

Redmine - Feature #42305

Changes watch button icon to eye image to align icon with function and improve visual clarity

2025-02-23 04:54 - Katsuya HIDAKA

Status:	Closed	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Go MAEDA	% Done:	0%
Category:	UI	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	6.1.0		
Resolution:	Fixed		

Description

Summary

This patch applies the following changes to the watch button:

- 1. Changes the watch button icon to a more common eye image, aligning its visual representation with its function, as seen in GitHub and Jira
- 2. Unifies the meaning of the button icon and label to represent the "button action," improving the clarity of the watch button UI and standardizing button UI across Redmine

Before applying the patch:

Not Watching	Watching
not-watching-before.png	watching-before.png

After applying the patch:

Not Watching	Watching
not-watching-after.png	watching-after.png

The changes are also applied to the Wiki page's watch button.

Detailed changes

1. Changes the watch button icon to a more common eye image, aligning its visual representation with its function, as seen in GitHub and Jira

The watch function in Redmine appears to be similar to that in GitHub and Jira. In those services, the eye icon is typically used to represent the watch function.

Aligning Redmine's watch button UI with a more common watch function UI will help users, especially those new to Redmine, in understanding the purpose of the watch function.

2. Unifies the meaning of the button icon and label to represent the button action, improving the clarity of the watch button UI and standardizing button UI across Redmine

Redmine's watch button UI currently displays the icon and label with differing meanings. It also differs from the project bookmark button UI.

Button with State	Icon Meaning	Label Meaning
Watch	Current State	Button Action (Watch/Unwatch)
Bookmark	Button Action (Add/Remove Bookmark)	Button Action (Add/Remove Bookmark)

Project bookmark function:

Not Bookmarked	Bookmarked
not-bookmarked.png	bookmarked.png

By changing the watch button icon to an image that represents the button action, the UI of stateful buttons will be unified across Redmine, as follows:

Button with State	Icon and Label Meaning
Watch	Button Action (Watch/Unwatch)
Bookmark	Button Action (Add/Remove Bookmark)

Implementation

After applying this patch, the star image and CSS classes (icon-fav, icon-fav-off) are no longer needed, but they have been retained for compatibility with 3rd party plugins and themes.

Additionally, all tests, including system tests, have been confirmed to pass with this patch applied.
<https://github.com/hidakatsuya/redmine/actions/runs/13478143930>

Associated revisions

Revision 23557 - 2025-03-25 09:44 - Go MAEDA

Changes issue watch button icon to eye image to align icon with function and improve visual clarity (#42305).

Patch by Katsuya HIDAHA (user:hidakatsuya).

History

#1 - 2025-03-01 06:49 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to 6.1.0

I support this change. Improving the consistency of icon meanings is a good step forward. Changing the icon from a star to an eye also makes it more intuitive, as it better represents the "Watch" feature.

I am setting the target version to 6.1.0.

#2 - 2025-03-25 09:45 - Go MAEDA

- Tracker changed from Patch to Feature
- Status changed from New to Closed
- Assignee set to Go MAEDA
- Resolution set to Fixed

Committed the patch in [r23557](#). Thank you for your contribution.

Files

watching-after.png	35.7 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
not-watching-after.png	34.2 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
not-watching-before.png	34.2 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
watching-before.png	34.2 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
bookmarked.png	3.08 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
not-bookmarked.png	2.73 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA
0001-Changes-issue-watch-button-icon-to-eye-image-to-align-icon-with-function-and-improve-visual-clarity.patch	5.5 KB	2025-02-23	Katsuya HIDAHA