

Redmine - Feature #25799

Issue Import - Dynamic Parent pasks

2017-05-09 14:18 - Robert Barnebeck

Status:	Closed	Start date:	
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:	Importers	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Resolution:	Duplicate		
Description			
<p>We use the issue import feature in Redmine when we have a new project. In every project there is a bunch of issues, which cover typical tasks (design, deployment, accounts, testing e.g.). These tasks are connected between each other via parent task. We'd like to connect the issues directly with the import. But we cannot insert the explicit issue number, because the parent issues don't exist before import. And the second reason is that we want to use the import file as template, so there cannot be specific numbers.</p> <p>Useful would be a kind of dynamic link between the issues. Maybe one column in the import file represents a local ID, which can be used for the dynamic parent task link.</p>			
Related issues:			
Related to Redmine - Feature #28213: Support external ID when importing issues		Closed	
Is duplicate of Redmine - Feature #22701: Allow forward reference to parent w...		Closed	

History

#1 - 2017-06-02 13:42 - Mischa The Evil

- Status changed from New to Needs feedback

- Assignee set to Robert Barnebeck

Robert Barnebeck wrote:

[...] We'd like to connect the issues directly with the import. But we cannot insert the explicit issue number, because the parent issues don't exist before import. And the second reason is that we want to use the import file as template, so there cannot be specific numbers.

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I think you can already achieve such with the current implementation for [#950](#).

From [#23396#note-2](#):

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

When importing issues, the content of a the parent column can be:

- a number without # (eg: 10) => the parent will be the 10th imported issue
- a number with # (eg: #10) => the parent will be the existing issue with id=10

and from [HowTo_import_issues#Parent-Issue](#):

If the field starts with an #, the issue with that id is referenced. If the field contains a number it references the index of the issue in the import. Note that it's not the line number as line 1 contains the header

So, a CSV file looking like follows (note the parent column values with the #-sign omitted):

Subject	Startdate	Duedate	Parent
taskA	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	
taskB	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	1

taskC	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	1
taskD	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	3
taskE	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	3
taskF	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	4

would be imported creating the following issues tree:

```
taskA
-> taskB
-> taskC
  -> taskD
    -> taskF
  -> taskE
```

And, starting with not-yet-released Redmine [3.4.0](#), you can even use a CSV file like:

Subject	Startdate	Duedate	Parent
taskF	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	2
taskD	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	5
taskE	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	5
taskB	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	6
taskC	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	6
taskA	1/1/2016	12/31/2016	

which would be imported creating the following issues tree (equal to the example above):

```
taskA
-> taskB
-> taskC
  -> taskD
    -> taskF
  -> taskE
```

This extended feature behaviour is implemented through a separated issue ([#22701](#)).

#2 - 2017-06-23 10:20 - Robert Barnebeck

Hi Mischa,

at first sorry for my late response. I didn't notice the update mail. Thanks for your very informative information. I didn't know the feature with the relating parent task, that is very helpful.

Maybe there would be a little improvement useful: We want to use ticket imports for new projects, where we have our standard tickets. But we don't need all of these tickets for every new project. When deleting some rows, the relational row-link to the parent ticket can change. So it would help to relate to a defined ID-Column or something, where the ID doesn't change, even if rows are deleted inbetween.

Do you think this would be an appropriate feature request? It seems that I'm not allowed to change assignee, so I hope my message will be received.

Best regards,
Robert

#3 - 2017-07-01 16:36 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Status changed from Needs feedback to Closed
- Assignee deleted (Robert Barnebeck)
- Resolution set to Invalid

Robert Barnebeck wrote:

Maybe there would be a little improvement useful...

Please create new feature request issue.

#4 - 2017-07-01 16:42 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Resolution changed from *Invalid* to *Duplicate*

#5 - 2017-07-01 16:42 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Is duplicate of Feature #22701: Allow forward reference to parent when importing issues added

#6 - 2018-02-19 17:05 - Mischa The Evil

- Related to Feature #28213: Support external ID when importing issues added