In some of our Redmine installations where project list is fixed the "Latest Projects" box located on "Home" page is confusing for users. It would be good to have a setting to disable it.

Related issues:
- Related to Redmine - Patch # 21160: Add "View all projects" link to "Latest p... Closed
- Related to Redmine - Feature # 21203: Add "Issue tracking" list to home New
- Related to Redmine - Feature # 33129: Restore "Latest Projects" to Home page New

Associated revisions
- Revision 14854 - 2015-11-08 22:31 - Jean-Philippe Lang
  Don't show projects created more than 30 days ago in "Latest projects" (#21148).

- Revision 14877 - 2015-11-14 11:11 - Jean-Philippe Lang
  Removed "Latest projects" from home page (#21148).

- Revision 14881 - 2015-11-14 14:23 - Jean-Philippe Lang
  Test failure (#21148).

History
#1 - 2015-11-05 00:53 - Go MAEDA
Some people lose older projects because they misunderstand there are only 5 projects which they can see in the "Latest Projects" box.

#2 - 2015-11-07 12:43 - Jean-Philippe Lang
Maybe we could only display the latest projects that were created less than 30 days ago. The "Latest projects" would then not show up if no projects were created recently. And no need to add an option for that.
What do you think?

#3 - 2015-11-07 14:44 - Sebastian Paluch
Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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As long as entire "Latest Projects" box goes away and is not shown at all then that would be OK for most installations where we have just few fixed projects. After 30 days the box would be gone.

I personally don't like the box anyway, I like Home page to be a simple welcome, with short but good explanation what to do next, here to go, which is important for new users. The box distracts, drags away user attention from the text.

Additionally, the box could not show up for not logged users.

#4 - 2015-11-08 22:32 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Subject changed from Option to hide/disable "Latest Projects" on Home page to Hide "Latest Projects" on Home page when there's no new projects
- Target version set to 3.2.0

#5 - 2015-11-09 02:59 - Go MAEDA

I think the behavior showing/hiding the box depending on created date may confuses users. Probably some users says that they cannot find project if the box is hidden.

I hope that r14854 is reverted and #21160 will be implemented. As I wrote on #21148#note-1, confusion may be avoided by adding "View all projects" link like "Latest News" box.

#6 - 2015-11-09 03:14 - Go MAEDA
- Related to Patch #21160: Add "View all projects" link to "Latest projects" box on "Home" view added

#7 - 2015-11-09 08:41 - Sebastian Paluch

Go MAEDA wrote:

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I can't agree with this. The box is in most cases useless, it shows very partial information. In our main engineering installation, where projects are created regularly, often entire trees of projects to cover all deliverables, showing last 5 in the box presents stuff out of its context. Instead the "Jump to project..." box is much more useful and used much more often. To improve its readability I have added a patch #19370.

#8 - 2015-11-09 13:02 - Go MAEDA

As far as I know, beginners tend to select project from "Latest projects" box and have difficulty in finding other projects, so I suggest adding "All projects" link to the box in #21160 (please see the following screenshot). Turning off and on the box probably confuse them. I agree if the box is always hidden.

http://www.redmine.org/attachments/download/14563/welcome-page.png

#9 - 2015-11-09 19:23 - Jean-Philippe Lang
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#10 - 2015-11-10 01:01 - Go MAEDA

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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Absolutely agree.

#11 - 2015-11-10 07:22 - Go MAEDA

We will get large empty area on Home after removing "Latest projects" box. I have suggested a use of it in #21203.

http://www.redmine.org/attachments/download/14623/new_home_screen.png

#12 - 2015-11-10 07:22 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Feature #21203: Add "Issue tracking" list to home added

#13 - 2015-11-14 11:16 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Subject changed from Hide "Latest Projects" on Home page when there's no new projects to Remove "Latest Projects" from Home page
- Status changed from New to Closed
- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang
- Resolution set to Fixed

Latest Projects removed in r14877.

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We should not add this just to fill some space. I'd prefer to make it customizable like My page instead, to let people show information that they find relevant for the home page.

#14 - 2020-03-11 15:21 - Go MAEDA

- Related to Feature #33129: Restore "Latest Projects" to Home page added