

## Redmine - Feature #2677

### Show "unread" items in the issue list

2009-02-05 10:12 - Vasa Maximov

<b>Status:</b> New	<b>Start date:</b> 2009-02-05
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b>	<b>% Done:</b> 0%
<b>Category:</b> Issues	<b>Estimated time:</b> 0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Resolution:</b>	
<b>Description</b> Right now, in the issues list, it is not clear which of the issues have been updated since your last logon.  It would be very useful to clearly show the special state of an issue, which have been updated by other users and wasn't yet viewed by the current user.	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #3562: Show new comments and changes by marki...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-06-30</b>
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #3509: Show updated & new status on issues an...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-06-18</b>
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #4466: Read/unread status for issues and foru...	<b>Closed</b> <b>2009-12-21</b>

#### History

##### #1 - 2009-07-07 14:05 - Olivier Jacquet

Is related to [#3562](#) and [#3509](#).

##### #2 - 2009-12-22 11:00 - Olivier Jacquet

- File *redmine.png* added

- File *redmine2.png* added

I repeat the information from [#3509](#) because I think it adds some valuable example:

It would be nice if Redmine kept track of the timestamp when you last looked at a thread or issue. Then, when showing lists of issues or threads (eg. the Issues and Forums) pages it could annotate the title with an "updated" or "new" tag to show which issues/threads have been updated or created since you last looked at them.

An example of this feature is provided by Drupal. If you have an account and go to <http://drupal.org/project/issues/views> you can see which items are new and updated (to see the updated tag you need to look at an issue and wait for someone to update it). Drupal also shows the number of new posts and when you click on that link it opens the issue at the first new post. It also tags the new posts with a new keyword to indicate which ones are new.

I've attached screenshots to illustrate the two concepts.

##### #3 - 2009-12-22 21:50 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- File *unread\_issues.png* added

- Target version set to 1.0.0 (RC)

Olivier, thanks for the clarification.

I have a working patch for this feature. It's a bit late to get it into 0.9 but it will be committed in trunk soon.

Here you can see 3 new issues and 1 issue that was updated:

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<input type="checkbox"/> 4346	Defect	New	Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text
<input type="checkbox"/> 4345	Defect	New	• <b>Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 4341	Defect	New	• <b>Indicates that the objet was just read by +user+</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 4334	Defect	New	"Watch"ing an issue doesn't update watchers list
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<input type="checkbox"/> 4329	Feature	New	Forum : subsections
<input type="checkbox"/> 4328	Feature	New	• <b>Title on link menu</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 4327	Feature	New	Microblogging/Shoutbox

Any feedback on the look and feel is welcome.

#### #4 - 2009-12-22 23:39 - Felix Schäfer

Looks great, I'll give it a go when it hits trunk :-)

#### #5 - 2009-12-23 07:34 - Eric Davis

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

I have a working patch for this feature. It's a bit late to get it into 0.9 but it will be committed in trunk soon.

Could you post your patch here for review? I have a major patch I'm finishing up and want to see if they will conflict. Thanks.

#### #6 - 2009-12-23 08:11 - Jean-Philippe Lang

The patch is not ready for review, but it should not conflict with anything. What's your major patch about?

#### #7 - 2009-12-23 10:18 - Olivier Jacquet

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Also, the choice of small coloured bullets can make it hard for people that have trouble seeing colours to see if it's new or updated. Could you try putting new or updated in superscript at the end of the title to see the difference?

#### #8 - 2009-12-23 10:25 - Felix Schäfer

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#### #9 - 2009-12-23 13:50 - Jean-Philippe Lang

- File unread\_issues2.png added

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Agreed.

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**#10 - 2009-12-23 14:17 - Felix Schäfer**

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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I think I'd prefer having the boldness for making the changed/new issues stand out, and different bullet colors/shapes to differentiate changed and new, but I think that's more a matter of taste, and I suppose is configurable through a custom css. Other than that, UI looks good to me.

**#11 - 2010-01-12 09:51 - Nikolay Kotlyarov**

nice feature, looks good for me:)

**#12 - 2010-05-17 11:21 - Daniel N**

Looks great! +1

**#13 - 2010-06-15 00:41 - Eric Davis**

- Target version deleted (1.0.0 (RC))

Removing from 1.0. This hasn't been completed and 1.0 is feature frozen.

**#14 - 2011-06-09 16:19 - Peter Olson**

So what happened with this. Did it just die? Can you post your patch for this?

**#15 - 2011-06-10 06:55 - Dmitry Salashnik**

+1

**#16 - 2011-07-09 11:49 - Alexander Reznik**

+1 I think it will be very useful feature for all Redmine users

**#17 - 2011-11-01 18:40 - Brad Jones**

Bump

**#18 - 2012-02-28 16:01 - pasquale [:dedalus]**

Jean-Philippe Lang wrote:

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What happens here? No news on your patch?

Anyway +1 for me

**#19 - 2012-05-21 06:23 - Gibbet G**

+1

**#20 - 2012-05-24 18:18 - Nick Caballero**

+1

**#21 - 2012-06-28 15:10 - Egidijus Zideckas**

+1

**#22 - 2012-08-16 14:49 - Sergey Gnuskov**

+1

**#23 - 2012-08-17 08:29 - Egidijus Zideckas**

Hi everyone,

I've found redmine plugin for that : [https://github.com/egisz/redmine\\_already\\_read](https://github.com/egisz/redmine_already_read)  
I added stylesheet to original plugin, and already using it ~ 2 months in production environment.

Hope you'll like it :)

**#24 - 2012-08-17 11:59 - pasquale [:dedalus]**

Egidijus Zideckas wrote:

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Thanks...

it works both releases 1.4.x and 2.x?

**#25 - 2012-08-24 12:06 - Egidijus Zideckas**

Hi, I only tested on 2.x.

pasquale [:dedalus] wrote:

Egidijus Zideckas wrote:

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**#26 - 2013-02-11 14:40 - Wim DePreter**

+1

**#27 - 2013-11-25 11:54 - Michael Heinze**

I think we have to clarify what the request of this Feature is in Detail.

If the request is that **unread items in the issues list(s)** shall be highlighted, then:

- the description of this issue fully describes the required functionality
- this is NOT a duplicate of [#3509](#) or [#4466](#) because those issues also request that Forum threads/entries shall be highlighted.
- the Images attached by Jean-Philippe Lang Show the requested functionality
- the plugin mentioned by Egidijus Zideckas fulfills this request

Whereas, if the request is that **unread items in the issues list(s) and unread Forum threads/entries** shall be highlighted, then:

- the description of this issue does not fully describe the required functionality
- this IS a duplicate of [#3509](#) and [#4466](#).

- the Images attached by Jean-Philippe Lang do not fully the requested functionality
- the plugin mentioned by Egidijus Zideckas does not fully fulfill this request

In our Company we were looking for a plugin that Highlights unread Forum entries and found out that unfortunately the plugin does not fulfill this.

**#28 - 2014-03-24 04:17 - Anonymous**

+1

**#29 - 2014-03-25 22:40 - Anonymous**

+2

**#30 - 2015-02-02 17:39 - Jan S**

+1 this should really be core functionality as otherwise the forum/board is not that useful.

**#31 - 2015-03-10 08:40 - Anonymous**

+1

I tried to install the mentioned plugin redmine\_already\_read, but it failed to get installed. What is the status of this function. I would really like to see it implemented!

Thanks for the good work.

**#32 - 2015-04-30 08:39 - Konstantin Tkachenko**

+1

Alexander Strunck wrote:

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We've taken the plugin described [here](#). There are some repositories with this plugin on github.com by the way (i.e. [https://github.com/tdvsdv/unread\\_issues](https://github.com/tdvsdv/unread_issues)).

I had to modify it to meet our needs, but haven't yet published it to github. The versions on github seem to support even redmine 3.x.

P.S.: the mentioned plugin only support unread issues, not unread forum threads.

**#33 - 2015-06-22 11:48 - Anonymous**

I installed it in Bitnami Redmine 3.0.2. and it works fine.

The last half hour I tested the plugin, the issues are marked with a green dot and the subject is bold. I like it so far. In the text above also a yellow/orange dot is mentioned for updates. I could not figure out when this is used.

E.g. I use user a to edit an existing issue. User B sees than the issue with a green dot as new?

**#34 - 2017-09-19 14:26 - Mutsu Yakumo**

Any news here?

at the moment no plugin works without any errors... and I think this is an so important function.

**#35 - 2018-09-25 12:17 - Alexander Ryabinovskiy**

Nice reature!

Why it's not implemented in redmine core?

**#36 - 2021-04-08 10:26 - Alexandr Chernyaev**

+1

**Files**

redmine.png	134 KB	2009-12-22	Olivier Jacquet
redmine2.png	85.8 KB	2009-12-22	Olivier Jacquet
unread_issues.png	9.45 KB	2009-12-22	Jean-Philippe Lang
unread_issues2.png	9.28 KB	2009-12-23	Jean-Philippe Lang