

Bugs & Wish list

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Status

● Open

Subject

Importing data in field: user-picker or Date picker can end in non valid data / loose data

Category

- Bug

Feature

Trackers

Import-Export

Resolution status

New

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Chris

Rating

★★★★★ (0) ?

Description

AD-Field / User-Picker

When importing tracker data (tested via the "old" way as via the tracker tabular) into a user-picker-field, the imported user-name is NOT checked against the Tiki list of users. In the end the user-picker-field behaves just like a normal text-field while importing, accepting just every string and not only valid user-names.

This could also be a security problem cause someone could inject non-valid user-names in a internal list of valid users.

What should happen is that when importing values into that field, that every value get's checked against the Tiki user list.

If this heavily slows down the import speed, there should be a checkbox that gives the user the ability to enable/disable the check against the Tiki user list, given the user the deccission to check the user names externally before importing those names.

Date field

When importing dates into a date-field every date is accepted. This is also valid if the date is outside the allowed scope which is defined in the settings "Start Year" and "First year in the dropdown". As result everything seems fine as long as nobody edits that item. As soon as someone edits the item (any other field) and saves it, the content of the date fields gets silently deleted, resulting in damaged/lost data.

Solution

For me the problem is that the importer just don't check the data if it's valid. This could be a valid way of importing data, but for sure not a secure way. At least there should be a checkbox to enable/disable data checks against the various settings or other data that could interfere with the imported data.

Workaround

Check the data carefully before importing and know the system well enough to know the possible problems 😞

Importance

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Easy to solve?

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Priority

30

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on show2.tiki.org

Version: trunk ▼

Demonstrate Bug (older Tiki versions)

Please demonstrate your bug on show.tikiwiki.org

Version: 18.x ▼

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Comments



Jonny Bradley 18 Sep 21 12:01 GMT-0000

Can you try this with the *tabular format* importer please? "The Old Way" should have been marked as deprecated long ago imho...



Chris 24 Sep 21 10:34 GMT-0000

OK, i will do that. As i have "found" (or stumbled over) another "problem" with a lot of danger to loose data.

The reason why i used the old one was that this was what i have locked for. A easy, fast way to import some data. The new one i have locked at but thought it takes to long to figure out how it works.

and as it was only called "deprecated" but not buggy or broken, and prominent in the GUI, i thought it is still a valid way.



Chris 05 Oct 21 15:35 GMT-0000

I have tested it with the tabular format importer as well and the problem occurs also.



Chris 05 Oct 21 21:05 GMT-0000

I have tested it with the tabular format importer as well and the problem occurs also. I have also updated the bug ticket with more info and a related problem which has probably the same reason.

Attachments

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The original document is available at

<https://dev.tiki.org/item7828-Importing-data-in-field-user-picker-or-Date-picker-can-end-in-non-valid-data-loose-data>