# ChiliProject - Feature # 197: Rake task to manage copyright inside of source files

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| **Affected version:** | |
| **Description:** | Instead of having the copyright statements in each file maintained by hand (and also the years updated ad-hoc), I think it would be nice to have a central copyright file and a script to autopopulate all of the source files with it. This will let us:<br><br>* update the copyright date in one place<br>* add rdoc exclude comments so the copyright doesn't show up as the class documentation<br><br>I would like to have this for 1.1.0 if possible but it's not a high priority. |

## Associated revisions

**2011-05-29 09:10 pm - Eric Davis**

[#197] Fix up main copyright files

**2011-05-29 09:50 pm - Eric Davis**

[#197] Remove old copyrights

**2011-05-29 10:11 pm - Eric Davis**

[#197] Add a rake task to update the copyright in code files

**2011-05-29 10:11 pm - Eric Davis**

[#197] Upgrade the copyright in the code files

**2011-05-30 07:58 pm - Holger Just**

[#197] Better regex and no trailing whitespace.

## History

**2011-02-17 08:24 am - Felix Schäfer**

The copyrights all being slightly different in different files, it'll be delicate to get it right. Put that in 1.2.0 rather.

**2011-02-17 04:36 pm - Eric Thomas**

Do you really need to have each file contain a copyright? I find that to be quite annoying when browsing through the source code. I don't see why you just don't remove all the copyrights from all the files and then just put the copyright inside the @README@.

**2011-02-19 01:30 am - Eric Davis**

Felix Schäfer wrote:

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How so? I was thinking of purging the existing Copyright notices and bulk replacing/adding them)

Eric Thomas wrote:

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I don't know the legal ramifications of it. Some people say each file needs to have it, others say a single file is all that's needed.

**2011-05-27 07:26 pm - Eric Davis**

*- Target version set to 2.0.0*


**2011-05-29 08:49 pm - Eric Davis**

*- Assignee set to Eric Davis*


*- Status changed from Open to Closed*


I've updated the copyright by:

* moving Redmine's copyright from each file into the main doc/COPYRIGHT.rdoc file.
* adding a rake task (@copyright:update@) that will go through all of the code files and add a short copyright to the top of the file.
* the short copyright is wrapped in a block of rdoc that will prevent it from showing in the docs. So we won't see the copyright in each page on @rake doc:app@.

If we need to update the copyright in each file now, just edit doc/COPYRIGHT_short.rdoc and rerun the rake task.

Merged to unstable in commit:ec3717e

**2011-05-30 09:35 pm - Eric Davis**

*- Tracker changed from Task to Feature*