

Redmine - Patch #29171

Add missing index to custom_values

2018-07-02 19:39 - Stephane Evr

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Category:	Performance	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	Candidate for next major release		

Description

On our Redmine installation, we have around 100000+ issues with lots of custom fields.

I ran into a bottleneck where some Issue Queries were very very slow when requesting criteria on multiple custom fields and grouping.

In the custom_values table, I noticed that there was no index for [customized_type, customized_id, custom_field_id]. Adding such index resulted in loading times much faster for those complex issue queries (From 60+ seconds down to 5 seconds, with DB caching disabled).

Here is the index I added:

```
class AddMissingIndexCustomValues < ActiveRecord::Migration
  def change
    add_index :custom_values, [:customized_type, :customized_id, :custom_field_id], name: "
custom_values_customized_custom_field"
  end
end
```

History

#1 - 2018-07-02 21:46 - Pavel Rosický

there're already two indexes

```
custom_values_customized      [customized_type, customized_id]
index_custom_values_on_custom_field_id [custom_field_id]
```

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60s to 5s seems to be a lot. My db has 140000 issues and 10000000 custom values (mysql 5.7) and I can confirm grouping queries with custom fields are about 50% faster (without db caching). It's an improvement.

What is your db backend? Could you share query plans (explain) of the problematic query (with and without the index)?

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/explain-extended.html>

#2 - 2018-07-03 16:16 - Stephane Evr

Here is my DB Version: mysql Ver 15.1 Distrib 10.0.34-MariaDB, for debian-linux-gnu (x86_64) using readline 5.2

Please find below an example of long SQL Query. The original query was much much bigger, but I have isolated a part which was taking a lot of time.

For instance, sort the list of issues by a Custom Field:

```
SELECT issues.* FROM issues
LEFT OUTER JOIN custom_values cf_34
  ON cf_34.customized_type = 'Issue'
  AND cf_34.customized_id = issues.id
  AND cf_34.custom_field_id = 34
  AND cf_34.value <> ''
ORDER BY Coalesce(cf_34.value, '') DESC
LIMIT 25;
```

Here Custom Field id is 34, it is of type list in Redmine and its possible values are ['OK', 'KO', '']

The DB contains:

- 147262 Issues
- 3318197 Custom Values
- 51211 Custom Values associated with Custom Field 34

Running the query without the added index Takes 13 seconds:

```
...
25 rows in set (13.64 sec)
```

And the EXPLAIN:

```
***** 1. row *****
  id: 1
select_type: SIMPLE
  table: issues
  type: ALL
possible_keys: NULL
  key: NULL
  key_len: NULL
  ref: NULL
  rows: 147262
  Extra: Using temporary; Using filesort
***** 2. row *****
  id: 1
select_type: SIMPLE
  table: cf_34
  type: ref
possible_keys: custom_values_customized,index_custom_values_on_custom_field_id
  key: custom_values_customized
  key_len: 96
  ref: const,redmine_development.issues.id
  rows: 14
  Extra: Using where
```

Now with the added index, it takes 2 seconds:

```
...
25 rows in set (1.91 sec)
```

And the EXPLAIN:

```
***** 1. row *****
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possible_keys: custom_values_customized,index_custom_values_on_custom_field_id,custom_values_customized_custom_field
  key: custom_values_customized_custom_field
  key_len: 100
  ref: const,redmine_development.issues.id,const
  rows: 1
  Extra: Using where
```

#3 - 2018-07-03 16:24 - Stephane Evr

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#4 - 2018-07-03 17:17 - Pavel Rosický

ok, the real problem is elsewhere

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it means that your db has to load 147262 issues to execute your query. The query is also ordered

```
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writes could be slower because [customized_type, customized_id, custom_field_id] is more complicated than [customized_type, customized_id] it won't slowdown existing read queries because the order is the same as the previous index, for instance

```
SELECT custom_values WHERE customized_type = 'Issue' AND customized_id = 1 can use [customized_type, customized_id,  
custom_field_id] index
```

but

SELECT custom_values WHERE customized_id = 1 AND custom_field_id = 1 can't (not a real case)

#5 - 2018-07-03 18:09 - Stephane Evr

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#6 - 2018-07-03 22:19 - Pavel Rosický

Stephane Evr wrote:

Okay, thanks for your comments! One thing I am missing is why 14 rows? I tried with a completely different custom field and there were 14 rows to process as well.

It is showing how many rows it ran through to get result (it's just an estimate, not an exact number). It depends on many factors, but if the number of rows is too high the query is probably too complex or indexes are missing.

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I don't see any downsides about this change, so +1

#7 - 2018-07-04 01:35 - Go MAEDA

- Category set to Performance

Stephane Evr and Pavel Rosický, thank you for the detailed investigation.

My understanding is that the conclusion is that Redmine should have an index for [:customized_type, :customized_id, :custom_field_id] instead of [customized_type, customized_id]. Is it correct?

#8 - 2018-07-04 12:37 - Stephane Evr

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#9 - 2018-07-04 14:42 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to Candidate for next major release