# Redmine - Defect #20143

# Mailhandler cannot handle 4-byte characters

2015-06-21 20:18 - Ragnar Nevries

Status: New Start date:
Priority: Low Due date:

Assignee: % Done: 0%

Category: Database Estimated time: 0.00 hour

Target version:

Resolution: Affected version: 3.0.2

## **Description**

When receiving an e-mail containing a 4-byte character (an apple-emoji in the example), the mail-handler dies with

Mysql2::Error: Incorrect string value: '\xF0\x9F\x98\x89' for column 'description' at row 1: INSERT INTO `issues` (`project\_id`, `author\_id`, `priority\_id`, `tracker\_id`, `status\_id`, `subject`, `description`, `start\_date`, `updated\_on`, `created\_on`, `lock\_version`) VALUES (15, 4, 2, 3, 1, 'Emoticon test', 'Here comes an emoji: ?~\_~X~I', '2015-06-21', '2015-06-21 18:05:05', '2015-06-21 18:05:05', '0)

and no ticket is created.

### Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Patch #19742: RedmineInstall: MySQL: collation\_database

Related to Redmine - Feature #31921: Changes to properly support 4 byte chara...

Closed

Has duplicate Redmine - Defect #10772: 4-byte utf-8 characters

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# History

#### #1 - 2015-06-22 05:51 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Priority changed from High to Low

#### #2 - 2015-06-22 05:52 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Category changed from Email receiving to Database

#### #3 - 2015-06-22 05:53 - Toshi MARUYAMA

Try utf8mb4 (#10772#note-7).

## #4 - 2015-06-22 05:55 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Related to Patch #19742: RedmineInstall: MySQL: collation database added

# #5 - 2015-06-22 06:09 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Has duplicate Defect #10772: 4-byte utf-8 characters added

## #6 - 2015-06-24 21:15 - Ragnar Nevries

Toshi MARUYAMA wrote:

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Wouldn't it be great to have this character encoding used per default or as an option for mysql? Four byte unicode characters are not that rare these days, especially in emails (where the emails client converts ASCII-things to utf8). Sorry if this is already possible, I'm using the great sameersbn Dockerfile for installing/running redmine.

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#### #7 - 2015-06-25 08:26 - Toshi MARUYAMA

Ragnar Nevries wrote:

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Redmine does not define creating database process. I don't prefer defining MySQL encoding (#19742#note-3).

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Please ask its maintainer.

#### #8 - 2015-12-15 09:57 - Peter Pfläging

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It works for all tables, if you change the ROW\_FORMAT in MySQL/MariaDB to DYNAMIC! I've made a script for that <a href="http://www.pflaeging.net/blog/archives/938">http://www.pflaeging.net/blog/archives/938</a> (Sorry, it's in german, but the script ist in sh ;-))

#### #9 - 2019-08-17 18:15 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Related to Feature #31921: Changes to properly support 4 byte characters (emoji) when database is MySQL added

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