Redmine - Defect #1478

Project Identifiers apparently must be in lowercase only

2008-06-17 00:11 - Ewan Makepeace

Status:	Closed		**Start date:**	2008-06-17
Priority:	Normal		**Due date:**	
Assignee:	Jean-Philippe Lang		**% Done:**	0%
Category:			**Estimated time:**	0.00 hour
Target version:				
Resolution:	Invalid		**Affected version:**	

Description

The help text on the New Project form states:
Length between 3 and 20 characters. Lower case letters (a-z), numbers and dashes allowed.
Once saved, the identifier can not be changed.

However this seems not to be true - both Uppercase letters and other symbols seem to be rejected. For example this identifier:

TestProject

Is rejected with this message:

« Identifier » is invalid

Associated revisions

Revision 1763 - 2008-08-25 18:14 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Changes help message about project identifiers (#1478).

History

#1 - 2008-06-17 11:55 - Paul Rivier

Read again, then close this issue :)
Lower case letters (a-z), numbers and dashes allowed.

#2 - 2008-06-17 22:02 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Resolution set to Invalid

Indeed. Only Lower case letters (a-z), numbers and dashes are allowed.

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validates_format_of :identifier, :with => /^[a-z0-9\-]*$/
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#3 - 2008-06-23 03:21 - Ewan Makepeace

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

Guys,

First off apologies for posting such a time wasting bug - clearly not only did I not RTFM but not even the page itself. But then I got to thinking - I am no newbie,I run a software business with 24 employees and yet I not only misunderstood the meaning of this help text, but went to the trouble of joining your issue tracker so I could report it! On the one hand pretty dumb, but perhaps on the other this is a mistake that others will make?
With that in mind I looked at the sentence again, and what it says is 100% correct "Lower case letters (a-z), numbers and dashes allowed". However what I thought (subconsciously of course) was implied was that is was_ in addition to uppercase letters_, since there are almost no situations where uppercase letters are not permitted.

Indeed the restriction that upper case letters are *not* permitted is so unusual that I would suggest you consider one of these two changes:

1. Explicitly mention that upper case letters may not be used
2. convert the string to lower case on entry and mention that the string is "case insensitive" like a username << My preferred option.

Anyway apologies for reopening this minor issue. If you close it again I promise not to argue!

rgds

Ewan

#4 - 2008-06-23 23:28 - Paul Rivier

- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang

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We can maybe rewrite label to : **Only lower case letters (a-z), numbers and dashes are allowed**
I dont like conversion as proposed because of the possible collisions that a user would not understand.
Jean-Philippe, I don't think you need a patch for that, and as I don't have any repository access (yet ? :) I can't do that. So you are the assignee again ! :)

#5 - 2008-08-25 18:16 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Status changed from Reopened to Closed

As Paul proposed, the help message was changed in r1763.

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Did you try to register a project on sourceforge ? :-)