Redmine - Feature #716

Remove default start date

2008-02-22 16:47 - Joris Verschoor

Status:	Closed	**Start date:**	2008-02-22
Priority:	Normal	**Due date:**	
Assignee:		**% Done:**	0%
Category:	Issues planning	**Estimated time:**	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Resolution:	Fixed		

Description

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Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #2269: Default issue start date should become co...	**Closed**

History

#1 - 2008-08-16 21:25 - Wynn Netherland

I'd like to see this removed or opt-in only. In our process, we almost never begin work on a ticket the day that it's logged.

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#2 - 2008-08-19 22:58 - Eric Davis

I agree with removing the start date, I don't use it and when I do there is too many issues with the default start date to make it useful.

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I also disagree with "If start is an indication of when someone should start, you should fill in due-date, and substract estimated-hours/8 = days." Not everyone works 8 hours, it will not account for weekends, days off, holidays, and that's assuming someone works on an issue 100% of the time with no slack time.

#3 - 2008-08-20 02:45 - Mischa The Evil

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I think about this as if it is a multi-interpretable name for something that is in imho a quite important fact: the start-date of the issue (ticket). From that moment on all updates of that ticket should be done as comments. Besides some exceptions (typos, inline-corrections etc.) the original issue shouldn't be modified afterwards.
When an update is forced it's always traceable through the issues journal. At the same time it is always clearly visible to find the date of the last update of the issue on the issue itself.

This is what I mean by multi-interpretable; I see the start-date as the moment the issue got filed. You can either interpret it as the moment someone starts work for the issue.

Though imho both interpretations can be easily followed: It probably won't be much more than a simple change in the respective language-files

#4 - 2009-03-30 01:18 - Mischa The Evil

Just a new journal to push email updated: Related Patch #2269 can maybe solve the issue for both "camps"...

#5 - 2010-07-11 19:55 - Douglas Cox

I just ran into the same need. Our current task tracking system maintains the "Created" date of the task, but the "Start" date is the date someone should start working on it.

Was there an option that I missed to turn off defaulting the start date to "Today" and/or a way to have changing the status to "In Progress" to set it automatically to Today?

As a manager on larger projects, I would like to assign start dates for other users for scheduling purposes. For other small projects it is nice to see a valid start date when someone begins working on the task (In Progress) and have the Gantt Chart then show it.

I'm also interested in peoples thoughts on how useful a hard-coded End Date is vs. it being calculated based on the start date (possibly calculated from a dependent task) and a task duration (X hours). For instance, does adjusting the End Date on a task automatically adjust the start **and** end dates of any "follows" task recursively?

#6 - 2010-08-16 16:36 - Bruno Medeiros

A lot of people in my company asks for it, definitely start_date != creation_date.

I tried to apply the #2277 patch, but it's old. I will try to adjust it later.

+1

#7 - 2010-10-04 13:59 - Jean-Michel Godin

I really think the start date should not be added by default. Also if you manually erase it and you create your issue it still the start date still get set so you need to update the issue to remove it.

#8 - 2010-10-04 23:45 - Terence Mill

IF it would be possible configure per tracker, per role, per status which fields are visible, mandatory (always visible), optional and which position they shall have (eg. field "status" 3rd position left column) you have the freedom to satisfy most of this feature requests, SOme fields come with base install other can be added via custom fields.

#9 - 2010-10-05 07:43 - Nicholas Kulikov

+1 for any solution that allow disable autofill :)

#10 - 2010-10-05 12:30 - Anonymous

Eric Davis wrote:

> I disagree with automatically adding the start date for different statuses. Status names can be changed by an Administrator and we might not always have a "Assigned" status.

You are right of course, but how about adding a checkbox in the administration of issue stati that says "Reset start date" that you can check only for one status (as in "assigned"). After all, you can also automatically set "% Done", "Default value" and "Issue closed" individually.

Of course, one should be careful with workflows then because it might lead to people resetting the start date if they change the status to that one again during the lifetime of the issue. So it should probably be a "one time setting"...

Just thinking out loud...

#11 - 2010-10-05 12:56 - Bruno Medeiros

Let's fix bugs first, I created #6575 to address the problem of start date being filled even when mannually erased. I. hope someone fix it soon.

#12 - 2011-04-20 17:18 - Etienne Massip

- Category set to Issues planning

#13 - 2011-11-24 00:14 - Mischa The Evil

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Resolution set to Fixed

Superseded by implemented [#2269](#).

#14 - 2013-06-16 20:03 - Anonymous

Joris Verschoor wrote:

> Also, the startdate *COULD* be enabled for certain statusses. For example:
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That possibility is exactly what I was looking for a long time and found no options, no plugins, no patches, no workarounds.
Developers in my team asked me for that just after Redmine was implemented for our projects.

That would significantly improve our workflow.

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#15 - 2013-06-19 17:31 - Bruno Medeiros

Damian Gutkowski wrote:

> ...
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Not that I'm aware of.

I suggest you to search on the web, and also on redmine.org, and create a new issue if you don't find one asking the same feature. Posting on closed issues is likely to be ignored.

#16 - 2013-06-19 20:30 - Anonymous

It's ok, I have already found solution :)
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#17 - 2014-01-17 09:30 - Florian Kaiser

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The plugin is no longer working :/

#18 - 2014-01-17 09:32 - Anonymous

yeah, they (the same guys) have created a much better plugin, it's called Luxury buttons.
It costs but it's worth more thant that.

#19 - 2014-03-07 15:19 - Olivier Houdas

- File Option-StartDate.png added

There is now an option for that... (created by solving issue [#2269](#))

Settings

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Use current date as start date for new issues ☑

Display subprojects issues on main projects by ☑
default

Calculate the issue done ratio with   Use the issue status ▾

Non-working days   ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ T

Files

Option-StartDate.png	16 KB	2014-03-07	Olivier Houdas