### Redmine - Defect #34108

# "Is duplicate of" and "Has duplicate" issue relations can be a circular reference

2020-10-13 05:50 - Go MAEDA

 Status:
 New
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 Normal
 Due date:

 Assignee:
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 Category:
 Issues
 Estimated time:
 0.00 hour

Target version: Candidate for next minor release

Resolution: Affected version:

# **Description**

You can make two issues circular reference with the following steps:

- 1. Suppose that there are two issues A and B
- 2. Open the issue A and add a "Is duplicate of" relation to issue B
- 3. Open the issue B and add a "Is duplicate of" relation to issue A

After the above operation, each of those two issues will have two relations against the opponent, "Has duplicate and Is duplicate of" (see the screenshot below). Such logically wrong relations should not be created.

### circular-relation.png

The curcular reference causes a serious problem when you try to close one of those issues. If you attempt to close the issue, Redmine raises SystemStackError exception and hangs.

```
SystemStackError (stack level too deep):
lib/plugins/acts_as_customizable/lib/acts_as_customizable.rb:92:in `detect'
lib/plugins/acts_as_customizable/lib/acts_as_customizable.rb:92:in `block in custom_field_values'
lib/plugins/acts_as_customizable/lib/acts_as_customizable.rb:81:in `collect'
lib/plugins/acts_as_customizable/lib/acts_as_customizable.rb:81:in `custom_field_values'
app/models/journal.rb:193:in `start'
app/models/journal.rb:77:in `initialize'
app/models/issue.rb:823:in `init_journal'
app/models/issue.rb:1859:in `block in close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `each'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:215:in `create_or_update'
app/models/issue.rb:1862:in `block in close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `each'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:215:in `create_or_update'
app/models/issue.rb:1862:in `block in close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `each'
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app/models/issue.rb:1862:in `block in close_duplicates'
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app/models/issue.rb:215:in `create_or_update'
app/models/issue.rb:1862:in `block in close_duplicates'
app/models/issue.rb:1851:in `each'
```

# History

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### #1 - 2020-10-13 09:14 - Yuichi HARADA

- File fixed-34108.patch added

I made the following patch with reference to the modification of #27663.

```
diff --git a/app/models/issue_relation.rb b/app/models/issue_relation.rb
index d0a66ba40..e0075cb0a 100644
--- a/app/models/issue_relation.rb
+++ b/app/models/issue_relation.rb
@@ -239,6 +239,10 @@ class IssueRelation < ActiveRecord::Base
      issue_from.blocks? issue_to
     when 'blocks'
      issue_to.blocks? issue_from
     when 'duplicated'
+
     self.class.where(issue_from_id: issue_from, issue_to_id: issue_to, relation_type: TYPE_DUPLICATES).exis
ts?
     when 'duplicates'
+
      self.class.where(issue_from_id: issue_to, issue_to_id: issue_from, relation_type: TYPE_DUPLICATES).exis
ts?
     when 'relates'
       self.class.where(issue_from_id: issue_to, issue_to_id: issue_from).present?
     else
```

#### #2 - 2020-10-14 07:49 - Yuichi HARADA

- File fixed-34108-v2.patch added

The registration data may contain Issues that you have already circular dependency. To solve this, add the following patch to fixed-34108.patch.

```
diff --git a/app/models/issue.rb b/app/models/issue.rb
index 8c3146137..21aed394b 100644
--- a/app/models/issue.rb
+++ b/app/models/issue.rb
@@ -1848,6 +1848,14 @@ class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
   # Closes duplicates if the issue is being closed
   def close_duplicates
     if Setting.close_duplicate_issues? && closing?
       # Check that there are no circular dependency of relationships
       relations_to.where(:relation_type => IssueRelation::TYPE_DUPLICATES).each do |relation|
        unless relation.valid?
           errors.add :base, relation.errors.full_messages.first
           throw :abort
+
       end
       duplicates.each do |duplicate|
         # Reload is needed in case the duplicate was updated by a previous duplicate
         duplicate.reload
```

#### #3 - 2020-10-15 16:07 - Go MAEDA

- Target version set to Candidate for next minor release

#### #4 - 2020-12-20 10:32 - Go MAEDA

Yuichi HARADA wrote:

I made the following patch with reference to the modification of #27663.

[...]

Thank you for writing the patch. But I found that fixed-34108-v2.patch does not cover the situation that 3 or more issues make circular dependency.

```
Issue 101 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 102
Issue 102 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 103
Issue 103 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 101
```

# #5 - 2020-12-23 03:57 - Yuichi HARADA

- File fixed-34108-v3.patch added

Go MAEDA wrote:

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Thank you for writing the patch. But I found that <u>fixed-34108-v2.patch</u> does not cover the situation that 3 or more issues make circular dependency.

- Issue 101 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 102
- Issue 102 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 103
- Issue 103 ---(has duplicate)---> Issue 101

Thank you for pointing this out. I have fixed it to cover situations where three or more issues cause circular dependencies.

```
diff --git a/app/models/issue.rb b/app/models/issue.rb
index 8ba261bb1f..a8810611cb 100644
 -- a/app/models/issue.rb
+++ b/app/models/issue.rb
@@ -1930,6 +1930,13 @@ class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
   # Closes duplicates if the issue is being closed
   def close_duplicates
    if Setting.close_duplicate_issues? && closing?
       # Check that there are no circular dependency of relationships
       duplicate_issue_ids = circular_dependency_duplicate_issue_ids(duplicates)
      if duplicate_issue_ids.include?(self.id)
        self.errors.add :base, :circular_dependency
        throw :abort
       duplicates.each do |duplicate|
         # Reload is needed in case the duplicate was updated by a previous duplicate
        duplicate.reload
@@ -1946,6 +1953,17 @@ class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
    end
  def circular_dependency_duplicate_issue_ids(issues, duplicate_ids = [])
    issues.each do |issue|
     next if duplicate_ids.include?(issue.id)
      duplicate_ids << issue.id</pre>
       \verb|duplicate_ids.concat(circular_dependency_duplicate_issue_ids(issue.duplicates, duplicate_ids)||
       duplicate_ids.uniq!
    duplicate_ids
  # Make sure updated_on is updated when adding a note and set updated_on now
   # so we can set closed_on with the same value on closing
def force_updated_on_change
```

# **Files**

circular-relation.png	17 KB	2020-10-13	Go MAEDA
fixed-34108.patch	1.79 KB	2020-10-13	Yuichi HARADA
fixed-34108-v2.patch	3.93 KB	2020-10-14	Yuichi HARADA
fixed-34108-v3.patch	5.37 KB	2020-12-23	Yuichi HARADA

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