## Redmine - Defect #30848

# Error when creating issue with emoji in description

2019-02-20 07:51 - Jamal Aziz

Status: Closed Start date:

Priority: Normal Due date:

Assignee: % Done: 0%

Category: Issues Estimated time: 0.00 hour

Target version:

Resolution: Wont fix Affected version: 4.0.1

## Description

When creating issue with emoji in description, it will return error. Here is the log:

[[Completed 500 Internal Server Error in 54ms (ActiveRecord: 12.9ms)

ActiveRecord::StatementInvalid (Mysql2::Error: Incorrect string value: '\xF0\x9F\x98\x84\xF0\x9F...' for column 'description' at row 1: INSERT INTO `issues` (`tracker\_id`, `project\_id`, `subject`, `description`, `status\_id`, `priority\_id`, `author\_id`, `created\_on`, `upda ted\_on`, `start\_date`, `lock\_version`) VALUES (14, 111, 'Tes Emoji', 'Test <U+1F604><U+1F604><U+1F604>', 1, 2, 39, '2019-02-20 13:39:02', '2019-02-20 13:39:02', '2019-02-20', 0)):

### Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #31921: Changes to properly support 4 byte chara...

Closed

Related to Redmine - Defect #35879: mail handler failing when smilles inline

Closed

#### History

#### #1 - 2019-08-17 18:22 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Feature #31921: Changes to properly support 4 byte characters (emoji) when database is MySQL added

## #2 - 2020-11-04 01:20 - Erik Moeller

We can reproduce this on our Redmine 4.0.7 setup, with an emoji in the title of the issue.

# #3 - 2021-09-22 08:00 - Mischa The Evil

- Related to Defect #35879: mail handler failing when smilies inline added

### #4 - 2023-08-28 09:04 - Anatoly P

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Can reproduce it on our 5.0.5.stable

And here www.redmine.org

I convert db and all my tables to `utf8mb4` / `utf8mb4\_unicode\_ci` in (10.5-MariaDB) But i still cant use emoji :-(

#### #5 - 2023-09-04 12:49 - Holger Just

MySQL / MariaDB stores encoding and collations in various places, including as a database default, table default, and for each column separately. Thus, if you have an existing database, you need to transfer each text / varchar column to utf8mb4 separately.

## #6 - 2023-09-14 15:36 - Anatoly P

I changed the encoding to `utf8mb4\_general\_ci` in every place where you can select the encoding. And in the database and in every table and in every vchar/text/long field, and still I see error 500 when I try to add emoji to any field.

I also see error 500 right here on https://www.redmine.org/ when I try to create any record with emoji.

# #7 - 2024-09-28 20:23 - Andrei Melis

I was able to fix this by setting REDMINE\_DB\_ENCODING=utf8mb4 in the docker image env, plus altering the collation of existing database and tables:

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```
ALTER DATABASE redmine DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci ALTER TABLE issues CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci; ALTER TABLE journals CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci; ALTER TABLE journal_details CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci;
```

If you don't use Docker, you should probably check the config/database.yml file:

```
production:
   adapter: "mysql2"
   host: "mysql"
   port: "3306"
   username: "redmine"
   password: "secret"
   database: "redmine"
   encoding: "utf8mb4"
```

## #8 - 2025-01-14 16:16 - sly sly

the fix of Andrei Melis works fine :)

Environment:

Redmine version 5.1.2.stable

Ruby version 3.1.2-p20 (2022-04-12) [x86\_64-linux-gnu]

Rails version 6.1.7.7 Environment production Database adapter Mysql2

### #9 - 2025-02-09 23:18 - Go MAEDA

- Status changed from New to Closed
- Resolution set to Wont fix

As already mentioned in other comments, this issue can be resolved by changing the database and tables encoding to `utf8mb4`.

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