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Thread: [Change search button limit](#)

?Adam? - August 21, 2013, 3:51 pm

Hello,

I was wondering if the minimum amount of text that can be inputted is 3 instead of 4.

Here are some examples of when that would become useful.

If I searched for '143'

If I searched for 'Bot'

If I searched for 'Use'

If I searched for 'Lag'

If I searched for 'How'

There are many more examples.

I think the search button would be much more effective if we lowered the minimum to 3 characters instead of 4, for those reasons.

Thanks!

Lovol - August 21, 2013, 4:58 pm

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Roger Waters - August 21, 2013, 5:00 pm

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I just searched that exactly as you typed it (without the quotations) and it worked fine. You need a minimum of three characters-- not three characters for each word.

EDIT:

(Aug 21, 2013 05:00 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you search 'How to get iOS 7' you get this error page too, a 3 character change would be nice.

That query also worked for me.

MyLittlePony - August 21, 2013, 5:01 pm

Yeah this has been suggested before a bunch of times.

Would like it to be implemented as well, hard to manually find anything in the title with "mlp".

Wolves - August 21, 2013, 5:29 pm

Quote:Minimum Search Word Length

The minimum number of characters each word must be in a query. Set to 0 to disable this setting. For standard searching, there is a hard limit of 3, and for full text searching, there is a hard limit of 4. The hard limit will always override the set limit if the set limit is lower than the hard limit.

-http://docs.mybb.com/Admin_CP_Board_Settings.html

It would require going into an adjusting several things and I believe a custom plugin.

There is also a chance that searching three letter words would lead to a HUGE amount of results being brought up.

Now the issue of having a lot of results pulled up isn't the problem.

The set hard limit for results pulled up has to be managed so that the search result doesn't by default pull up thousands of hits over the past 5 years.

What does that matter tough, right?

Well, you will have results for 3 characters, but those 3 characters are much more likely to appear in posts, pulling up A LOT of irrelevant posts.

After you go through all the digging or modifying of the advanced options, it would just be easier to type in another word that you think would pull up the post/thread you are looking for.

Whether or not this is why Omni doesn't do this is beyond me, but it's been suggested and denied in the past.