Redmine - Feature #32856

Bar charts in the spent time report

2020-01-23 08:43 - Takenori TAKAKI

Status: Needs feedback

Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Time tracking

Category:

Target version: Candidate for next major release

Resolution:

Start date:

Due date:

% Done: 0%

Estimated time:

0.00 hour

Description

I propose a feature to visualize the results of table on the 'time entries/report' page using bar chart.

By visualizing the sumary results in charts, we can more intuitively grasp the "time series" and "compareison result" of spent time.

The first chart shows the evolution of the total time according to the period (year, month, week, etc.), and the after second charts show the comparison of total time according to the summary axis (user, status, etc.).

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History

#1 - 2020-03-12 10:37 - Go MAEDA

- Category changed from UI to Time tracking
- Target version set to Candidate for next major release

#2 - 2021-08-24 03:27 - Mischa The Evil

I think this could be a good improvement. Even more so now that we also have (similar) charts on the issues summary views introduced with #31418. Though, OTOH, I think that we should be cautious not to add too much charts to the core and not to add charts that aren't very useful for a large part

So, for example, I'd vote +1 for core integration of Chart.js ports of (some of) the charts historically provided by the Graphs plugin by Brad Beattie (GitHub repository), but I'd vote -1 on such a proposal for specific charts supporting Agile/Scrum/etc. methodologies.

Besides the above mentioned considerations there is an additional potential issue that I've already reported as #35670 and more crudely as #35669 for the charts added per #31418. I think that if it's decided to integrate these changes, the mentioned issues should be handled first.

#3 - 2021-08-25 04:46 - Mischa The Evil

- Status changed from New to Needs feedback

On a second thought I start to doubt if the addition of these charts to the core is a good idea after all. To be precise, I start doubting whether the core should provide any charts at all1.

The main reason for my doubt lies in the maintainability of all the code involved. To provide some crude numbers (using a patched stats rake task²) for a (slightly patched) Redmine 4.1.x instance:

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2025-07-04 1/2 Now, compare those numbers with e.g. the same numbers for Basecamp 3 (from ~2016):

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-- Source: DHH on Twitter
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If you combine all this data and look at the respective size of the supporting development teams and the respective financial and economic capacity, you'll get an idea of what I'm talking about.

It might, as such, be a better choice to defer all charts/graphs to a single, dedicated plugin which could then include the repository graphs from the current core, the charts introduced in the core by #31418, the charts proposed in this issue and any additional graphs I referred to in my previous post.

I'm interested in hearing about what other people think about this...

¹ that includes the long-time present repository graphs. It might be better to remove those completely and only provide a raw textual representation of this data.

² diff of the patch.diff of the patch.

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diff --git "a/lib/tasks/redmine.rake" "b/lib/tasks/redmine.rake"
index db574df16..f036ac1f8 100644
--- "a/lib/tasks/redmine.rake"
+++ "b/lib/tasks/redmine.rake"
@@ -15,6 +15,9 @@
 # along with this program; if not, write to the Free Software
 # Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1301, USA.
+# Custom :stats task
+task :stats => "redmine:custom_stats"
namespace : redmine do
  namespace :attachments do
    desc 'Removes uploaded files left unattached after one day.'
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       end
     end
   end
  task :custom_stats do
    require 'rails/code_statistics'
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  end
 end
 # Load plugins' rake tasks
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Files

bar-charts-in-the-spent-time-report.png	342 KB	2020-01-23	Takenori TAKAKI
bar-charts-in-the-spent-time-report.patch	5.38 KB	2020-01-23	Takenori TAKAKI

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