

## Redmine - Patch #2010

### Wiki Sidebar: Adding a (navigational / TOC) section

2008-10-08 22:37 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	2008-10-08
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>		<b>% Done:</b>	30%
<b>Category:</b>	Wiki	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
<p>It would be nice if we could show a special page (if available) in the Wiki Sidebar section. That way projects can display a list of hot links, a custom TOC or other infos on all wiki pages. Maybe this can be generalized for other areas of redmine too.</p> <p>Attached is a simple concept patch for r1928.</p>			
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to Redmine - Feature # 5208: Ability to edit wiki sidebar		<b>Closed</b>	<b>2010-03-29</b>

### History

#### #1 - 2008-10-08 22:38 - Christian Zuckschwerdt

Sorry. This is not a defect. Is it possible to change this to "Feature Request"?

#### #2 - 2008-10-16 21:10 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- *Tracker changed from Defect to Patch*

#### #3 - 2009-01-28 11:59 - Ben Blanco

- *File trac.png added*

- *File redmine.png added*

Hi Christian,

We're looking for the same feature/functionality. We switched over to [redmine](#) from [trac](#) where we used the [TocMacro](#) plugin.

It's really nice to have a native built-in TOC feature in [redmine](#) wiki pages - as well as the ability to have parent/child crumbs.

However, our users still get lost and are asking for easier navigation - ie. like we have before. Thus we'd like to be able to reinstate a global TOC for our projects' wikis in redmine. The TOC in [trac](#) was easy to edit, ie. just another wiki page using same wiki syntax -> it would be ideal to have something equally as simple in [redmine](#), with added difference of being able to also list [redmine](#) default wiki views:

- Index by title
- Index by date

Here is what we had:

trac.png

And how it'd be, aside from color-scheme:

redmine.png

Does your patch allow for this? Will it run on 0.8?

Thanks

**#4 - 2009-01-28 17:32 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

- % Done changed from 0 to 30

Ben,

that's exactly my motivation. The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'. Did you try it? Perhaps the patch needs an update. It runs fine here and I'm still waiting for a general approval from the devs to make this a full-blown feature.

**#5 - 2009-01-28 18:41 - Ben Blanco**

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the feedback - we should be giving this a spin tomorrow ;)

**#6 - 2009-02-06 17:07 - Ben Blanco**

Hi Chris,

We put this in place, and Wow, what a night&day difference it's made for us. Thanks!

Ben

**#7 - 2009-02-27 19:00 - Vianney Lecroart**

Hi Chris,

Thanks for this patch, really useful, I added it on my redmine!

**#8 - 2009-03-30 00:20 - Mischa The Evil**

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

*...The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'. Did you try it? Perhaps the patch needs an update. It runs fine here and I'm still waiting for a general approval from the devs to make this a full-blown feature...*

This still works in the basics on the current trunk at r2641. One issue that comes up though are the section-links on headings which now points to the incorrect pages...

**#9 - 2009-03-30 00:44 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

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**#10 - 2009-03-30 01:24 - Mischa The Evil**

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That's exactly what I meant... The automatic anchors/links are pointing to the current page which breaks them and as a side-effect of that duplicates **can** occur (which will raise an error I guess).

**#11 - 2009-03-30 01:37 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

Can you give a bit more detail? Say I put a "h3. Foobar" in the Sidebar. There will be an anchor #Foobar and a link to #Foobar on every page. No problem there, or am I missing something?

If you then put the same name Say "h1. Foobar" on some page you are in trouble. But content authors will always need to be careful there. I.e. you can't use "h1. Foobar" and say "h2. Foobar" on the same page anyhow.

**#12 - 2009-03-30 04:12 - Mischa The Evil**

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This is the thing I see as a problem: The anchor/link #Foobar in your example is pointing to a non-existing section on the current page if no such heading is used in the current page...

**#13 - 2009-03-30 14:44 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

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Let clear this up some. That automatic link is pointing to the that same automatic anchor. I.e. when you add a heading "Foobar" it gets an id of "Foobar" serving as anchor for the link "#Foobar". It doesn't matter if this happens to be content or Sidebar. Did you experience otherwise? You can't use automatic links in the Sidebar to point to some content section.

Maybe you are talking about some manual links? Can you provide an example?

**#14 - 2009-03-30 16:13 - Mischa The Evil**

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It does matter IMHO since this creates non-existent (automatically generated) anchor-links in the sidebar when using a sidebar-page.

For example with a Sidebar-page like following     h1. Sidebar

h2. Testers

\* [[Test1]]

\* [[Test2]]

h2. Others

\* [[Other1]]

\* [[Other2]]

my startpage (named Wiki) includes the Sidebar-page in the wiki-sidebar but this "partial" also includes automatically generated anchor-links on the headings (Testers and Others) pointing to these same anchors *though on the current startpage* (Wiki) which doesn't include headings (thus anchors) named Testers and Others.

Pff, seems difficult to explain but hope I made clear what I mean... :wink:

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

You can't use automatic links in the Sidebar to point to some content section.

Agreed and acknowledged... Seems logical indeed ;-)

**#15 - 2009-03-30 16:30 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

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Ok, I see. But don't these automatic links point to just the headings in the Sidebar?

It seems you want the automatic links to point to content (which would be nice indeed).

Maybe the simple solution would be to remove automatic linking from Sidebar headings. It's just confusing and not that many people would want to link to a sidebar section anyway.

TODO:

- remove automatic links from Sidebar headings

- change Sidebar heading styles to match the existing Redmine sidebar items
- Advise users to start with h3 in the Sidebar

**#16 - 2009-03-30 16:57 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

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Here is an updated patch. The Sidebar css styles now match the original sidebar. It's intended for #2641.

**#17 - 2009-03-30 17:00 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

Huh, where did the attachment go?

**#18 - 2009-03-30 17:02 - Mischa The Evil**

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

| *Huh, where did the attachment go?*

Hehe, I think it got lost due to our concurrent edit-actions I guess...

Christian Zuckschwerdt wrote:

| *...But don't these automatic links point to just the headings in the Sidebar?*

AFAICT they don't... :-)

| *It seems you want the automatic links to point to content (which would be nice indeed).*

I don't want and/or need it. I think it would make the implementation too difficult. I like your initial KISS-approach... :-)

| *Maybe the simple solution would be to remove automatic linking from Sidebar headings. It's just confusing and not that many people would want to link to a sidebar section anyway.*

+10... This seems the best solution IMHO too...

Thanks for supporting this patch...

Kind regards,

Mischa.

**#19 - 2009-03-30 17:03 - Christian Zuckschwerdt**

- File redmine-r2641-sidebar.patch added

Problem with Safari maybe?

**#20 - 2009-06-15 05:23 - Andy Wiltshire**

Is this still current?

I applied the latest patch to the latest version of redmine (15th June 09) and the sidebar intermittently disappears. As in, it 'kinda' works, then when you reload or go to another page, it disappears etc.

Any ideas?

**#21 - 2009-06-16 02:39 - Mischa The Evil**

Andy Wiltshire wrote:

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Note sure about the current state of the patch but to be sure: have you actually created the Sidebar-wiki page as given in the instructions?:

*The patch provides that sidebar using a wiki page named 'Sidebar'*

Regards,

Mischa.

**#22 - 2009-06-16 20:32 - Jens Goldhammer**

+1 for integrating it into the trunk

**#23 - 2009-07-06 22:56 - Mischa The Evil**

Jens Goldhammer wrote:

*+1 for integrating it into the trunk*

This seems to be at least implemented as part of the [Wiki Extensions plugin](#) (thus you don't need to rely on core-modifications to get the desired feature).

Regards,

Mischa.

**#24 - 2010-04-11 14:54 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- *Category set to Wiki*

- *Status changed from New to Closed*

Feature added in r3632.

**Files**

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redmine-r1928-sidebar.patch	888 Bytes	2008-10-08	Christian Zuckschwerdt
trac.png	145 KB	2009-01-28	Ben Blanco
redmine.png	267 KB	2009-01-28	Ben Blanco
redmine-r2641-sidebar.patch	779 Bytes	2009-03-30	Christian Zuckschwerdt