

## Redmine - Feature #5762

### Viewing the diff of \*.doc files.

2010-06-25 14:17 - Denis Savitskiy

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| <b>Status:</b>   | Closed    | <b>Start date:</b>     | 2010-06-25 |
| <b>Priority:</b>   | Normal    | <b>Due date:</b>       |            |
| <b>Assignee:</b>   |           | <b>% Done:</b>         | 0%         |
| <b>Category:</b>   | Documents | <b>Estimated time:</b> | 0.00 hour  |
| <b>Target version:</b>   |           |                        |            |
| <b>Resolution:</b>   | Wont fix  |                        |            |
| <b>Description</b>   |           |                        |            |
| Can it be held, please, if possible? I think, it will be very useful to many projects. |           |                        |            |

#### History

##### #1 - 2010-06-27 01:29 - Felix Schäfer

- Assignee deleted (Azamat Hackimov)
- Priority changed from High to Normal
- Estimated time deleted (2.00)

A correct diff of Word documents is very difficult to achieve and not in the scope of this project, sorry.

##### #2 - 2010-07-07 21:05 - Douglas Cox

Actually, if it is acceptable to let Word do the diffs, TortoiseHg (Mercurial) has a "docdiff.exe" tool that will launch Word and use its built-in diff and merge tools. This seems to work quite well. So maybe an "External Diff Tool" setting for a given file extension is all that is needed.

##### #3 - 2010-07-07 22:22 - Felix Schäfer

Douglas Cox wrote:

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##### #4 - 2010-07-08 00:37 - Douglas Cox

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It is a perfectly acceptable solution for the people that **do** use Word to create Word documents. I believe there was support for Open Office, and the ".exe" is a just compiled python script, so it should work with Open Office under Linux as well.

Regardless, I fail to see how an option to configure an "External Diff/Merge Tool" has any operating system bias as it is a standard option with most revision control systems.

**#5 - 2010-07-08 00:41 - Douglas Cox**

And yes, this would have to be done on the client's side, which is the main issue. So for most people it would be easier to use Mercurial or another RCS and simply use that to store their docs since they already support it and the files are already on the users system.

**#6 - 2011-09-15 15:42 - Denis Savitskiy**

- *Status changed from New to Resolved*

**#7 - 2013-01-15 22:30 - Jan Niggemann (redmine.org team member)**

Closing this, status is resolved since 400 days and more (issue was last updated more than 400 days ago)...

**#8 - 2013-01-15 22:37 - Jan Niggemann (redmine.org team member)**

- *Status changed from Resolved to Closed*

**#9 - 2013-01-16 09:26 - Toshi MARUYAMA**

- *Resolution set to Wont fix*

**#10 - 2014-01-29 17:13 - Anton Nepomnyaschih**

There are tools like doc2txt which can be used to look at diff between two Word files.