

## Redmine - Feature #4367

### Ability to delete an issue status that is in use

2009-12-09 00:22 - Holger Just

<b>Status:</b>	New	<b>Start date:</b>	2009-12-09
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>		<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	Issues planning	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
<p>I'm trying to restructure the workflow of some om my Redmine projects which involves changing the issue status definitions.</p> <p>However, I am unable to delete a configures issue status if there are still issues with that status (as enforced from IssueStatus#check_integrity). While this is good and healthy, the failure message is not very talkative ("Unable to delete issue status").</p> <p>It would be great if either</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. the User would have the opportunity to select another status for the affected issues, or</li><li>2. the error message would state the real problem</li></ol>			

#### History

##### #1 - 2009-12-09 00:35 - Holger Just

However, the second option does not really solve the problem, as it is not possible to bulk edit **all** issues with that status, as there could also be issues in archived projects I do not know anything about. These still let check\_integrity fail.

##### #2 - 2009-12-09 10:24 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Subject changed from *Issue statuses can not be deleted if issues are still using it* to *Ability to delete an issue status that is in use*

##### #3 - 2014-04-19 19:06 - Christoph S. Ackermann

+1!

##### #4 - 2014-06-17 05:17 - Michael Sanders

+1

##### #5 - 2014-07-16 04:00 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Category changed from *UI* to *Issues planning*

##### #6 - 2015-03-12 12:25 - Aron Rotteveel

+1

##### #7 - 2017-04-05 11:37 - Greg T

+1 for more useful error messages *at least*.

I've had to find this SQL (after setting config.log\_level = :info):  
SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM `trackers` WHERE `trackers`.`default\_status\_id` = 30

so that I could find out that not only issue statuses matter, but default statuses of trackers, too.

##### #8 - 2020-04-15 14:03 - Guillermo ML

In [#31361](#) (for 4.1.0) implemented the second option.  
As you say in note-1 issues in archived projects could be a problem, these issue will not shown in a search. You'll have to search through a SQL query.

##### #9 - 2020-04-15 18:35 - Greg T

Guillermo ML wrote:

In [#31361](#) (for 4.1.0) implemented the second option.

I have 2 problems with that implementation:

- the main one is lack of i18n;
- the other is lack of details.