Redmine - Patch #32106

Slightly restyled ajax loading indicator

2019-09-22 00:20 - Anonymous

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Description

This patch sticks indicator to the very top and adds some new styling to it.

ajax-indicator.PNG

History

#1 - 2019-09-22 03:55 - Go MAEDA

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#2 - 2019-09-22 05:29 - Anonymous

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Your re absolutely right, and it's how it mostly used to be done back then I believe, but ~~IMHO~~ IMHXP (in my humble experience ;D) it seems right only for the first X amount of possible right clicks on the issue list, to get the context menu displayed, after which the never ending blinkness of a loading bar may successfully get quite annoying :D

By moving it up-top, just like nearly everywhere these days (either up-top or upper left corner if it's a spinner, e.g. Google, YouTube and etc, of-course they use something like NProgress.js which is more slim, but still...), at least it's kind of offloading it from the central vision, in the favor of peripheral vision a little bit more, which means loading indication gets to be more of something that's optional rather than forced into the eyes each time.
I thought about it a little like driving a car and occasionally looking at a cockpit to check speed and other readings and Redmine is anyway the software that would require little bit of familiarization with interface on user's end, not mentioning variety of themes you can possibly install.

An alternative however could be to bin with that bar altogether (as proposed here #30167), at least on context menu displays and utilize system waiting cursors instead, because honestly, why not, it's already built-in and free :D Then for everything else but context menu, this loading bar could be kept at the center if it's so desired then.

P.S. I also noticed that currently, ajax loading bar has unconstrained % based width, it can get extremely wide on ultra-wide displays :D

#3 - 2019-09-27 17:19 - Anonymous

- File alternative-loading.png added

- File new-ajax-indicator-v2.patch added

If we would still like to keep it in the center as is now, here is the alternative patch which at least removes unnecessary percent based width.
alternative-loading.png

Files

ajax-indicator.PNG	1.83 KB	2019-09-21		Anonymous
new-ajax-indicator.patch	1.13 KB	2019-09-21		Anonymous
alternative-loading.png	1.56 KB	2019-09-27		Anonymous
new-ajax-indicator-v2.patch	479 Bytes	2019-09-27		Anonymous