2009-04-09 10:24 - Mykhaylo Sorochan**

Eric Davis wrote:

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What's the progress? And when it is planned to have a release?

**#16 - 2009-04-23 17:47 - Rob Edwards**

Really good feature request, something I'd definitely use. I can put in some time if it will help.

**#17 - 2009-05-03 23:18 - Eric Davis**

- Status changed from 7 to Resolved
- Priority changed from Low to Normal
- Target version set to 0.9.0
- % Done changed from 0 to 100
- Resolution set to Fixed

I've added the ability to copy a project in the Project Administration panel. [r2704](#)

**#18 - 2009-06-07 22:33 - Dinis Quelhas**

Hi,

pardon my ignorance, but how do I install this?

I went to the repository, copied the new file and the modified files, copied it to the correspondent folders, did the rake db:migrate\_plugins RAILS\_ENV=production and my Redmine stopped working.

So, I've installed everything back, but this time I have not dared to install this without some expert help :)

Tips anyone?

I could really use this plugin.

Thank you,

Dinis

**#19 - 2009-07-10 05:10 - Eric Davis**

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

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You need to upgrade your Redmine to the development version (trunk) at or past [r2704](#). It is part of the core and is not a plugin that can be setup separately.

Side note: This issue should have been Closed instead of Resolved. Fixing that now.

**#20 - 2011-03-01 16:11 - Luis Serrano Aranda**

It is possible to copy also the subprojects of a project (my project's template have projects, sub projects, versions and empty tasks)

**#21 - 2011-06-21 06:23 - Ben E**

- Assignee deleted (Eric Davis)

For all those interested - there is a small plugin referred to me written by Brandon Valentine that allows you to copy settings from a default template on new project creation: redmine\_copy\_on\_new =>[https://github.com/brandonvalentine/redmine\\_copy\\_on\\_new/tree/project-observer](https://github.com/brandonvalentine/redmine_copy_on_new/tree/project-observer)

Note, clone the project-observer branch, not the master. The master doesn't have the model & complete init.rb hooks

It allows you to copy wiki versions issue\_categories issues members queries & boards from one project to a new. Configured via settings tab.

**#22 - 2012-01-20 20:54 - Guruprasad L**

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Is it possible to include cloning repositories? That'd give github/bitbucket like functionality in redmine and it'd be awesome!