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Thread: [Lower the minimum search characters to 3?](#)

Gravy Baby - June 22, 2014, 4:00 am

Hey, I don't know if it's just me, but when I go to search hackforums a lot of the time the thing I'm looking for is a 3 character word.

There has been countless times it hasn't allowed me to search due to it being less than 4 characters.

Is this just me or have other people experienced it also?

Edit: Also having to wait 25 seconds per search? "Sorry, but you can only perform one search every 25 seconds" what's the point of that?

420 Blaze It - June 22, 2014, 4:01 am

I experience this too, also words with spaces too somehow!

3 is a good number.

DrDinosaur - June 22, 2014, 4:03 am

I agree. Not allowing three characters aside from having potentially minor performance issues when running a query like that is simply beyond me.

f3m1n4z1 - June 22, 2014, 4:11 am

It has always annoyed me, and I'm sure it also annoys other users.
They should definitely change that.

Kind Regards,

EGFX/Improbis

Ash Ketchum - June 22, 2014, 4:13 am

yes please change this lol this has happened to me at least 40 times lol :P and the time limit between searches!

Galileo Galilei - June 22, 2014, 4:14 am

Yeah this actually happens to me from time to time, would be nice to see this implemented
like searching for like VPN, .Net, BTC, web and lot, lot more very annoying.

Ways - June 22, 2014, 4:15 am

Agree with 3 although a lot of social media sites have acronyms like fb and ig. 3 would work though

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Impervious. - June 22, 2014, 4:18 am

I completely support this, some of the displayed info isn't correct either.

I was looking for brendan's spotify shop the other day and it didn't even show his thread on there, yet it's in the title and post.

The Judge - June 22, 2014, 4:31 am

I don't see any issue with this. 4 characters are just fine.

Gravy Baby - June 22, 2014, 4:37 am

(Jun 22, 2014 04:31 AM)The Judge Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't see any issue with this. 4 characters are just fine.

So you have never encountered this or you just blatantly stating 4 characters is fine. You probably don't even use the search feature.

(Jun 22, 2014 04:15 AM)MrMonkeyDeamond Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) like seaching for like VPN, .Net, BTC, web and lot, lot more very annoying.

KOOMZ - June 22, 2014, 4:38 am

I agree with this and especially with MrMonkeyDeamond.

Mung - June 22, 2014, 4:39 am

I agree with this. It just makes sense. A lot of searches the can possibly be done to save time are 3 characters long.

ChromeHD - June 22, 2014, 4:39 am

Completely off topic but but lol look at the double posts and I agree with op should be lowered to 3

Sagax - June 22, 2014, 4:43 am

I agree.

I search for words like Bot and RAT but it blocks me.

I think it should be less search cooldown for upgraded members IMO.

Cyber Saint - June 22, 2014, 4:51 am

Ah, I have the same problem when searching. The search cool down has also been an issue, but I just be patient. It isn't a big deal to me but it would be nice if it was changed.

killerxknight - June 22, 2014, 4:57 am

I agree with this as at time I search for things like VPN, etc but can't find them because of it having to be 4 characters.

pomwtin - June 22, 2014, 4:58 am

I totally agree with Cyber Saint

Cool down time is very long

Xerah - June 22, 2014, 4:59 am

Yeah I agree. Often If I search for Mac, OSX, VPN, BTC, OMC its very frustrating.

Vola - June 22, 2014, 5:02 am

I was just going to post a thread on this. I agree.

Preperton - June 22, 2014, 5:09 am

Yea this is very annoying please change it

'Snorlax - June 22, 2014, 5:10 am

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If you want to search for a three letter word, then go to Google and do this:

site:hackforums.net "keyword"

RelationShit - June 22, 2014, 5:16 am

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site:hackforums.net "keyword"Removing the ""s also helps sometimes.

But yeah I use this too all the time, seems to me like I find much more on Google than on the Search system here.

Ways - June 22, 2014, 5:17 am

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Oh man, forgot about that for some reason.

Thanks.

Perfectionist - June 22, 2014, 5:18 am

I support this, although I find more by seaching from Google

Hopsin - June 22, 2014, 5:52 am

I also support this suggestion. Let's see if its accepted.

Gravy Baby - June 22, 2014, 8:01 am

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Yes, but it'd be much easier to just lower the search minimum.

Th3PonyWizard - June 22, 2014, 8:08 am

Quote: Edit: Also having to wait 25 seconds per search? "Sorry, but you can only perform one search every 25 seconds" what's the point of that?

Search queries are the most stressful and resources consuming queries on any popular CMS or forum system. You're running a keyword nitpick over TBs upon TBs in a matter of seconds, not limiting it isn't considered sys-healthy.

javie - June 22, 2014, 9:13 am

I completely agree with this, this should totally be implemented.

Mitchell_H - June 22, 2014, 9:15 am

I have to support this suggestion, there's been many times where the term I've wanted to search for has been exactly 3 characters long and to add a fourth would likely make the search inaccurate.

Mr. Wallstreet - June 22, 2014, 9:16 am

This is a good idea I've had this issue a lot in the past

Marky Marky - June 22, 2014, 9:16 am

Honestly I just hate the time limit the most.

Antigen - June 22, 2014, 9:19 am

(Jun 22, 2014 09:16 AM)Moon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Honestly I just hate the time limit the most. Me too, but we got to reduce server load aka script load in order to keep HF up.

If I remember correctly lowering search chars have been suggested and denied before, omni clearly stated he won't do it.

Talu - June 22, 2014, 9:24 am

I agree with this, good suggestion, hope it is implemented.

Mr.Peanut - June 22, 2014, 9:27 am

It doesn't sound like a bad idea, never had a problem with it though.. But the 25 second wait.. Now that's something i'm on board with.

Trisomy 21 - June 22, 2014, 9:28 am

The 3 letter req should be gone and the wait should be gone for upgraded members. Like you can't search for shit like IRC.

Omniscient - June 22, 2014, 12:07 pm

Sorry but no.