

## Redmine - Feature #2464

### Add placeholder "h:mm" to hours field for better user guidance

2009-01-08 01:20 - Maxim Krušina

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	2009-01-08
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Go MAEDA	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	UI	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	6.0.0		
<b>Resolution:</b>	Fixed		
<b>Description</b>			
It will be very hardy to have some short pop-up help near "Spent-time" box. It's hard to remember exact format of time.			

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 22977 - 2024-08-21 10:40 - Go MAEDA

Add placeholder "h:mm" to hours field for better user guidance (#2464).

Patch by Go MAEDA (user:maeda).

##### Revision 23045 - 2024-09-09 09:50 - Go MAEDA

Fix display issue of "h:mm" placeholder in estimated hours input field by expanding its width (#2464, #41231).

Patch by Mizuki ISHIKAWA (user:ishikawa999).

#### History

##### #1 - 2009-01-09 22:09 - Eric Davis

- Category set to UI

+1 I agree, I get a lot of "bug" reports from people entering time incorrectly

##### #2 - 2016-09-13 17:12 - Benjamin Schunn

is this needed anymore? imho no.

##### #3 - 2016-09-13 18:50 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Description updated

##### #4 - 2024-08-19 09:40 - Go MAEDA

- File clipboard-202408191639-tajgz.png added

- Target version set to Candidate for next major release

I would like to propose adding a placeholder of "h:mm" in the hours field to indicate the expected time format. While Redmine supports various time entry formats, "h:mm" is certainly the most common. Displaying this format as a placeholder could help users understand the expected input more easily and improve overall usability.

This can be implemented with the following change:

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diff --git a/lib/redmine/views/labelled_form_builder.rb b/lib/redmine/views/labelled_form_builder.rb
index 8c97b8215..f364ca8e2 100644
--- a/lib/redmine/views/labelled_form_builder.rb
+++ b/lib/redmine/views/labelled_form_builder.rb
@@ -49,6 +49,7 @@ class Redmine::Views::LabelledFormBuilder < ActionView::Helpers::FormBuilder
  # display the value before type cast when the entered value is not valid
  if @object.errors[field].blank?
    options = options.merge(:value => format_hours(@object.send field))
+
+   .with_defaults(:placeholder => 'h:mm')
  end
  text_field field, options
```

end

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**#5 - 2024-08-19 10:16 - Go MAEDA**

- File 2464.patch added

**#6 - 2024-08-20 04:39 - Go MAEDA**

- Target version changed from Candidate for next major release to 6.0.0

Setting the target version to 6.0.0.

**#7 - 2024-08-21 10:40 - Go MAEDA**

- Subject changed from Add textual help to "spent time" field and fix errors to Add placeholder "h:mm" to hours field for better user guidance

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Assignee set to Go MAEDA

- Resolution set to Fixed

Committed the patch in [r22977](#).

**Files**

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clipboard-202408191639-tajgz.png	21.4 KB	2024-08-19	Go MAEDA
2464.patch	1.26 KB	2024-08-19	Go MAEDA