

## Redmine - Patch #21493

### Tweak colors of default theme

2015-12-12 10:45 - Go MAEDA

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>		<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>	UI	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
I suggest slightly changed colors for default theme in order to improve readability and appearance.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• deeper black for headings (#content h1, h2, h3, h4)</li><li>• vivid color for header (#top-menu / #header)</li><li>• blighter gray for sidebar (#main {background-color})</li><li>• deeper brack for headings in sidebar (#sidebar h3)</li><li>• blighter gray for boxes (.box)</li><li>• blighter gray for inactive tabs (#content .tabs ul li a)</li><li>• lighter yellow for issues (div.issue)</li><li>• blighter gray (same color with wiki.pre {background}) for wiki diff background (.text-diff)</li><li>• blighter gray for scm background (table.filecontent / table.annotate td.line-code)</li></ul>			
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to Redmine - Patch #32017: A much happier blue palette for the header...			<b>New</b>

### History

#### #1 - 2016-02-09 14:08 - Go MAEDA

Here are screenshots of the patch. Please take a look at them. I am sure that these changes improve readability and appearance.

screenshot-1.jpg  
screenshot-2.jpg  
screenshot-3.jpg

#### #2 - 2016-09-27 09:26 - Andrey Lobanov (RedSoft)

This patch is really changes readability in right way.

#### #3 - 2016-10-24 05:42 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Target version set to 3.4.0

#### #4 - 2016-12-18 10:29 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- Target version deleted (3.4.0)

Tastes and colors... I personally prefer the current colors over the proposed changes (header would be too dark for me).

#### #5 - 2017-03-08 10:39 - Go MAEDA

- File 21493-change-default-colors-v2.diff added

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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Thanks for your feedback.

I have updated the patch. The new patch does not change header color, only improves the readability of texts. I think current colors of texts are too light.

- deeper black for headings (#content h1, h2, h3, h4)
- ~~vivid color for header (#top-menu / #header)~~
- blighter gray for sidebar (#main {background-color})
- deeper brack for headings in sidebar (#sidebar h3)

- blighter gray for boxes (.box)
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#### #6 - 2017-10-28 11:37 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to 4.1.0

The second patch improves readability. Please take a look again.  
Setting target version to 4.1.0.

#### #7 - 2019-06-21 04:59 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

+1

#### #8 - 2019-06-23 08:18 - Makoto Saito

+1

I think it's necessary to tend to use standard setting of redmine as a tool.

#### #9 - 2019-06-29 17:40 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Assignee set to Go MAEDA

FYI, the patch cannot be applied on the latest trunk, maybe it should be updated.

#### #10 - 2019-07-03 04:18 - Mizuki ISHIKAWA

- File 21493-change-default-colors-v3.diff added

I will attach a patch that has been modified to apply to the trunk.  
@Go MAEDA, Would you confirm that the patched default theme is what you intended?

#### #11 - 2019-09-10 15:01 - Bernhard Rohloff

- Related to Patch #32017: A much happier blue palette for the header (#header + #top-menu) added

#### #12 - 2019-09-28 00:33 - Go MAEDA

- Target version changed from 4.1.0 to 4.2.0

#### #13 - 2020-03-10 01:54 - Go MAEDA

- Assignee deleted (Go MAEDA)

#### #14 - 2021-03-22 13:21 - Bernhard Rohloff

Here's a new version of the patch which can be applied to the latest trunk ([r20837](#)).

#### #15 - 2021-03-22 13:22 - Bernhard Rohloff

- File 21493-change-default-colors-v4.diff added

Forgot the patch...

#### #16 - 2021-03-25 08:35 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Target version changed from 4.2.0 to 5.0.0

Need more feedback on this.

#### #17 - 2022-03-18 19:43 - Marius BĂLTEANU

- Target version changed from 5.0.0 to Candidate for next major release

#### #18 - 2022-10-12 11:40 - Go MAEDA

- File 0001-Use-CSS-custom-properties-for-some-values.patch added

- File 0002-Adjust-colors-to-improve-readability.patch added

I have updated the patch.

- Use CSS custom properties for values affected by the patch. Since Redmine no longer supports Internet Explorer, now we can use CSS custom properties
- Slightly changed colors from the previous patch.

#19 - 2023-11-25 08:33 - pasquale [:dedalus]

[Marius BĂLTEANU](#) [Go MAEDA](#)

As for my previous comment in [#23980#note-50](#) I think there is a need to modernize the theme colors. Is it possible in your opinion to foresee a release in version 6.0?

Alternatively, you could think of using an already existing theme as the default redmine theme (for example <https://github.com/mrliptontea/PurpleMine2> or [https://github.com/farend/redmine\\_theme\\_farend\\_bleuclair](https://github.com/farend/redmine_theme_farend_bleuclair))?

#20 - 2023-11-25 10:51 - Guillermo ML

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It is my favorite theme but, in theory, PurpleMine2 [is not maintained anymore](#) although there have been releases this year.

#21 - 2024-10-14 09:30 - Go MAEDA

- Status changed from New to Closed
- Target version deleted (Candidate for next major release)

I am closing this issue because readability has been significantly improved by recent efforts, including:

- [Feature #23980: Replace icon images with Tabler SVG icons](#)
- [Feature #41298: Refine UI with updated box styling and border colors](#)
- [Feature #41321: Improve readability by refining font sizes and switching to Noto Sans font](#)
- [Feature #41475: Improve table readability by adding row borders](#)

Files			
change-default-colors.diff	4.8 KB	2015-12-12	Go MAEDA
screenshot-2.jpg	104 KB	2015-12-12	Go MAEDA
screenshot-1.jpg	131 KB	2015-12-12	Go MAEDA
screenshot-3.jpg	195 KB	2015-12-12	Go MAEDA
21493-change-default-colors-v2.diff	3.63 KB	2017-03-08	Go MAEDA
21493-change-default-colors-v3.diff	3.99 KB	2019-07-03	Mizuki ISHIKAWA
21493-change-default-colors-v4.diff	4.15 KB	2021-03-22	Bernhard Rohloff
0001-Use-CSS-custom-properties-for-some-values.patch	12.7 KB	2022-10-12	Go MAEDA
0002-Adjust-colors-to-improve-readability.patch	2.21 KB	2022-10-12	Go MAEDA