

## Redmine - Defect #6373

### Can't Set author\_id When Creating New Issue Through REST API

2010-09-12 16:48 - Scott Doerrfeld

<b>Status:</b> Closed	<b>Start date:</b> 2010-09-12
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b>	<b>% Done:</b> 0%
<b>Category:</b> REST API	<b>Estimated time:</b> 0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	<b>Affected version:</b>
<b>Resolution:</b> Duplicate	

**Description**

I have a web form on a separate site that I have been using with the REST API to create new issues successfully. I have only one problem: when using the REST API as shown below, it appears to not use the author\_id that I define. Instead, the new issue always ends up having author\_id set to the id of the user that is authenticating with the API.

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1. Issue model on the client side
class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
  self.site = 'http://redmine.server/'
  self.user = 'foo'
  self.password = 'bar'
end

issue = Issue.new(
  :subject => 'REST API',
  :assigned_to_id => 1,
  :project_id => 1,
  :author_id => 4      <--- this gets overwritten by id of 'foo'
)
```

Is setting the author\_id not allowable from the REST API or am I missing something? I also tried changing the user and password dynamically with each new request (i.e. issue.user => 'user', issue.password => 'password' before issue.save gets called), without success.

**Related issues:**

Related to Redmine - Feature #1739: Add ability to change issue author	<b>Reopened</b>	<b>2008-08-04</b>
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#### History

##### #1 - 2010-09-12 17:37 - Felix Schäfer

See [source/trunk/app/controllers/issues\\_controller.rb#L307](source/trunk/app/controllers/issues_controller.rb#L307), the author of an issue will always be the user hitting the controller, be it over html or REST.

##### #2 - 2010-09-12 19:37 - Eric Davis

- Status changed from New to Closed

- Resolution set to Duplicate

Felix is right. There is a feature request ([#1739](#)) for setting author to another user but it's not Redmine yet. (e.g. UserA creates Issue for UserB with UserB as the "author"). Once it's added to Redmine, it will include API access.

I have some code a client is testing out that does this but it's not ready for release quite yet.

##### #3 - 2010-09-13 23:09 - Terence Mill

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##### #4 - 2012-06-26 12:32 - Joerg Oswald

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##### #5 - 2013-03-01 15:58 - Paul Wehle

+1

**#6 - 2013-03-01 16:46 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

Scott Doerrfeld wrote:

Is setting the author\_id not allowable from the REST API or am I missing something?

Setting author\_id is not allowed. But you can use [User-Impersonation](#) when using the API with an admin account.

**#7 - 2013-03-01 16:56 - Paul Wehle**

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Hi Jean-Philippe, sorry I don't understand the meaning of your comment. Could you elaborate please?

In my case I'd like to see who was the user who reported the issue, this is the author of the issue. Since author\_id cannot be set through REST API I am not sure how to achieve this.

Even if using [Rest\\_api](#) with an admin account I believe the author\_id cannot be set as shown in create\_issue request [Rest\\_Issues](#) where this parameter does not exist.

**#8 - 2013-03-01 17:37 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

[User-Impersonation](#) lets you make a API request as if it was done by another user. You should be able to use it to set the issue author to a different user. You just need to set the X-Redmine-Switch-User header of your API request to the login of the user that should be the author of the issue.