Bugs & Wish list

"TermA TermB" searches should be "termA AND termB" not "termA OR termB." | Tiki Wiki CMS
Groupware :: Development
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Status
    ⊗ Closed

Subject
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Version
    1.9.x
    2.x

Category
- Usability
- Feature request
- Dogfood on a *.tiki.org site

Feature
    Search
    Infrastructure

Resolution status
    Fixed or Solved

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Rating
    ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (0)

Description
    This is the default behavior in search engines like Google

    Also reported here: tiki-view_tracker_item.php?itemId=166

    and:

    BillMac wrote:

> *I have found that, if I want to find something on tw.o sites, I should disregard TW's search feature and use Dogpile to look things up. The TW search capability is so weak that it is almost "a missing feature." At the very least, "TermA TermB" searches should be "termA AND termB" not "termA OR termB." The plus/minus markers are fine if you're in the know, but they don't work well either. Using the category/group filters renders a whole different set of answers; not GOOD answers, just different. Without those filters, unauthorized users see parts of pages they are not supposed to see at all. Not a missing feature, a broken feature.*
>
> *Gosh, I hate to be so negative.*

    Source: Major Features Missing in TikiWiki

Solution
>With unified search in Tiki7, the search results will be significantly better. By default, it will still be or but if you have two terms, the results will have much more weighting.

Importance
>9 high

Priority
>45

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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Hey, congratulations on the improvements so far. I just tried a quick boolean search (compared with the same search without the check box) and it worked for me. http://ui.tikiwiki.org/tiki-searchresults.php?boolean=on&highlight=features+javascript&where=pages&search=Go

alain_desilets 14 Dec 09 19:25 GMT-0000

The state of the art in search engine is that if I specify more than term, it will be treated as a "soft" AND.

By "soft" AND, I mean that the system should look for pages that contains at least one of the terms, but it should order the hits so that hits which contain more of the keywords (and in close succession) appear first in the list of hits.

This is how most decent search engines work (including Google).

Attachments

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