

FIRST - Bug #4384

"Browse All Assessments" on FIRST website generates http error prior to login

09/14/2009 07:11 AM - Sandeep Namilikonda

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Description

On <http://www.egr.msu.edu/first/>, when a user clicks on the "Browse All Assessments" link prior to logging in, the server generates the following error in a pop-up window: "failure making ajax call" followed by the following message on the page:

HTTP Status 500 -

type Exception report
message

description The server encountered an internal error () that prevented it from fulfilling this request.

exception

java.lang.NullPointerException

edu.ucsb.nceas.metacat.MetaCatServlet.handleGetOrPost(MetaCatServlet.java:843)

edu.ucsb.nceas.metacat.MetaCatServlet.doPost(MetaCatServlet.java:521)

javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet.service(HttpServlet.java:637)

javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet.service(HttpServlet.java:717)

org.vfny.geoserver.filters.SetCharacterEncodingFilter.doFilter(SetCharacterEncodingFilter.java:122)

note The full stack trace of the root cause is available in the Apache Tomcat/6.0.18 logs.

Note that this functionality was previously working fine. We have consistently noticed this behavior on various browsers.

History

#1 - 09/14/2009 09:23 AM - Matt Jones

I've verified that this bug happens for me as well when not logged in, but is not encountered after logging in. Looking at the Metacat code, it appears that the sessionData object below is null before logging in.

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} else {  
    SessionData sessionData = RequestUtil.getSessionData(request);
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843 --->    userName = sessionData.getUserName();
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password = sessionData.getPassword();
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groupNames = sessionData.getGroupNames();
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sessionId = sessionData.getId();
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logMetacat.info("The user is : " + userName);  
}
```

#2 - 09/14/2009 12:35 PM - ben leinfelder

i'll check with Mike and see what's going on in this case. He's actively been developing in the area of sessions/users etc...

#3 - 09/17/2009 11:32 AM - ben leinfelder

i just tried this and received no error. 11 assessments were returned when not logged in. I am using FF 3.5.3

#4 - 09/17/2009 01:10 PM - ben leinfelder

reopen if this occurs again

#5 - 03/27/2013 02:26 PM - Redmine Admin

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