

## Redmine - Feature #13244

### Restrict log time for old days

2013-02-21 09:20 - Pavel Potcheptsov

<b>Status:</b> Reopened	<b>Start date:</b>
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b>	<b>% Done:</b> 0%
<b>Category:</b> Time tracking	<b>Estimated time:</b> 0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Resolution:</b> Duplicate	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>For example any user have to log his spent time today or tomorrow. If he try to log time for period more than yesterday - it should be not possible. There are kind of users that sometimes log their time for period weeks ago and this is bad. Is there any suggestion how to prevent such things.</p>	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Related to Redmine - Feature # 3322: Setting to restrict spent times on futur...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-05-08</b>
Related to Redmine - Feature # 28308: validation at date of spent time	<b>New</b>
Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 31984: Permission to add timelogs in past	<b>Closed</b>

#### History

##### #1 - 2013-02-21 11:47 - Jan Niggemann (redmine.org team member)

We need it the other way round and have to be able to log time for weeks ago...  
It would need to be configurable.

##### #2 - 2013-02-22 03:51 - Filou Centrinov

+1 Good idea restricting log time. But I would restrict only for closed issues: #13596

##### #3 - 2013-06-10 22:00 - Filou Centrinov

- Related to Feature #13596: Allow time logging only for open issues added

##### #4 - 2013-10-24 11:30 - Pavel Potcheptsov

someone has been successful in this?

##### #5 - 2013-11-14 14:30 - Pavel Potcheptsov

- File `time_entry.patch` added  
- Status changed from New to Resolved

##### #6 - 2016-08-27 06:56 - Go MAEDA

- Status changed from Resolved to New

##### #7 - 2016-08-27 06:57 - Go MAEDA

- Duplicated by Defect #14840: Time logging shouldn't be possible for the future periods added

##### #8 - 2016-08-27 07:04 - Go MAEDA

- Duplicated by Feature #3322: Setting to restrict spent times on future dates added

**#9 - 2016-08-27 07:06 - Go MAEDA**

- Duplicated by deleted (Feature #3322: Setting to restrict spent times on future dates)

**#10 - 2016-08-27 07:06 - Go MAEDA**

- Duplicates Feature #3322: Setting to restrict spent times on future dates added

**#11 - 2016-08-27 07:06 - Go MAEDA**

- Duplicated by deleted (Defect #14840: Time logging shouldn't be possible for the future periods)

**#12 - 2016-08-27 07:09 - Go MAEDA**

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Resolution set to Duplicate

Closing as a duplicate of #3322.

**#13 - 2016-08-29 08:04 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Related to deleted (Feature #13596: Allow time logging only for open issues)

**#14 - 2016-08-29 08:04 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Related to Feature #13596: Allow time logging only for open issues added

**#15 - 2016-08-29 08:04 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Related to deleted (Feature #13596: Allow time logging only for open issues)

**#16 - 2016-08-30 10:32 - Pavel Potcheptsov**

- File `time_entry.diff` added

Last line in diff gives ability to restrict log time for specified number of days and exclude specific users from this restriction.

**#17 - 2016-09-09 12:13 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

Pavel Potcheptsov wrote:

| Last line in diff gives ability to restrict log time for specified number of days and exclude specific users from this restriction.

I have noted at #3322#note-11 because this issue is closed as duplicate.

**#18 - 2017-03-27 06:49 - Kirill Marchuk**

Why is this considered a duplicate ? This is a totally legitimate and self-standing use case: for some projects, I want to have a strict discipline in regards with spent time logging. So I want to be sure that the users on this project are allowed to log time ONLY for today AND X working days before (where X most probably equals to 1)

Does anyone know of a plugin that would allow for such functionality? Or might it be included in Redmine itself ?

**#19 - 2017-03-27 10:37 - Pavel Potcheptsov**

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

Kirill Marchuk wrote:

| Why is this considered a duplicate?

Agree.

| Does anyone know of a plugin that would allow for such functionality? Or might it be included in Redmine itself ?

At least current patch allow this for all projects.

There might be some general system wide setting for this and dedicated per each project setting.

**#20 - 2017-03-28 03:55 - Kirill Marchuk**

any chances this will be merged into redmine [soon] ?

**#21 - 2017-04-07 03:59 - Kirill Marchuk**

hello, anyone ? does Redmine have a community ?

**#22 - 2017-04-07 04:05 - Kirill Marchuk**

@Pavel, may be you can change "resolution" for this issue ?

**#23 - 2017-04-11 08:58 - Pavel Potcheptsov**

No I can't.

**#24 - 2017-05-18 17:09 - Kirill Marchuk**

is there anyone alive here ? why are patches ignored ? Man spent his time and effort into it, he deserves at least a reaction !!!

**#25 - 2017-05-24 19:01 - Kirill Marchuk**

well, I've seen the patch finally ))

this is NOT something that's possible to merge into upstream. just a couple of hard-coded validation checks.

Proper implementation would require a per-project setting of:

- is time logging restricted for this project at all
- how many days in the past are allowed to log time on (0 is minimum, which means you can only log time on today)

if this sounds bad, please leave your comments

**#26 - 2017-06-23 14:58 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Duplicates deleted (Feature #3322: Setting to restrict spent times on future dates)

**#27 - 2017-06-23 14:58 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- Related to Feature #3322: Setting to restrict spent times on future dates added

**#28 - 2018-04-03 02:33 - Go MAEDA**

- Related to Feature #28308: validation at date of spent time added

**#29 - 2019-03-29 18:17 - Guillermo ML**

If anyone is interested a coworker made this plugin: <https://github.com/cerxal/estadisticas>

It does a lot of things, but it includes a field called *Numero máximo de días sin incurrir horas* = *Maximum number of days to log spent time* so users can only log time X days ago, if you try to log X+1 days ago it will raise an error.

We are using it in 3.4.4 (also in 3.3.1). Don't know if it will work in other versions.

Maybe you can use part of the source code to do your own dedicate plugin.

**#30 - 2019-04-01 10:40 - Pavel Potcheptsov**

Thanks you for information.

Do you know if there an option to exclude certain users from that restriction?

**#31 - 2019-04-02 16:53 - Guillermo ML**

Pavel Potcheptsov wrote:

| *Do you know if there an option to exclude certain users from that restriction?*

No, it applies to all users on all projects.

**#32 - 2019-08-03 21:37 - Jan K.**

We would like to have this functionality as well. IO agree with Kirill and Pavel. Important feature.

We have the same problem In our use case. Users should log their time max 1-3 days back butthey do it just to fill the time. I'd like to restrict it. If they do not log the time properly, they should have a problem which can solve only someone with higher privilege.

**#33 - 2019-08-30 17:16 - Mischa The Evil**

- Duplicated by Feature #31984: Permission to add timelogs in past added

**#34 - 2019-08-30 20:37 - Aleksandar Pavic**

+1 see my comments from #31984

**#35 - 2019-11-27 08:43 - Ashwin Date**

- File *issue\_13244.patch* added

I have created a patch based on the master git branch for this feature. This patch allows

1. Global configuration in the "Time Tracking" tab in the settings that allows setting how many days in the past time logs can be added. Default is 999 days
2. Once the configuration is set, the date of the time log cannot be older than x days in the past. x is the value configured in the above setting.

Patch attached.

**#36 - 2019-11-27 08:58 - Ashwin Date**

- File *issue\_13244.patch* added

Corrected spelling for "time logs"

**#37 - 2020-05-11 11:12 - Mitrajit Samanta**

Ashwin Date wrote:

| *Corrected spelling for "time logs"*

Hi Aswin, please tell me how to use this patch in Redmine.

**#38 - 2020-07-01 13:25 - Pavel Potcheptsov**

Ashwin Date wrote:

| *I have created a patch based on the master git branch for this feature.*

Hi there.

Your path works great however I didn't make any changes in `app/controllers/issues_controller.rb`. Can you describe what is the purpose of that changes?

Do you know how to implement changes so that to add setting to choose users who is excluded from past time log restriction?

For now I have to use this line with hardcoded users IDs:

```
errors.add :spent_on, :invalid if \  
(days_diff.to_i > Setting.timelog_max_days_before.to_i) && \  
([10,20,30,110].exclude? User.current.id)
```

**#39 - 2021-02-28 20:40 - Some Proton**

i use

```
errors.add :spent_on, "is too early" if (spent_on < Date.today - 5.day)
```

end

successfully, but like to restrict time logs to the current month, u should not be able to log time in any other month except the current month. so u can only log the time in march, as soon as its 1st of march. im no ruby or redmine coder, can someone help me with this?

### Files

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time_entry.patch	460 Bytes	2013-11-14	Pavel Potcheptsov
time_entry.diff	1.42 KB	2016-08-30	Pavel Potcheptsov
issue_13244.patch	8.78 KB	2019-11-27	Ashwin Date
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