

Redmine - Feature #17455

Easier anchor linking / Textile anchor links

2014-07-13 19:14 - the fury

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Description

I would like to be able to link to other sections of the current page more easily.

Currently, this requires linking to the page and adding the hashtag for the anchor name by substituting spaces for dashes and whatnot.

An example I just set up on a fresh copy of Redmine 2.5.2 for the default wiki page:

```
h1. Wiki

See [[wiki#Helpful-links|Helpful links]]

{{macro_list}}
```

h2. Helpful links

```
[[wiki#Wiki|Back to top]]
```

This style of linking can get quite unwieldy for longer page names and header names. It's also not possible to preview this style of linking in an external Textile-aware editor, so if I'm away from the Redmine installation (internal network), I can't get a rough idea of how the document will look and work.

At least the headers can be given shorter links by the (#ID) tag. But there's no shortcut for just linking to an anchor appearing on the same page, unless I'm missing something, so the best it can currently be is this:

```
h1(#top). Wiki

See [[wiki#Links|Helpful links]]

{{macro_list}}
```

h2(#Links). Helpful links

```
[[wiki#top|Back to top]]
```

If this were a wiki named "Extremely Long and Descriptive Wiki Name", and the section header were so long that even the custom shortened one is something like (#ChapterSectionSubsectionItem) , the linking process looks like this:

```
See also [[Extremely_Long_and_Descriptive_Wiki_Name#ChapterSectionSubsectionItem|something]]
or [[Extremely_Long_and_Descriptive_Wiki_Name#AnotherChapterSectionSubsectionItem|something else]]
```

As you can imagine, for a larger document with much cross-referencing (see this message, see that message, jump back to such and such message) it gets tedious and almost unmaintainable. What if the wiki page gets renamed?

There is a syntax in textile for linking to anchors on the current page, but currently doesn't work in Redmine:

```
"Helpful text":#AnchorID
```

This would yield a much simpler same-page linking style, compatible with external Textile editing/previewing (aside from the use of any Redmine-specific macros or links of course)

e.g.

```
h1(#top). Wiki

See "Helpful links":#Links

{{macro_list}}

h2(#Links). Helpful links

"Back to top":#top

or

See also "something":#ChapterSectionSubsectionItem
or "something else":#AnotherChapterSectionSubsectionItem
```

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Patch #16313: Allow to link to an anchor of the current ...

Closed

History

#1 - 2014-07-14 15:21 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Tracker changed from Defect to Feature

- Subject changed from Easier anchor linking / Textile anchor links not supported to Easier anchor linking / Textile anchor links

#2 - 2018-03-19 17:52 - Marc Mengel

Note that this **used** to work back in 2.6.

It appears to have been broken in commit:4f2c5a9945d0a1d83620f5cfb7eb8d19056edc34
<https://github.com/redmine/redmine/commit/4f2c5a9945d0a1d83620f5cfb7eb8d19056edc34>

There is now a plugin for this:

https://github.com/neopoly/redmine-support_direct_textile_classes_and_ids

This change breaks lots of pages on my formerly 2.6 instance recently upgraded; I'm considering adding the plugin.

#3 - 2018-03-19 17:52 - Marc Mengel

I vote for marking it a Defect again.

#4 - 2018-04-01 02:17 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Patch #16313: Allow to link to an anchor of the current wiki page added

#5 - 2019-03-03 01:21 - Go MAEDA

You can use `[[#Helpful-links]]` instead of `[[wiki#Helpful-links]]` to link to a section in the current page since Redmine 4.0.

#6 - 2019-07-22 14:38 - Stefan Lindner

That's not totally what I would expect. `[[#Helpful-links]]` displays `#Helpful-links` as link text. I would expect to see `Helpful-links`.

Of course I can write `[[#Helpful-links|Helpful-links]]`.

BTW there is no hint for this on the current wiki syntax page