# Redmine - Feature #5485

# Readable date display for recent events: "3 hours ago" instead of the full date

2010-05-09 17:24 - blue storm

Status:	Closed	Start date:	2010-05-09
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:	UI	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Resolution:	Invalid		

## **Description**

For recent events, a time indication relative to the present time is much more readable than the absolute datetime. For example, "3 hours & 31 minutes ago" is much more readable than "2010-05-09 14:56".

It would be nice if Redmine could (possibly optionally) display dates in such a format. There is a loss of precision: if you give hours and minutes, you don't have the seconds count, but that is useless information anyway.

I think a very good default is to have the readable date format in the index pages (view issues and such) and the precise, absolute datetime displayed on the item page.

### History

#### #1 - 2010-12-27 14:08 - Bruno Medeiros

I never saw absolute dates in Redmine... Where did you find them?

#### #2 - 2010-12-28 03:16 - Mischa The Evil

Bruno Medeiros wrote:

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The only place I where could find them is on four issue-list columns:

- 1. 'Created'
- 2. 'Updated'
- 3. 'Start (date)'
- 4. 'Due date'

IMHO both 3 and 4 are validly rendered as absolute dates. For about 1 and 2 I am not so sure...

We may need to narrow this issue down to those two issue list columns... What do others think? Initial issue author?

### #3 - 2011-11-23 22:28 - Mischa The Evil

- Status changed from New to Closed
- Resolution set to Invalid

11 months passing made me "sure" that also 1 and 2 are validly rendered as absolute dates. That and no other feedback => closing as invalid.

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