# Redmine - Feature #22297

# Group by custom field of type text

2016-03-21 16:46 - syed hussain

Status:	New	Start date:	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:		
Assignee:		% Done:	0%	
Category:	Custom fields	Estimated time:	0.00 hour	
Target version:				
Resolution:				
Description				

We are unable to create a custom field of type text. Group by work for custom fields of type integer etc but "text" format ones cannot be gorup by.

### History

#### #1 - 2016-04-07 12:09 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Tracker changed from Defect to Feature

- Subject changed from Unable to group by custom field of type text to Group by custom field of type text

#### #2 - 2018-01-15 09:23 - Bruno Medeiros

This seems to work already, at least in Planio hosted version. Maybe they contribute with a patch if that's the case.

What I see is that we cannot group by a field that is not for "all projects". Does it make sense?

### #3 - 2018-01-18 22:56 - Felix Schäfer

Bruno Medeiros wrote:

This seems to work already, at least in Planio hosted version. Maybe they contribute with a patch if that's the case.

This is something that we would contribute if we were to work on it, but I am not aware this is possible on Planio. Could you double-check that you can group an issue list by a custom field of type "text"?

What I see is that we cannot group by a field that is not for "all projects". Does it make sense?

I am able to group by a custom field that is defined on only one project in that project's issue list. Do you maybe mean that you can only use custom fields defined as "for all projects" to group by on the global issue list?

#### #4 - 2018-03-28 13:36 - Hong Cheu Lim

This indeed could be achieved by patching, see patch below. This seem to work for me with minor limitation, i.e. string after n in the example below(255) char will be truncated

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diff --git a/lib/redmine/field_format.rb b/lib/redmine/field_format.rb
index fade7c2..ad9041c 100644
--- a/lib/redmine/field_format.rb
+++ b/lib/redmine/field format.rb
00 -387,6 +387,10 00 module Redmine
          value.to_s
        end
      end
+
+
      def group_statement(custom_field)
+
        "CAST(cf_#{custom_field.id}.value AS char(255))"
+
      end
    end
class TextFormat < Unbounded
Environment:
                  3.4.2.stable
 Redmine version
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Ruby version 2.4.	2-p198 (2017-09-14) [x86_64-linux]
Rails version 4.2.	8
Environment deve	elopment
Database adapter Myse	12 (mariadb)

## #5 - 2022-10-27 09:27 - Eugene B

Anyone who can please post update for patch for 5.0.3 version. patch above is now causing "thin" and "thin2" servers to stop

we used it alot.