Redmine - Feature #7017
Add watchers from To and Cc fields in issue replies
2010-12-02 08:19 - Lucas Panjer

Status: Closed
Priority: Normal
Assignee:
Category: Email receiving
Target version: 3.3.0
Resolution: Fixed
Start date: 2010-12-02
Due date:
% Done: 0%
Estimated time: 0.00 hour

Description
If this preference is true watchers are added to an issue from the to: and cc: fields of an issue email reply.

Related issues:
Related to Redmine - Patch # 8009: Allow to specify watches for issues create... Closed 2011-03-29

Associated revisions
Revision 15092 - 2016-01-22 21:01 - Jean-Philippe Lang
Add watchers from To and Cc fields in issue replies (#7017).

Revision 15093 - 2016-01-22 21:05 - Jean-Philippe Lang
Don't check permission to add watchers if no_permission_check option is set (#7017).

History
#1 - 2011-02-02 10:04 - Stanislav German-Evtushenko
Patches usually aren't accepted without tests.

#2 - 2013-12-13 20:14 - Deoren Moor
+1
This behavior would be very beneficial to our group.

#3 - 2014-08-27 19:21 - Deoren Moor
+1
This would be very helpful.

#4 - 2014-09-05 12:55 - Josef Reichardt
+1
Can anybody explain me this patch like I'm 5 ? What's the current behaviour, and what's the new proposed one ?

It would add "to/cc" persons in an incoming email as watchers of the issue automatically ??

I haven't tested the patch (because I hope it will be merged into redmine core), but the current behaviour is: Users are added as watcher from to/cc if you create an issue by email. But if you reply to an email from redmine (to add a comment to the issue) the additional to/cc users from this second email aren't added as watcher.

Looking at the mail_handler today, MailHandler.receive_issue calls add_watchers(issue) before saving the issue off so email's entered in the To: and CC: fields will be added as watchers and can reply to the email.

This patch puts add_watchers(issue) in MailHandler.receive_issue_reply (I think) after the issue was saved. Therefore the watchers will be added, but not notified of the issue update. I am skeptical that behavior was intended by the patch. I would call add_watchers before saving the issue.

Would there be any repercussions to:

```diff
--- app/models/mail_handler.rb  2014-07-14 21:54:18.578473500 -0700
+++ app/models/mail_handler.rb  2014-09-11 22:44:16.975595000 -0700
@@ -231,6 +231,9 @@
 issue.safe_attributes = issue_attributes_from_keywords(issue)
 issue.safe_attributes = {'custom_field_values' => custom_field_values_from_keywords(issue))
     journal.notes = cleaned_up_text_body
     +
     +     # add To and Cc as watchers before saving so the watchers can reply to Redmine
     +     add_watchers(issue)
     +     add_attachments(issue)
     +     issue.save!
     +     if logger
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Does the add_watcher method in acts_as_watchable automatically handle duplicates?

Please include this tiny patch into official release, it is annoying when people are adding others in CC, email traffic grows but when update is done in Redmine some users are not informed.

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#9 - 2016-01-20 06:38 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Target version set to 3.3.0

#10 - 2016-01-21 03:42 - Go MAEDA
I don't think we have to add a new setting to enable / disable the feature.

When you create an issue via email, there is no setting to determine if users included in CC are added as watchers. They are always added as watchers in this case. To maintain consistency, when updating an issue the same behavior should apply. The more settings we have the more complex things become.

#11 - 2016-01-21 10:51 - Sebastian Paluch

Go MAEDA wrote:

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The thing is that users from CC are not always added as watchers. This works only for new issues but does not works for reply/updates. This patch fixes the issue by adding add_watchers(issue) in mail_handler.rb.

#12 - 2016-01-22 08:50 - Deoren Moor

Go MAEDA wrote:

They are always added as watchers

Sorry if this is a tangent that deserves its own issue, but I thought it might be relevant to the discussion:

For emails that are scraped and placed into a specific project (that most users do not have access to) by the scraping script it appears that the CC field is ignored for new issues/tickets. I’ve not tested the functionality by temporarily allowing ALL users into the project, so this might be an edge case that most folks don’t care about.

Example:

```
 rake -f /opt/redmine/Rakefile redmine:email:receive_imap
   RAILS_ENV="development" \
   port=993 \
   ssl=1 \
   host=imap.example.com \
   folder=Inbox \
   username=redmine@example.com \
   password=SomethingSecret \
   project=unassigned \
   category=unassigned \
   tracker=support \
   no_permission_check=1 \
   unknown_user=accept \
   move_on_success=processed_emails \
   move_on_failure=rejected_emails \
   allow_override=project,tracker,priority$category,status,resolution
```
#13 - 2016-01-22 21:03 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Tracker changed from Patch to Feature
- Subject changed from add watchers from to: and cc: fields in email replies to Add watchers from To and Cc fields in issue replies
- Status changed from New to Closed
- Assignee set to Jean-Philippe Lang
- Resolution set to Fixed

Go MAEDA wrote:

I don’t think we have to add a new setting to enable / disable the feature.

Agreed, change done in r15092 without adding a setting for this.

#14 - 2016-01-22 21:06 - Jean-Philippe Lang

Deoren Moor wrote:

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Watchers were not added if the user is not allowed to add watchers in the target project. I guess this is why watchers are not added in your case. This should be fixed in r15093.

#15 - 2016-02-19 06:38 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

I think mail recipients who do not have "View watchers list" permission can see watches as CC. For example, non members on redmine.org do not have "View watchers list" permission.

#16 - 2016-03-15 22:41 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Assignee changed from Jean-Philippe Lang to Toshi MARUYAMA

Toshi MARUYAMA wrote:

I think mail recipients who do not have "View watchers list" permission can see watches as CC. For example, non members on redmine.org do not have "View watchers list" permission.

How is it related to this issue? The mail handler was already adding cc as watchers when creating an issue, now it behaves the same when replying to an issue. If I understand correctly, the problem you describe is about notifications, not the mail handler. Those who don't want to let users see...
watchers email addresses in notifications should use Bcc for recipients, which is the default.

#17 - 2016-03-16 07:09 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- File terminal.png added
- File non-member-issue-view.png added
- File admin-issue-view.png added
- File non-member-role.png added

Non member role
non-member-role.png

Admin issue view
admin-issue-view.png

Non member issue view
non-member-issue-view.png

Should not show CC to non member
terminal.png

#18 - 2016-04-24 13:39 - Jean-Philippe Lang
- Status changed from Reopened to Closed

Thanks for your feedback. But this issue is not about notifications, it just adds cc of issue replies as watchers, just like when receiving a new issue.

#19 - 2016-04-24 15:24 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Assignee deleted (Toshi MARUYAMA)

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