# Redmine - Feature #2450

# **Remove Watchers**

2009-01-07 01:31 - Maxim Krušina

Status:	Closed	Start date:	2009-01-07	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:		
Assignee:	Jean-Philippe Lang	% Done:	0%	
Category:	Issues	Estimated time:	0.00 hour	
Target version:	0.9.0			
Resolution:	Fixed			
Description				
Maybe I just don't see it, but us there a way to remove a watcher?				
Related issues:				
Has duplicate Redmine - Defect #3313: Missing "Delete" option at issue watchers			Closed	2009-05-07
Associated revisions				
Revision 2977 - 2009-10-25 13:11 - Jean-Philippe Lang				
Add a permission to remove issue watchers (#2450).				
History				

## #1 - 2009-01-12 23:56 - Maxim Krušina

- Category set to Issues

## #2 - 2009-02-13 11:07 - Michael Aye

+1

#3 - 2009-03-13 14:38 - Colan Schwartz

+1

### #4 - 2009-04-02 15:26 - Alan Daveline

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# #5 - 2009-04-02 17:39 - Nanda P

+1

By accident, if someone added as watcher, there shuld be a way to remove them. ofcourse with admin rights.

Right now, we have to ask the person to click on "Unwatch" to remove from watchers list

# #6 - 2009-04-25 06:27 - Chaoqun Zou

+1

# #7 - 2009-05-09 15:57 - James Byrne

This feature is really needed in the case of a departed employee.

# #8 - 2009-07-08 18:50 - Mark Pettigrew

+1

# #9 - 2009-07-22 15:45 - yamit motek

Dear Redmine,

im a nice person. i waited for 6 whole months for this removal of watchers if i want to (settings \ administration). PLEASE do it PLEASE, im dying here!

thx yamit

### #10 - 2009-07-22 18:29 - Paul Rivier

Maybe you could help us giving a use case. To me it seems that a departed employee should have its account locked and should therefore not receive automatic mail.

## #11 - 2009-07-22 19:23 - Chris Cage

Here's the two use cases I have.

#### Accidental Attachment

I have a support user that I need to be able to login and check issues very occasionally. This user is never assigned issues and I have yet to come across a time when they need to watch an issue. However, because they are listed among the potential watchers when a new issue is created, I have had clients select the support user as a watcher. Because of the nature of the support users email, whenever they get an email from Redmine, there is an auto response that gets sent back to Redmine. This is just junk that then has to get cleaned up.

As an administrator, I would like to remove this watcher and not have to get the support team to remove themselves.

User Changes Responsibilities

A second situation involves a client who has changed roles within his organization. He is watching many issues and yes he could unwatch himself, but I would like the ability to do this for him as a courtesy. He still needs to be able to login to the system, but his new role is such that he is not involved on a day-to-day basis.

I realize neither of these situations is critical, but it would be nice as an administrator to have the ability to clean up watchers that don't need to be attached anymore.

### #12 - 2009-07-23 08:08 - Kirill Ponomarev

I can add wrong watcher to issue and I need remove him. It's my mistake and i want to fix it.

### #13 - 2009-08-18 10:26 - Rain Chen

hi all, I need this feature, so I do it my self, it about spent me 42 minutes to resolve(yes,I added this as an issue in my "Better Redmine" project), here are my solution, hopes helpful:

```
redmine/trunk$ svn st
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      nbproject
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      app/helpers/watchers_helper.rb
    app/controllers/watchers_controller.rb
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redmine/trunk$ svn diff
Index: app/helpers/watchers_helper.rb
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--- app/helpers/watchers_helper.rb (revision 2845)
+++ app/helpers/watchers_helper.rb (working copy)
00 -26,7 +26,9 00
    url = {:controller => 'watchers',
           :action => (watched ? 'unwatch' : 'watch'),
           :object_type => object.class.to_s.underscore,
           :object_id => object.id}
+
           :object_id => object.id,
+
           :user_id => (user.id unless user == User.current)
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    link_to_remote((watched ? l(:button_unwatch) : l(:button_watch)),
                  {:url => url},
                  :href => url_for(url),
00 -36,6 +38,11 00
  # Returns a comma separated list of users watching the given object
  def watchers_list(object)
    object.watcher_users.collect {|u| content_tag('span', link_to_user(u), :class => 'user') }.join(",\n")
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    watcher_users = object.watcher_users.collect {|u|
      user = content_tag('span', link_to_user(u), :class => 'user')
+
+
      watcher = watcher_tag(object, u)
      content_tag('div', "#{user} #{watcher}", :class => "watcher")
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+
    }
    content_tag('div', watcher_users, :id => 'watcher_users')
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  end
 end
Index: app/controllers/watchers_controller.rb
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--- app/controllers/watchers_controller.rb (revision 2845)
+++ app/controllers/watchers_controller.rb (working copy)
@@ -29,7 +29,12 @@
end
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def unwatch
    set_watcher(User.current, false)
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    unless params[:user_id].blank?
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      @user = User.find(params[:user_id])
+
    else
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      @user = User.current
    end
+
+
    set_watcher(@user, false)
  end
  def new
00 -62,7 +67,10 00
    @watched.set_watcher(user, watching)
    respond_to do |format|
      format.html { redirect_to :back }
      format.js { render(:update) {|page| page.replace_html 'watcher', watcher_link(@watched, user)} }
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      format.js { render(:update) {|page|
+
          page.replace_html 'watcher', watcher_link(@watched, user) if user == User.current
           page.replace_html 'watcher_users', watchers_list(@watched)
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        } }
    end
  rescue ::ActionController::RedirectBackError
    render :text => (watching ? 'Watcher added.' : 'Watcher removed.'), :layout => true
```

And I think this is not so hard to merge to the trunk right ?

### #14 - 2009-09-01 02:52 - Eric Davis

Thanks for the patch Rain Chen. For it to get into trunk, we will need unit and functional tests to confirm that the behavior is correct. Would you be able to write some?

## #15 - 2009-09-01 18:17 - Maxim Krušina

WOW, it's almost here 8)))

### #16 - 2009-09-24 01:00 - John Pataki

+1

### #17 - 2009-10-02 17:18 - Filip Morávek

- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang

How about this? It is in trunk please?

It's very useful feature ...

Thanks a lot

## #18 - 2009-10-20 21:24 - Jason Best

+1 The use cases outlined by Chris Cage are exactly mine.

### #19 - 2009-10-25 12:29 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Rain, I didn't test your patch but it seems to allow anyone to remove watchers.

## #20 - 2009-10-25 13:09 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Target version set to 0.9.0
- Resolution set to Fixed

Feature added in r2977 (requires the new 'Delete watchers' permission).