

Redmine - Feature #3833

Time tracking enhancement

2009-09-08 10:20 - XXX XXX

Status:	New	Start date:	2009-09-08
Priority:	High	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:	Time tracking	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Resolution:			
Description It would be nice if the comment field, when adding the time you have worked, would be a textarea like in JIRA. Sometimes I did a lot for an issue and like to explain what I have done in those hours on more then 1 line. It would also seem better that "% done" would be calculated using the "estimated time" and the logged hours. I would call it spend time then. When an issue is closed then you'll know that it is done so it seems that showing the spend time in the bar is more usefull (in my opinion). The last and for me also important feature is that the logged time + comment appear under the issue in the comments as any other update. This is also done in JIRA and works very good. Maybe separate it in a second tab (tab "comments/updates" and tab "worklog").			

History

#1 - 2009-09-09 20:52 - Adam Piotr Żochowski

Mano Swerts wrote:

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Kind regards

Adam Żochowski

#2 - 2009-09-09 21:26 - XXX XXX

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Yeah I know. Sorry that I didn't explain well enough. I mean that sometimes I put a small bullet list of approx. 3 items in the worklog comment in JIRA. Because it is a textarea there, this can be done but here not. For example:

- Spoke to John about possible cause of the problem

- Updated login system to prevent error

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Yeah there is something in JIRA that's called spend time and there is also a bar for estimated time and I probably compared it to the done bar without really thinking it through, But it is still not very usefull in my eyes cause it is extremely difficult to estimate the 'Done' percentage so almost nobody uses it and just puts it on 100 & when closing the issue.

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Yeah a combination of both would be perfect! I hope that it makes it into 0.9. I would like to do it, but I have never worked with Ruby before so I still need to learn the language and the framework (rails). Maybe that I'll start learning it soon when I have the time.

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Thanks for your comments!

Mano

#3 - 2009-09-09 23:23 - Christopher Mann

I added a plugin Redmine_Taskjuggler which is supposed to allow stonger project management through Redmine.
(And I would like to collaborate on that)

#4 - 2009-09-12 15:15 - Alex Bevilacqua

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I logged this as [#3852](#). I agree that this should be a feature to simplify user interaction.