Redmine - Feature #5289
Add Initials to options in 'User Display' settings

2010-04-10 23:18 - Simon Pickles

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Description

Please could I request an option for Initials option in User Display? Use of Initials is a normal business model for fast identification.

Especially useful would be to add middle names to help uniqueness. Eg SDSP in my case, not just SP

History

#1 - 2010-04-10 23:45 - Felix Schäfer

I already treated (or not for that matter, as the OP never replied it seems) a similar question over on the forum, so if you feel comfortable maintaining a small code change on your redmine until this gets in stable, head there.

#2 - 2010-04-13 10:07 - Simon Pickles

Felix Schäfer wrote:

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#3 - 2010-04-13 15:57 - Eric Thomas

If the login name is your initials, then you can do this by going to Administration-->Settings-->Display-->Users display format and selecting the login name.

#4 - 2010-04-13 19:05 - Simon Pickles

Eric Thomas wrote:

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This had occurred to me, but I am reluctant to ask all our users to switch login names!

#5 - 2010-04-13 23:42 - Felix Schäfer

Simon Pickles wrote:

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Add a new line to USER_FORMATS in source:trunk/app/models/user.rb#L28, for initials e.g. something like :initials => '#{firstname[0,1]}.#{lastname[0,1]}.', (or :initials => '#{(firstname + " " + lastname).split(/-|\s/).collect{ |x| x[0,1] + "." }.join},' if you want to handle names with spaces and/or dashes in them), that should give you an added option in the display settings that shows the first character of the first and last name with dots (i.e. *F.S.* for me).

Please note that you will probably need to restart your rails server for this change to take effect, and that I have only quickly tested the string handling stuff in the second proposal but *not* in an actual redmine.

EDIT: Forgot a , at the end of the second solution.