Redmine - Feature #13088
CDN support to jquery/ui lib
2013-02-06 09:06 - Bill Wang

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**Description**

1. add CDN support to jquery/ui lib -&gt; include css and image files
2. Supports multiple CDN. (Google, Microsoft, jquery.com, etc.) -&gt; maybe from config file?
3. jQuery version is automatically detected -&gt; no duplicated
4. Automatically fallback to local bundled if CDN is down or unreachable

**History**

### #1 - 2013-02-07 11:38 - Daniel Felix
- Category set to Administration
- Target version set to Candidate for next major release

1. and 4. could be integrated with something like this (from HTML5 Boilerplate)
   
   ```html
   <script src="/ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.8.0/jquery.min.js"></script>
   <script>window.jQuery || document.write('<script src="js/vendor/jquery-1.8.0.min.js"></script>')</script>
   ```

2. The first line of the above mentioned code could be dynamic, which is generated depending on the settings in the administration. There could be something like a pulldown (just local, jquery, microsoft, google, etc.)

3. Hm, well an automatic detection could be tricky. Example: jQuery updates to jQuery 2.x which possibly remove some function or change some function definition. This could break some features. I would prefer, that the developers choose which version should be used or not.

### #2 - 2013-02-07 11:50 - Etienne Massip

Don't forget that Redmine can be deployed on a LAN not connected to the Internet.

### #3 - 2013-02-07 21:24 - Jan Niggemann (redmine.org team member)

Etienne Massip wrote:

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Wouldn't that match case no 4?

### #4 - 2013-02-08 07:22 - Bill Wang

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I mean what version of lib we get from CDN should be same as the version from local bundled.
so it is same API whatever from CDN or local.

#5 - 2013-02-08 09:15 - Daniel Felix

Etienne Massip wrote:

Don't forget that Redmine can be deployed on a LAN not connected to the Internet.

Well this would be handled by my mentioned code above. If the extern server isn't available, the local code would be handled.

OR:
See my point two. If the user selects "none", just the local source would be used.

#6 - 2013-02-08 12:27 - Etienne Massip

I'm not sure Redmine should handle CDN configuration; administrators who want to have assets delivered by CDN should already be able to do such with some config:

```ruby
ActionController::Base.asset_host = Proc.new { |source|
  if source =~ /.*jquery.*
    '//ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery'
  end
}
```

(this is a hand-written untested probably nonfunctional example)

You can add fallback mechanism, etc.

See http://api.rubyonrails.org/classes/ActionView/Helpers/AssetTagHelper.html.

#7 - 2013-02-17 11:26 - Jean-Philippe Lang

JQuery and JQuery-UI are merged in Redmine assets so it wouldn't work. It's hacky anyway and would make the upgrade process painful. That's the purpose of this request to make using a CDN straightforward.

#8 - 2013-02-17 19:47 - Etienne Massip

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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That was a non-functionnal example for demonstration purpose.

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It's Rails configuration?

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Why would it be? Could be in config/additional_environment.rb, couldn't it?

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IMHO this should be handled by the Rails stack since it can be, rather than Redmine.

#9 - 2013-02-17 22:50 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Sure, you can do pretty much everything in additional_environment.rb if you know about Rails configuration (which changes quite often BTW), Ruby, regexp and all but that's not what we can call "configuration". What I see here is a way to enable a CDN by simply uncommenting something like jquery_cdn: google in configuration.yml.