Trac Links

As you might have guessed, <u>TracLinks</u> are a very fundamental feature of Trac.

They allow hyperlinking between Trac entities (tickets, reports, changesets, Wiki pages, milestones and source files) from anywhere <u>WikiFormatting</u> is used.

<u>TracLinks</u> are generally of the form **type:id** (where *id* represents the number, name or path of the item) though some frequently used kinds of items also have short-hand notations.

Some examples:

- Tickets: **#1** or **ticket:1**
- Reports: {1} or report:1
- Changesets: r1, [1] or changeset:1
- Revision log: r1:3, [1:3] or log:#1:3
- Wiki pages: CamelCase or wiki:CamelCase
- Milestones: milestone:1.0
- Attachment: attachment:ticket:944:attachment.1073.diff
- Files: source:trunk/COPYING
- A specific file revision: source:/trunk/COPYING#200

Display:

- Tickets: #1 or ticket:1
- Reports: {1} or report:1
- Changesets: r1, [1] or changeset:1
- Differences: r1:3, [1:3] or log:#1:3
- Wiki pages: CamelCase or wiki:CamelCase
- Milestones: milestone:1.0
- Files: source:trunk/COPYING
- Attachment: attachment:ticket:944:attachment.1073.diff
- A specific file revision: source:/trunk/COPYING#200

Note: The <u>wiki:CamelCase</u> form is rarely used, but it can be convenient to refer to pages whose names do not follow <u>WikiPageNames</u> rules, i.e., single words, non-alphabetic characters, etc.

Trac links using the full (non-shorthand) notation can also be given a custom link title like this:

[ticket:1 This is a link to ticket number one].

Display: This is a link to ticket number one.

If the title is be omitted, only the id (the part after the colon) is displayed:

[ticket:1]

Display: 1

It might seem a simple enough concept at a glance, but actually allows quite a complex network of information. In practice, it's very intuitive and simple to use, and we've found the "link trail" extremely helpful to better understand what's happening in a project or why a particular change was made.

attachement: links

The link syntax for attachments is as follows:

- attachment:the_file.txt creates a link to the attachment the_file.txt of the current object
- attachment:wiki:MyPage:the_file.txt creates a link to the attachment the_file.txt of the MyPage wiki page
- attachment:ticket:753:the_file.txt creates a link to the attachment the_file.txt of the ticket 753 attachment:wiki:MyPage:the_file.txt

source: links

The default behavior for a source:/some/path link is to open the directory browser if the path points to a directory and otherwise open the log view. It's also possible to link directly to a specific revision of a file like this: source:/some/file@123 or like this to link to the latest revision: source:/some/file@latest. If the revision is specified, one can even link to a specific line number: source:/some/file@123#L10

Quoting space in TracLinks

The usual syntax for quoting space is:

- attachment:'the file.txt' or
- attachment:"the file.txt"

Where to use TracLinks

You can use TracLinks in:

- Source code (Subversion) commit messages
- Wiki pages
- Full descriptions for tickets, reports and milestones

and any other text fields explicitly marked as supporting WikiFormatting.

Escaping Links

To prevent parsing of a TracLink, you can escape it by preceding it with a '!' (exclamation mark).

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!NoLinkHere.
![42] is not a link either.
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Display:

NoLinkHere. [42] is not a link either.

See also: WikiFormatting, TracWiki