Gantt charts by jPlugs

Not for JIRA 7

It is important to note that jPlugs Gantt is not available for JIRA 7. The last version was released more than a year ago and for JIRA 6 only, and it does not look like the plugin will be continued and regularly updated.

Where'd you go, I'm missing so, seems like it's been forever, come back home...this is the first thought that crossed my mind when testing this Gantt chart plugin. It installed correctly, but did not appear anywhere. Turns out that was on purpose, as the configuration states that it displays "Gantt Chart in gadgets, project tabs or reports". So, a project tab it is:

Program for Native-Instruments

Overview

Summary

Issues

Reports

Gantt Chart - Timeline

Gantt Chart - Standard

Configure Chart

Displaying issues 1 to 7 of 7 matching issues

Project: PV-1 spp

PV-4 spp

PV-6 bbbe

PV-3 zzz

PV-1 spp

PV-2 spp

PV-3 spp

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PV-7 Progress!

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Now, above you will see 2 screenshots, because 2 view options are available - a standard Gantt chart and a timeline view. The interfaces on both are rather uninspiring. While the Gantt is readable and does its job, it seems crude and unfinished. The timeline is too greyed-out and not good on the eyes. However, the biggest issue I have here is that the jPlugs plugin is apparently developed for ants, or people who work on screens the size of a movie theater's. The chart takes less than 50% of the screen and is painfully simplistic. No drag and drop, no different view options, no creating of new issues at hand, no linking...nothing! You can only use the mouse scroll to zoom in our out, and even this straight up sucks. If you zoom in too much, the chart enlarges beyond the screen...and you can't see it. Really, there are no horizontal scrolling bars anywhere. With enough scrolling back and forth, I have managed to break the zooming mechanism, locking the view in this position for eternity (that is, until a refresh):

![Gantt Chart - Standard](image)

All of the configuration is done globally, unfortunately the plugin does not integrate well and is not visible on the left-hand side of the screen of the main panel. You have to manually go to Manage Add-ons, select jPlug's software and click on Configure each time. There you will see an actually quite pleasant set of configuration options. You can specify every type of task link, auto date updating, non-working days and Gantt chart view. You can even specify the exact colouring of tasks (and you will, as the default one is awful).

jPlug's Gantt chart plugin for JIRA is a prime example of wasted potential. The add-on itself can be rather extensively configured to the users' needs and works just fine, albeit quite slow with many issues in a project. However, the dreadful interface has the chart itself too small for real work, and nothing is available at hand. Sure, you can change the view, but each time you have to manually click a few times in the global administration panel of JIRA. If this plugin had a full-size Gantt chart and some options right above it (or just quick links to popups with them), it would be actually quite useful. Right now it's extremely basic and good more for a novelty than for true project management.