Redmine - Feature #36852

Load and use bash/system ENV variables in config YML files

2022-03-28 21:35 - Aleksandar Pavic

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In some scenarios, where Redmine is automatically deployed,

it would be of good use to read EXPORT or ENV variables and use them in config .yml files like database.yml

For example like elsastic

https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/beats/winlogbeat/current/using-environ-vars.html

```
export DB-NAME = "something"
and in yml file
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production:

database: \${DB-NAME}

History

#1 - 2022-03-28 21:41 - Aleksandar Pavic

I am referring to setup, with rake task.

#2 - 2022-03-28 22:12 - Aleksandar Pavic

There are some hacks like this:

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/15045369/redmine-email-configuration-with-environment-variables

But it would be better to be officially supported.

#3 - 2022-04-12 18:16 - Thomas Löber

You can use ERB tags in your database.yml, for example:

```
production:
  database: "<%= ENV["PRODUCTION_DATABASE"] %>"
```

From https://edgeguides.rubyonrails.org/configuring.html#configuring-a-database

The config/database.yml file can contain ERB tags <%= %>. Anything in the tags will be evaluated as Ruby code. You can use this to pull out data from an environment variable or to perform calculations to generate the needed connection information.

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