

Redmine - Feature #2039

Generate strong passwords

2008-10-16 17:02 - Pierre Yager

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Description			
Hi,			
I use redmine at work to manage my "commercial" products. As my server is public, I would like to ensure users have strong passwords.			
I feel concerned about the quality of the user's passwords.			
I would be useful is redmine can generate such strong passwords when a new user signs-in and send it back its password by email. No giving the user choice of it's password. No letting him change it after. If the user forget its password, lost the email or didn't register it in it's browser passwords manager, a simple link will send him a new password by email.			
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History

#1 - 2008-10-18 06:19 - Eric Davis

Pierre Yager wrote:

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#2 - 2008-10-20 14:30 - Pierre Yager

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I'm pretty sure that System Generated Passwords, even when mailed in plain text, are generally safer than bad user made (or worst too much reused) passwords.

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Sure, that would be a very nice improvement. As I'm not able to do this by myself I will be happy with any kind of improvement that will be done in this area. I just though that using something like pwgen or any ruby implementation would be simpler than writing a password-strenght-o-meter.

#3 - 2011-03-23 10:45 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Category set to Accounts / authentication

#4 - 2012-10-28 18:46 - Daniel Felix

Well, it would be quite useful to add a button "generate password" in the userregistration (administration -> users).

This way, the admin has the ability to generate secure passwords, without knowing the user password.