Redmine - Defect #35226

Add SameSite=Lax to cookies to fix warnings in web browsers

2021-05-11 10:11 - Go MAEDA

Status:	Closed	**Start date:**	
Priority:	Normal	**Due date:**	
Assignee:	Go MAEDA	**% Done:**	0%
Category:	Accounts / authentication	**Estimated time:**	0.00 hour
Target version:	4.1.4		
Resolution:	Fixed	**Affected version:**	

Description

Firefox 88.0.1 shows the following warning in Web Console.

> Cookie "_redmine_session" will be soon rejected because it has the "SameSite" attribute set to "None" or an invalid value, without the "secure" attribute. To know more about the "SameSite" attribute, read https://developer.mozilla.org/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Set-Cookie/SameSite

According to https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Set-Cookie/SameSite#fixing_common_warnings, we have two options to fix the warning:

1. Add Secure attribute to the cookie
2. Set SameSite attribute to the value other than "None"

However, if you set the Secure attribute, Redmine cannot be used in non-HTTPS environments such as test environments and some on-premise servers. Therefore, I think it is preferable to set the SameSite attribute to something other than "None".

Associated revisions

Revision 21009 - 2021-05-27 10:31 - Go MAEDA

Add SameSite=Lax to cookies to fix warnings in web browsers (#35226).

Patch by Go MAEDA.

Revision 21037 - 2021-06-16 16:15 - Go MAEDA

Merged r21009 from trunk to 4.2-stable (#35226).

Revision 21038 - 2021-06-16 16:17 - Go MAEDA

Merged r21009 from trunk to 4.1-stable (#35226).

History

#1 - 2021-05-11 10:35 - Go MAEDA

The following patch fixes the issue.

The patch must be safe because Redmine's cookie is already treated as SameSite=Lax in Chrome.

Redmine does not explicitly set the SameSite attribute in the Set-Cookie field. So, it is treated as SameSite=Lax in Chrome 80 and later. https://blog.chromium.org/2020/02/samesite-cookie-changes-in-february.html

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diff --git a/config/application.rb b/config/application.rb
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index dc8d5f89d..fc6e6a33f 100644
--- a/config/application.rb
+++ b/config/application.rb
@@ -79,7 +79,8 @@ module RedmineApp
     config.session_store(
       :cookie_store,
       :key => '_redmine_session',
-      :path => config.relative_url_root || '/'
+      :path => config.relative_url_root || '/',
+      :same_site => :lax
     )

     if File.exists?(File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), 'additional_environment.rb'))
```

#2 - 2021-05-11 11:19 - Liane Hampe

I can confirm that it is working in Firefox 88.0.1 when running Redmine 4.2 in production!

#3 - 2021-05-12 04:12 - Go MAEDA

- Subject changed from Warning about cookies with SameSite=none to Warning due to cookies not having SameSite attribute set

- Category set to Accounts / authentication

- Target version set to 4.1.4

Setting the target version to 4.1.4.

#4 - 2021-05-13 08:35 - Go MAEDA

- File 35226-v2.patch added

Updated the patch. Another two cookies "autologin" and "history_last_tab" also needs to have "SameSite=Lax".

#5 - 2021-05-27 10:31 - Go MAEDA

- Subject changed from Warning due to cookies not having SameSite attribute set to Add SameSite=Lax to cookies to fix warnings in web browsers

- Status changed from New to Resolved

- Assignee set to Go MAEDA

- Resolution set to Fixed

Committed the patch.

#6 - 2021-06-16 16:17 - Go MAEDA

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed

Files

samesite-none-warning.png	108 KB	2021-05-11		Go MAEDA
35226-v2.patch	1.5 KB	2021-05-13		Go MAEDA