ChiliProject - Feature # 620: Option to search over open issues only

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Description:	At the moment search brings back results for both open and closed issues. It would be very helpful to be able to search only over open issues.

History

2011-09-23 03:54 pm - Greg Jastrab

Perhaps this is a documentation issue. If you want to do a keyword search over only open issues, this is currently possible on the Issues tab by doing a custom query to add a filter on *Subject* containing your keyword search with a *Status* of _Open_.

Since the general search already has filters to search against Issues/Changesets/Wiki/Messages it would be a slightly awkward in the UI to add another level of filters underneath if *Issues* is checked.

2011-09-26 04:32 am - James Robertson

Hi Greg

Thanks for the advice but ... I'm pretty sure the Search feature also searches within issue Descriptions, which I don't think can be done using filters.

Also, I'm not suggesting major modifications to the search UI - just a checkbox saying "Open Issues", or similar.

FYI: I'm betting this is a feature many people would find useful. Searching over all tickets, including (potentially) many thousands of closed ones is occasionally useful but searching over just open tickets to find one in 100, whose title you've forgotten, is possibly a more common scenario? [shrug :-]

2011-09-26 05:26 pm - Greg Jastrab

Ah if that's the case then you're right - filters alone won't give you what you want. I was only referring to another level of filters since you can do a search without searching over issues, so I'd think an *Open Issues* checkbox should only appear if they *Issues* checkbox is checked.

Maybe an alternative is to show a dropdown box only when *Issues* is checked which has options under it to narrow the search against issues how you want (All / Open / Closed).

2011-10-13 01:37 am - Eric Davis

I'd like to propose a different solution.

Instead of modifying how search works, which is used by other modules, what if we add a filter for the issue description? Then you can do: Status is Open and Description contains 'xyz'?

This would also let you do more complex queries using the filters too (status is New, due date is in 7 days, description contains "must release"...etc)

2011-10-19 12:50 am - James Robertson

Hi Eric. I think your suggestion is good may also be worth pursuing. But I really like the immediacy/simplicity of just bunging a key word in the search box [me and everyone else who finds Google helpful :-]

I also would expect the search to find my key word in any common text field (ie. at least title *and* description).

Thanks for taking the time to consider.