

## Bugs & Wish list

"Error: Malformed search query" without anything else causes support issues. Add an actionable error message. | Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware :: Development

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### Status

 Open

### Subject

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### Version

18.x

### Category

- Error
- Usability
- Indexing

### Feature

Search

### Resolution status

New

### Submitted by

Marc Laporte

### Lastmod by

Marc Laporte

### Rating

 (0) 

### Related-to

-  Error: Malformed search query

### Description

**lindonb---** via Tikiwiki-cvs <tikiwiki-cvs@lists.sourceforge.net>  
to lindonb

Revision: 67580  
<http://sourceforge.net/p/tikiwiki/code/67580>

Author: lindonb  
Date: 2018-09-21 14:27:49 +0000 (Fri, 21 Sep 2018)

Log Message:

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[DOC] feedback: Should include actual system error message.

Modified Paths:

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Modified: trunk/lib/core/Search/Query.php

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--- trunk/lib/core/Search/Query.php 2018-09-21 14:20:15 UTC (rev 67579)
+++ trunk/lib/core/Search/Query.php 2018-09-21 14:27:49 UTC (rev 67580)
@@ -321,7 +321,7 @@ $this->sortOrder = null;
 $resultSet = $index->find($this, $this->start, $this->count);
 } catch (Exception $e) {
 - Feedback::error(tr("Malformed search query"));
+ Feedback::error(tr("Malformed search query:").' ' . $e->getMessage());
 trigger_error($e->getMessage(), E_USER_WARNING);
 return SearchResultSet::create([]);
 }
```

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Tikiwiki-cvs mailing list  
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<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/tikiwiki-cvs>

**Marc Laporte** <marc@marclaporte.com>  
to CVS/SVN, lindonb

Is this suitable for a backport to 18.x LTS? I am getting "Malformed search query" on [dev.tiki.org](http://dev.tiki.org) and it's not helpful.

Oct 11 (10 days ago)

Thanks!



**Victor Emanouilov** <victor@tiki.org>  
to tikiwiki-cvs

Oct 12 (9 days ago)

Yes, I checked and we can backport with a custom change that 18 still uses second parameter 'session' for Feedback:error method.  
However, I didn't backport as I was not sure this is desired for all Tiki installations. Elastic error messages are sometimes 500+ characters with a lot of cryptic content which can scare the end user...

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**Marc Laporte** <marc@marclaporte.com>  
to CVS/SVN

Well, we've accepted that for 19.x  
So please proceed.

Oct 12 (9 days ago)

**Marc Laporte** <marc@marclaporte.com>  
to CVS/SVN

Oct 18 (3 days ago)

I got users reporting

"Malformed search query"

to me.

As is, this is pretty useless.

If we don't want to scare the user, it should be an actionable error message. Ex.:

Malformed search query. Please verify error logs at the following time: 2018-07-04 12:11 UTC

...

## Importance

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Easy to solve?

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Priority

56

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on [show2.tiki.org](http://show2.tiki.org)

Version: trunk ▼

Demonstrate Bug (older Tiki versions)

This bug has been demonstrated on [show.tikiwiki.org](http://show.tikiwiki.org)

Ticket ID

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by Marc Laporte

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Sunday 21 October, 2018 23:17:00 GMT-0000

Comments



Marc Laporte 13 Nov 18 18:47 GMT-0000

<https://sourceforge.net/p/tikiwiki/mailman/message/36464894/>

Attachments

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<a href="#">2018-10-21_190746.png</a>	21 Oct 18 23:11 GMT-0000	0			

The original document is available at

<https://dev.tiki.org/item6872--Error-Malformed-search-query-without-anything-else-causes-support-issues-Add-an-actionable-error-message>