**Redmine - Feature #2715**  
"Magic links" to notes  
2009-02-11 09:11 - Be Fio

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**Description**  
This was part of Feature #391, but the issue was closed.  
e.g. #391.1 -> [http://www.redmine.org/issues/show/391#note-1](http://www.redmine.org/issues/show/391#note-1)

**Edit:**  
The syntax implemented in Redmine for 1.4.0 is:

`#2715#note-41`

or the short version:

`#2715-41`

**Related issues:**  
- Related to Redmine - Feature #391: Links to notes/comments/replies in issues.  
- Related to Redmine - Feature #12912: Issue-notes Redmine links: append actual...  
- Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #6368: Create a syntax for links to comments  
- Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #5326: Wiki shortcuts for linking directly to...  

**Associated revisions**  
Revision 8877 - 2012-02-15 18:49 - Jean-Philippe Lang  
Adds support for "Magic links" to notes (#2715).

**History**  
#1 - 2010-02-07 05:59 - threexk threexk  
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#2 - 2010-02-09 03:24 - Eric Davis  
- Category set to Text formatting

#3 - 2010-05-31 20:51 - Guilherme Schneider

+1

#4 - 2010-07-01 20:49 - Fernando Hartmann

+1

#5 - 2010-10-18 19:51 - Burt Culver

+1

#6 - 2010-10-27 10:52 - Martin Hartung

+1

#7 - 2010-11-17 09:19 - Hajime Fujita

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I see a period or an 'n' makes the parsing easier than a colon ':'. I like the period version (now we kinda get back to the initial suggestion in Description).

FYI, the patch applied cleanly (except for the unit tests) to my installation of 1.2.1 and works wonderfully. Thanks Etienne!

I also think period is better separator :)
+1 whatever the syntax finally kept (letter, punctuation etc).

Why 'n'? If a letter at all, since it's a link to a comment 'c' seems more natural than 'n', e.g. #2715c14.

#33 - 2012-02-12 12:40 - pasquale [dedalus]
Stéphane Gourichon wrote:

#2715c14.

#34 - 2012-02-14 13:34 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang
- Target version changed from Candidate for next major release to 1.4.0

Everyone is OK with #2715c14?

#35 - 2012-02-14 13:49 - Martin Hartung
Lacking Ruby skills I did not check the patch itself, but am very much ok with the suggested synax.
The original example was #2715-14 and that's how it should be in my point of view.

#36 - 2012-02-14 14:06 - Etienne Massip
Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

What about the use of a generic #<issue number>#:<html anchor name> which would allow to refer to any anchor in the page (like for references to wiki pages), including #note:<note number>?

#37 - 2012-02-14 14:21 - Jean-Philippe Lang
Actually, I don't really like #2715c14 much. I would prefer #2715-14 or even #2715:14. But I agree that #2715:#note-14 makes a lot of sense, it's just that it's less compact.

#38 - 2012-02-14 14:35 - Etienne Massip
Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

Actually, I don't really like #2715c14 much.

Agree, the c is not readable; what would be great as it has been suggested is a syntax which is also usable to refer to a note in this issue, e.g. #39 for this note.

#2715#note-14 (or #2715/note-14, #2715:note-14, etc.) has the merit that it is understood when reading it that it refers to a specific comment of a specific issue and not anything else related to the issue. That would make #note-14 the link to the in-issue note 14, which seems great too.

#39 - 2012-02-14 15:00 - Simon Edwards
Etienne Massip wrote:

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I agree that this syntax does make the most sense, even though it's less compact. Having the links within the issue being #note-n agrees with the current anchor format, so it's the most intuitive method. This approach gets my vote.

#40 - 2012-02-15 00:05 - Gilles Cornu
Since there is so much different tastes around, why not:

- support more than a unique separator pattern (:-,.-,c,-,n,-note,...).
  - Personally, we deployed the patch with '-' syntax (e.g. #2715-41), and I find it quite nice, intuitive and convenient
- make the pattern(s) configurable/overridable in Redmine settings?
  - (okay, it's maybe overkill feature, but it has the advantage to stop this discussion :-)

I don't think there is any drawback to support more than one possible syntax. Is there any?
Feature is added in #8877 and accepts the 2 syntaxes:

#2715#note-41

or the short version:

#2715-41

I don't think it's a good thing to make it configurable. This should be the same across all Redmine instances.

#42 - 2012-02-15 19:05 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Description updated

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