Redmine - Feature #5839

Trackers for projects. To track projects the same we keep track of issues

2010-07-08 12:44 - Pedro Gutierrez

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Description

As we use trackers to keep track of issues, having trackers for projects would help keep track of projects and hence, keep the organisation project portfolio tidy.

Here at redmine.org there is just one active project only, but in organisations like mine you can easily have 100 or more. In these cases the need for an additional tracking level is very interesting.

To achieve that, we don't need a new concept. Treating projects as issues and so, having trackers for projects the same we have now for issues would be enough, very powerful and it wouldn't modify at all Redmine current philosophy. It would be a quite natural way of doing it

Example: Each department could collect its projects in a tracker and so: have them inventored, prioritised, assign a project responsible, close projects, define states for each (incubating, on-hold, alive, closed). All the same we do now for issues but for projects.

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #3224: Better project list	**Closed**	**2009-04-23**

History

#1 - 2011-01-06 11:17 - Etienne Massip

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#2 - 2011-01-27 16:11 - Chad Hauff

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We have a similar need here. We have dozens of projects open at one time, and the senior managers, who oversee the project managers, want a summary on the projects for just their staff.

For example, project managers 'A', 'B', and 'C' all report to me. They each have 3 projects. I want a 'summary' view of all 9 projects, with a project status and most recent update.

Senior management is reviewing alternative software packages that are good at this level of reporting (but lousy at handling the basic issue tracking and project management that Redmine does so well)

#3 - 2011-01-27 17:37 - Brian Lindahl

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#4 - 2011-01-28 10:04 - Pedro Gutierrez

Hi Brian, your proposal makes certain sense. However, I see it applicable only when you just want a catalog of projects and are not interested in managing each one using Redmine's full potential.

I.e. with the approach you propose, there a couple of difficult to live with problems:

- You can't have either a Gantt or a Wiki, or a documents section, or a repository... for each project. Everything should be shared among projects
- The permissions would be a little bit difficult to manage. Every one should have access to every project

Brian Lindahl wrote:

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#5 - 2011-03-07 09:50 - Etienne Massip

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#6 - 2012-02-01 17:07 - Dariusz Kowalski

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