

reStructuredText Support in Trac

Trac supports using *reStructuredText* (RST) as an alternative to wiki markup in any context [WikiFormatting](#) is used.

From the reStructuredText webpage:

"reStructuredText is an easy-to-read, what-you-see-is-what-you-get plaintext markup syntax and parser system. It is useful for in-line program documentation (such as Python docstrings), for quickly creating simple web pages, and for standalone documents. reStructuredText is designed for extensibility for specific application domains. "

Requirements

Note that to activate RST support in Trac, the python docutils package must be installed. If not already available on your operating system, you can download it at the [RST Website](#).

More information on RST

- reStructuredText Website -- <http://docutils.sourceforge.net/rst.html>
 - RST Quick Reference -- <http://docutils.sourceforge.net/docs/rst/quickref.html>
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Using RST in Trac

To specify that a block of text should be parsed using RST, use the *rst* processor.

TracLinks in reStructuredText

- Trac provides a custom RST reference-directive 'trac' to allow [TracLinks](#) from within RST text.

Example:

```
{#{
#!rst
This is a reference to |a ticket|

.. |a ticket| trac:: #42
}}}
```

For a complete example of all uses of the *trac*-directive, please see [WikiRestructuredTextLinks](#).

- Trac allows an even easier way of creating [TracLinks](#) in RST, using the custom *:trac:* link naming scheme.

Example:

```
{#{
#!rst
This is a reference to ticket `#12`:trac:

To learn how to use Trac, see `TracGuide`:trac:
```

```
}}}
```

Syntax highlighting in reStructuredText

There is a directive for doing [TracSyntaxColoring](#) in ReST as well. The directive is called code-block

Example

```
{{{
#!rst

.. code-block:: python

    class Test:

        def TestFunction(self):
            pass

}}}
```

Will result in the below.

```
.. code-block:: python

class Test:

    def TestFunction(self):
        pass
```

WikiMacros in reStructuredText

For doing [WikiMacros](#) in ReST you use the same directive as for syntax highlighting i.e code-block. To work you must use a version of trac that has [#801](#) applied.

WikiMacro? Example

```
{{{
#!rst

.. code-block:: HelloWorld

    Something I wanted to say

}}}
```

Will result in the below.

Hello World, args = Something I wanted to say

Bigger ReST Example

The example below should be mostly self-explanatory:

```
{
  #!rst
  FooBar Header
  =====
  reStructuredText is nice. It has its own webpage_.

  A table:

  =====
  Inputs      Output
  -----
  A          B      A or B
  =====
  False     False   False
  True      False   True
  False     True    True
  True      True    True
  =====

  RST TracLinks
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  See also ticket `#42`:trac:.

  .. _webpage: http://docutils.sourceforge.net/rst.html
  }}}

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Results in:

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A table:

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See also: [WikiRestructuredTextLinks](#), [WikiProcessors](#), [WikiFormatting](#)