

## Redmine - Feature #8417

### per tracker configurable issue form layout with preview

2011-05-20 17:07 - Terence Mill

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| <b>Status:</b>         | New    | <b>Start date:</b>     | 2011-05-20 |
| <b>Priority:</b>       | Normal | <b>Due date:</b>       |            |
| <b>Assignee:</b>       |        | <b>% Done:</b>         | 0%         |
| <b>Category:</b>       | UI     | <b>Estimated time:</b> | 0.00 hour  |
| <b>Target version:</b> |        |                        |            |
| <b>Resolution:</b>     |        |                        |            |

#### Description

I thought about an approach to make the issue form layout completely configurable by user and i found it!

Being able to set issue form layout, would need a to configure table cell for every field.

E.g

| field                | column | row |
|----------------------|--------|-----|
| title                | 1      | 1   |
| subject              | 1      | 2   |
| description          | 1      | 3   |
| Status               | 1      | 4   |
| Priority             | 1      | 5   |
| Assignee             | 1      | 6   |
| Category             | 1      | 7   |
| Affected version     | 1      | 8   |
| Start date           | 2      | 4   |
| Due date             | 2      | 5   |
| Estimated time Hours | 2      | 6   |
| %Done                | 2      | 7   |
| Resolution           | 2      | 8   |
| Files                | 1      | 9   |

The algo to make a table layout of this is pretty simple. It has to search for all list entries with same row number and make a table with number of columns used in this rows. In the redmines standard issue form case (see table above) first 3 rows have one column layout, row 4-8 have 2 column layout and row 9 has one column again).

A Preview Link can show how the issue form will be rendered with the entered value in the layout configuration table.

See my [wireframe demo](#) for better imagination.

#### Related issues:

|  |               |                   |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Related to Redmine - Feature # 8447: support for custom fields to be structur... | <b>Closed</b> | <b>2011-05-26</b> |
| Related to Redmine - Feature # 4388: Ability to rearrange tracker fields for...  | <b>New</b>    | <b>2009-12-11</b> |
| Related to Redmine - Feature # 7784: Ordering/Placement of Custom Fields         | <b>New</b>    | <b>2011-03-04</b> |
| Related to Redmine - Feature # 12250: Configure order custom fields              | <b>New</b>    |                   |
| Related to Redmine - Feature # 3543: Improve 'long text' custom fields           | <b>Closed</b> | <b>2009-06-25</b> |

#### History

#1 - 2011-05-20 17:10 - Terence Mill

Ups.. wrong link

Checkout [demo here](#)

### #2 - 2011-05-26 22:17 - Terence Mill

related to #8447 in terms of positioning fields.

The input type configuration shall be part of the global config, not like the issue form layout which is configurable per tracker, like described here

#8447 is a nice extension to this or the other way round.

### #3 - 2011-07-25 23:19 - Terence Mill

[new wireframe url](#)

### #4 - 2012-07-18 23:54 - Terence Mill

#### Dupes

- Feature #8447 support for custom fields to be structured like description field

### #5 - 2012-08-12 13:56 - Terence Mill

Sorry, but the wireframe went offline cause tigr decided to make its service paid, and took any content created before inside this. That is bad company, so i decided keep em go and die with it.

However the idea is so simple to imagine without wirframe too.

You just start drawing one grid per row (or optimized: and all following rows with same number of columns configured). You iterate with this also ascending the row count and attach every new of row x under the grid of row x+1 (or optimized: x+n rows following with same number of columns configured).

With this algo you can even allign fields flexible everywhere, like spawn first row beyond second row, although first row only has 2 fields and second 4 row for example:

Configuration:

| field   | row | column |
|---------|-----|--------|
| field 1 | 1   | 1      |
| field 2 | 1   | 4      |
| field 3 | 2   | 1      |
| field 4 | 2   | 2      |
| field 5 | 2   | 3      |
| field 6 | 2   | 4      |

#### ..would look like Layout

| field 1 |         | field 2 |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| field 3 | field 4 | field 5 | field 6 |

You see you can span lesser num of fields.

What is needed now to be able beyond do complete left orientation of fields is some field placeholder to use fields so that you are completely free of field orientation.

This could look like this:

| field       | row | column |
|-------------|-----|--------|
| placeholder | 1   | 1      |
| placeholder | 1   | 2      |
| field 2     | 1   | 4      |
| field 3     | 2   | 1      |
| field 4     | 2   | 2      |
| field 5     | 2   | 3      |
| field 6     | 2   | 4      |

..would look like Layout

|         |         | field 2 |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| field 3 | field 4 | field 5 | field 6 |

So the only field in row 1 is spanned only over the right two col 3 and 4 instead over the complete range. This is only need to fill from right to left.

**#6 - 2012-08-24 05:40 - Jonathan East**

+1 for this feature. I think this would be much easier if it were just a simple drag and drop.

**#7 - 2012-08-24 12:47 - Terence Mill**

Yeah, but much morw work too. I am not sure if this effort is used in the first step, if this is only configured by the admin.

**#8 - 2012-11-20 00:22 - Terence Mill**

Ping! Hopefully this issue form layout designer gets some attention.

**#9 - 2012-11-27 22:26 - Philip Lapczynski**

This would be fantastic. As a user with a lot of custom fields, this is really something that would take this to the next level. It would be great to be able to group fields in the way we want.

**#10 - 2013-01-05 12:29 - Daniel Felix**

Well, this would be great to have.

I also requested some feature which could be handled with this solution too.

+1

**#11 - 2013-04-10 21:54 - Dipan Mehta**

This looks like a great generic solution.

It is a super set for many issues: #4388, #7784 and #12250.

Also, this can be related to #3543 which talks about better layout when long text fields are used.

**#12 - 2013-04-12 23:31 - Nathanael Hansen**

+1 for this feature

**#13 - 2013-05-08 17:11 - Joel SCHAAL**

+1 as well, can we have some feedback from the dev team about that issue ?

It has been sitting here for 2 years with no feedback (and I have not seen any on the related tasks as well), is it to be considered as a *Will not fix* ?

**#14 - 2013-06-13 21:50 - Raí Kuhn**

+1 waiting feedback too

**#15 - 2013-08-12 20:03 - Michelle H**

+1 Would love an update on this.

**#16 - 2013-11-17 09:52 - Maxime Vez**

+1 I would love this as well.

**#17 - 2014-01-24 18:28 - Daniele Pedroni**

+1 also for me, Redmine core is great but it would need some appearance enhancement, IMHO.

**#18 - 2014-03-08 06:22 - Gimhan Sumanasekera**

Love to see this as a feature in Redmine!

**#19 - 2014-03-10 14:58 - Darth Vader**

+1

**#20 - 2014-05-05 08:57 - Jethro Yu**

+1

**#21 - 2016-03-18 08:24 - Sebastian Paluch**

+1

#22 - 2016-10-24 12:25 - Pavel Kestefran

+1

#23 - 2016-12-07 13:03 - ale dp

+1

#24 - 2019-04-12 08:53 - Friederike Jolk

+1