

## Redmine - Defect #20513

### Unloadable plugin convention breaks with Rails 4.2.3

2015-08-11 18:20 - Pierre Pretorius

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
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<b>Category:</b>	Plugin API	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	3.4.4	<b>Affected version:</b>	3.1.0
<b>Resolution:</b>	Fixed		

#### Description

The RM documentation and existing plugins use the Rails **unloadable** statement. This doesn't work as expected with Redmine 3.1. I have quite a bit of experience with Rails and building RM plugins so please do not disregard this without an investigation.

The following steps illustrate and reproduce the problem:

1) Create a fresh new Redmine:

```
git clone https://github.com/redmine/redmine.git
cd redmine
git checkout 3.1-stable
```

```
nano config/database.yml
bundle exec rake generate_secret_token
bundle exec rake db:migrate
```

2) Create a fresh new plugin:

```
rails g redmine_plugin polls
rails g redmine_plugin_model polls poll name:string

bundle exec rake redmine:plugins:migrate
```

3) Add any code reference to this new **unloadable** Poll model. A quick way is to add the following to plugins/polls/init.rb:

```
Rails.application.config.to_prepare do
  Poll.new
end
```

4) At this point when Rails need to do code reloading it will fail with a message indicating it expected plugin/polls/app/models/poll.rb to define Poll. Try it by doing the following:

- Run the rails server and open any page served by it in your browser.
- Edit the any .rb file. An example is to add a newline to plugins/polls/app/models/poll.rb.
- Click any link in the page opened in the first step. You will get: **Unable to autoload constant Poll, expected**

*/home/pierre/redmine/plugins/polls/app/models/poll.rb to define it.*

If you remove the **unloadable** in the plugin Poll model this problem disappears. Note that a very large amount of RM plugins currently use unloadable and causes this issue. My environment after performing these 4 steps:

Environment:

Redmine version 3.1.0.stable  
Ruby version 2.1.3-p242 (2014-09-19) [x86\_64-linux]  
Rails version 4.2.3  
Environment production  
Database adapter PostgreSQL

SCM:

Subversion 1.8.8  
Git 1.9.1  
Filesystem

Redmine plugins:

polls 0.0.1

**Related issues:**

Related to Redmine - Patch # 27963: Remove 'unloadable' from bundled sample p...

**Closed**

**Associated revisions**

**Revision 17160 - 2018-01-08 18:53 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

Removes 'unloadable' from plugin templates (#20513).

Patch by Go MAEDA.

**Revision 17161 - 2018-01-08 18:54 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

Merged r17160 to 3.4-stable (#20513).

**History**

**#1 - 2015-08-11 18:35 - Pierre Pretorius**

Note that I can reproduce this in standard Rails 4.2.3 very easily. I've logged it on github: <https://github.com/rails/rails/issues/21198>

1) Create new Rails app:

```
rails new polls
bundle exec rails generate scaffold Question name:string
bundle exec rake db:migrate
```

2) Make a model unloadable:

```
nano app/models/question.rb
```

3) Do something that causes Rails to reload code:

```
rails s &  
curl localhost:3000/questions -s > /dev/null  
touch app/models/question.rb  
curl localhost:3000/questions -s > /dev/null
```

Error displayed: **Unable to autoload constant Question, expected app/models/question.rb to define it.**

#### #2 - 2015-10-04 11:05 - Jens Krämer

+1

Just stumbled across the very same problem and indeed calling unloadable on plugin models (or on core models when patching them) was the culprit.

In addition to that unloadable does not seem to serve any real purpose (at least nowadays) - Rails' auto loading just works like a charm for both core and plugin code without it.

#### #3 - 2016-11-16 19:52 - Javier Menéndez Rizo

When I quit the unloadable, I'm getting this from the core of redmine:

```
NameError  
Couldn't find CustomFieldsHelper, expected it to be defined in helpers/custom_fields_helper.rb
```

#### #4 - 2016-12-25 14:36 - Javier Menéndez Rizo

Javier Menéndez wrote:

```
| When I quit the unloadable, I'm getting this from the core of redmine:  
|  
| [...] |
```

I just removed all unloadable references from my plugins and the reload is working again.

This was on redmine 3.3.1 and ruby 2.3.1

#### #5 - 2017-07-01 02:26 - Akiko Takano

+1

I saw the same situation after Redmine3.x.

This may be wrong, but I personally think, at least the plugin which support version is Redmine3.x or higher, does not need to state unloadable.

**#6 - 2017-08-03 11:14 - Go MAEDA**

Can we remove all 'unloadable' from plugin templates?

Index: lib/generators/redmine\_plugin\_controller/templates/controller.rb.erb

```
=====  
--- lib/generators/redmine_plugin_controller/templates/controller.rb.erb (revision 16946)  
+++ lib/generators/redmine_plugin_controller/templates/controller.rb.erb (working copy)  
@@ -1,6 +1,4 @@  
class <%= @controller_class %>Controller < ApplicationController  
- unloadable  
-  
<% actions.each do |action| -%>
```

```
  def <%= action %>
```

Index: lib/generators/redmine\_plugin\_model/templates/model.rb.erb

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=====  
--- lib/generators/redmine_plugin_model/templates/model.rb.erb (revision 16946)  
+++ lib/generators/redmine_plugin_model/templates/model.rb.erb (working copy)  
@@ -1,3 +1,2 @@  
class <%= @model_class %> < ActiveRecord::Base  
- unloadable  
end
```

**#7 - 2017-12-02 11:28 - Akiko Takano**

Go MAEDA wrote:

| *Can we remove all 'unloadable' from plugin templates?*

| [...]

Yes we can, I personally think so.

**#8 - 2017-12-10 13:10 - Go MAEDA**

- Target version set to 4.0.0

Setting target version to 4.0.0.

**#9 - 2018-01-08 18:54 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Target version changed from 4.0.0 to 3.4.4

- Resolution set to Fixed

Change committed, thanks.

**#10 - 2018-01-10 08:59 - Mischa The Evil**

*- Related to Patch #27963: Remove 'unloadable' from bundled sample plugin added*