Redmine - Feature #25799

Issue Import - Dynamic Parent pasks

2017-05-09 14:18 - Robert Barnebeck

Status:	Closed		**Start date:**	
Priority:	Normal		**Due date:**	
Assignee:			**% Done:**	0%
Category:	Importers		**Estimated time:**	0.00 hour
Target version:				
Resolution:	Duplicate			

Description

We use the issue import feature in Redmine when we have a new project. In every project there is a bunch of issues, which cover typical tasks (design, deployment, accounts, testing e.g.). These tasks are connecetd between each other via parent task. We´d like to connect the issues directly with the import. But we cannot insert the explicit issue number, because the parent issues don´t exist before import. And the second reason is that we want to us the import file as template, so there cannot be specific numbers.

Useful would be a kind of dynamic link between the issues. Maybe one column in the import file represents a local ID, which can be used for the dynamic parent task link.

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #28213: Support external ID when importing issues	**Closed**
Is duplicate of Redmine - Feature #22701: Allow forward reference to parent w...	**Closed**

History

#1 - 2017-06-02 13:42 - Mischa The Evil

- Status changed from New to Needs feedback

- Assignee set to Robert Barnebeck

Robert Barnebeck wrote:

> [...] We´d like to connect the issues directly with the import. But we cannot insert the explicit issue number, because the parent issues don´t exist before import. And the second reason is that we want to us the import file as template, so there cannot be specific numbers.
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I think you can already achieve such with the current implementation for [#950](#950).

From #23396#note-2:

> Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:
>
> > When importing issues, the content of a the parent colum can be:
> >
> > - a number without # (eg: 10) => the parent will be the 10th imported issue
> > - a number with # (eg: #10) => the parent will be the existing issue with id=10

and from HowTo_import_issues#Parent-Issue:

> If the field starts with an #, the issue with that id is referenced. If the field contains a number it references the index of the issue in the import. Note that it's not the line number as line 1 contains the header

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So, a CSV file looking like follows (note the parent column values with the #-sign omitted):

Subject	Startdate	Duedate	Parent
taskA	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	
taskB	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	1

taskC	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	1
taskD	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	3
taskE	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	3
taskF	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	4

would be imported creating the following issues tree:

```
taskA
 -> taskB
 -> taskC
     -> taskD
         -> taskF
     -> taskE
```

And, starting with not-yet-released Redmine 3.4.0, you can even use a CSV file like:

Subject	Startdate	Duedate	Parent
taskF	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	2
taskD	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	5
taskE	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	5
taskB	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	6
taskC	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	6
taskA	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	

which would be imported creating the following issues tree (equal to the example above):

```
taskA
 -> taskB
 -> taskC
     -> taskD
         -> taskF
     -> taskE
```

This extended feature behaviour is implemented through a separated issue (#22701).

#2 - 2017-06-23 10:20 - Robert Barnebeck

Hi Mischa,

at first sorry for my late response. I didn´t notice the update mail. Thanks for your very informative information. I didn´t know the feature with the relating parent task, that is very helpful.

Maybe there would be a little improvement useful: We want to use ticket imports for new projects, where we have our standard tickets. But we don´t need all of these tickets for every new project. When deleting some rows, the relational row-link to the parent ticket can change. So it would help to relate to a defined ID-Column or something, where the ID doesn´t change, even if rows are deleted inbetween.

Do you think this would be an appropriate feature request? It seems that I´m not allowed to change assignee, so I hope my message will be received.

Best regards,
Robert

#3 - 2017-07-01 16:36 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Status changed from Needs feedback to Closed

- Assignee deleted (Robert Barnebeck)

- Resolution set to Invalid

Robert Barnebeck wrote:

> Maybe there would be a little improvement useful:...

Please create new feature request issue.

#4 - 2017-07-01 16:42 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Resolution changed from Invalid to Duplicate

#5 - 2017-07-01 16:42 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Is duplicate of Feature #22701: Allow forward reference to parent when importing issues added

#6 - 2018-02-19 17:05 - Mischa The Evil

- Related to Feature #28213: Support external ID when importing issues added