ChiliProject - Bug # 256: requires_redmine_plugin should defer loading plugins if not all dependencies are met

Status:	Closed	Priority:	Normal
Author:	Holger Just	Category:	Plugin API
Created:	2011-03-03	Assignee:	
Updated:	2011-08-25	Due date:	
Remote issue URL:	http://www.redmine.org/issues/6324		
Affected version:	master		
Description:	@requires_redmine_plugin@ is a nice facility to track inter-plugin dependencies, however, it is useless if I do		
	not want (or cannot) rename plugins I depend on.		
	I propose that plugins are deferred and loaded at a later time, if possible.		
	See attached patch for a proposed solution.		
	_The patch and this issue is copied from http://www.redmine.org/issues/6324. The patch was developed by Tim Felgentreff		

Associated revisions

2011-08-25 06:46 pm - Felix Schäfer

Add deferred loading for plugins which's requirements aren't all met yet #256

History

2011-03-03 03:58 pm - Holger Just

- File 0001-Add-a-Redmine-plugin-locator-to-be-able-to-query-the.patch added

2011-03-05 12:00 pm - Felix Schäfer

As I don't have much knowledge of those parts of rails it's OK with me if it's Tim and Holger approved. Is it used in production yet at Finnlabs?

2011-03-05 06:52 pm - Tim Felgentreff

Felix SchĤfer wrote:

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We have been deploying with this patch for some time (we also use acts_as_journalized internally, this patch was written at the same time, iirc)

2011-03-06 02:28 am - Eric Davis

Tim:

I can test this out with my redmine_contracts plugin. It requires two other plugins to be loaded first but in the standard A-Z loading they are loaded last.

One question: so if a plugin can't find a dependency, it gets added to @@deferred_plugins@ as long as Rails sees that it's dependency will be loaded later (@has_plugin?@). Than as each plugin is loaded, all of the @@deferred_plugins@ are loaded again to see if their dependencies are now met. Is that right?

2011-03-06 08:39 am - Tim Felgentreff

Eric Davis wrote:

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Yes, that's right. So with your @redmine_contracts@ plugin, it will fail to load and add it to @@deferred_plugins[:redmine_overhead]@. Once @redmine_overhead@ is loaded, it'll try loading @redmine_contracts@, again, and fail, because @redmine_rate@ hasn't been loaded. So it is added to @@deferred_plugins[:redmine_rate]@ and will be finally loaded after @redmine_rate@ has loaded.

2011-03-07 11:15 pm - Eric Davis

- Assignee set to Eric Davis

Thanks Tim. It also looks like it handles cyclic requirements, which would be other other concern.

I'll review it and do some testing.

2011-08-21 04:31 pm - Felix Schäfer

- Target version set to 2.2.0

- Assignee changed from Eric Davis to Felix Schäfer
- (deleted custom field) set to master

Scheduling this for 2.2.0, this shouldn't break anything and make things easier on plugins that depend on a specific load order. The current status is at "pull request 99":https://github.com/chiliproject/chiliproject/pull/99

@Tim: Could you have a quick look at the pull request and confirm it? Thanks.

2011-08-21 04:32 pm - Holger Just

@Felix: When committing, could you please squash the commits?

2011-08-21 11:21 pm - Tim Felgentreff

Felix Schäfer wrote: > @Tim: Could you have a quick look at the pull request and confirm it? Thanks.

Affirmative :) Will be good to see this finally merged

2011-08-22 10:03 am - Felix Schäfer

Eric Davis wrote: > It also looks like it handles cyclic requirements, which would be other other concern.

I tested this and found out that though it won't die/hang on cyclic requirements, it silently fails to load all the plugins in the cycle. I added detection and an error for cyclic dependencies in "a80e846":https://github.com/finnlabs/chiliproject/commit/a80e846fc29afa7abe03ea0110a0238e23853f0b, it would be great if anyone could review that part so that I can finally merge it.

For anyone wanting the whole picture, "pull request 99":https://github.com/chiliproject/chiliproject/pull/99 still has it.

2011-08-22 10:03 am - Felix Schäfer

- Assignee deleted (Felix Schäfer)

2011-08-25 04:47 pm - Felix Schäfer

- Status changed from Ready for review to Closed

Merged in commit:a24a24e, thanks Tim.

Files