Redmine - Feature #991
Document versioning
2008-04-04 06:22 - Steve V

Status: New  Start date: 2008-04-04
Priority: Normal  Due date: 
Assignee:  % Done:
Category: Documents  Estimated time: 0.00 hour
Target version:  Resolution:

Description
I thought Redmine previously did this, but I might be mistaken... It would be great if there was a way to upload a new version of a document, and still retain the old one. Just sequential numbering, with upload timestamp, and uploading user would probably be fine. Maybe a comment field to allow description of what changed from the previous version. Redmine does so much else for project management so well, this would definitely be another great feature. If it's already there and I'm just missing it, please let me know.

Related issues:
- Related to Redmine - Feature # 3995: Upgrade to "Files" module  New  2009-10-08
- Related to Redmine - Feature # 1196: Add versioning for Files and Documents  New  2008-05-07
- Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 800: Enable versioning for Documents and Fi...  Closed  2008-03-06
- Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 736: documents - directories and versions  New  2008-02-25
- Duplicated by Redmine - Feature # 2555: Possibility for update Documents - ve...  Closed  2009-01-21

History
#1 - 2008-04-04 20:24 - Jos Yule
I had a similar request in (issue #800 - i've set its status to "resolved") but this is more straight-forward and, hopefully, implementable.

#2 - 2008-04-04 21:33 - Thomas Lecavelier
- Status changed from New to Closed

Closed as duplicated of #991 at reporter request.

#3 - 2008-04-04 21:36 - Thomas Lecavelier
- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

(I'm a baka... forgot that duplicated issue are linked)

#4 - 2008-12-15 23:14 - Michael Aye
+1

#5 - 2009-03-11 12:38 - Andreas Huggel
+1
My teammates and I were just discussing this feature in a hallway meeting. Is there any strategy at all for dealing with versioned documents?

I've been recently converting some Wiki pages to Documents, but this lack of version control makes me question whether this is really a good choice. So +1 for some sort of versioning strategy for documents.

I have been looking for a project management system that can include simple document management with versioning. So far sharepoint did that but I just don't like sharepoint. If redmine could implement this my organization would have accept redmine. Also, If wiki can be used as documentation would be a real great function, and as Alvaro suggested, adding versioning to wiki will be very helpful.

Just also have a look at a similar discussion in Forum.

Beyond the ui discussion, can you use a common and established scm or other dms service to save and handle the versioning and metadata handling around the files?
Most people won't like to save their file and history to new kind of system. The task "versioning of files" is already done and there are enough good standards to use or build on.

Some thinking and ideas..
In our case we use as scm Subversion and advanced integration via webdav. The problem is that we would need a business analyst compatible frontend for uploading (crud), versioning, watching changes and managing project documentation beyond code (there our coders use svn clients on svn server behind redmine).

You could use the standard scm configured in project archiv or embedd a defined one for saving the versions of files and docs.

In the case of using svn with advanced redmine integration, you already have webdav on svn. Now you "only" need a nice frontend so some special folders on svn repo where you manage the docs and files for your project.

#15 - 2010-08-18 06:46 - Aaron Boxer

+1
This would be a killer feature for us. I just introduced Redmine primarily to track dev issues, but we are beginning to use more of its project management features. Lack of versioning is a big problem; we need an audit trail of who changes documents, and some users are not tech-savvy in using another SCM system for documents.
I will have to set up a second wiki, such as FOSWIKI, which does versioning, and link to Redmine, but it would be much simpler to not have to do this.

#16 - 2010-10-12 13:45 - Aleksandar Pavic

+1 ppl in my company cries over it...

#17 - 2010-10-12 13:58 - Felix Schäfer

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You could also use SVN, which is intended for such purposes, you know?...

#18 - 2010-10-15 08:59 - Aleksandar Pavic

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Additional + would be to see all files ever uploaded on issues in files module, like #3995

#19 - 2010-10-15 09:12 - Dario Laera
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#20 - 2010-10-15 09:27 - Pedro Gutierrez

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Sure, I also agree that SVN is not the best option for non-technical people

#3071 addresses this topic of providing an external repository for storing and versioning such as Alfresco. But, so far, I've seen no progress.

Dealing with documents much easier, however, can be done through existing plugins such as #801. My colleague Xabier has been uploading changes these days to improve this plugin developed by Arnaud. I recomend it.

#21 - 2011-05-06 14:08 - Karel Pičman

Try a new DMSF plugin here http://www.redmine.org/plugins/dmsf. The plugin implements basic DMS features such as versioning, folder structure, multi upload, workflow....

#22 - 2014-06-22 01:46 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Related to deleted (Feature #2555: Possibility for update Documents - version control )

#23 - 2014-06-22 01:46 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Duplicated by Feature #2555: Possibility for update Documents - version control added

#24 - 2014-06-22 01:47 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Related to Feature #3995: Upgrade to "Files" module added

#25 - 2014-06-22 02:06 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Related to Feature #1196: Add versioning for Files and Documents added

#26 - 2014-06-22 02:09 - Toshi MARUYAMA
- Status changed from Reopened to New