FeatureUsabilityDev

Status/Roadmap

In progress.

Overview

Various improvements to site flow and provision of information, with particular emphasis on error pages, the login cycle and HTTP headers information.

Style guidelines

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Access checking

Check for access in this order:

- 1. check if feature is enabled
- 2. (if anonymous access is not permitted) check isset(\$user)
- 3. check permissions

Rationale: No point in telling a user they aren't logged in, only to then tell them that the feature is disabled when they try again after they are logged in. isset(\$user) can be thought of as a generic permission - we check more generic (catch-all) permissions first, working towards the more specific ones for optimisation purposes.

Variables

\$errortype - not set (default) or 404 for a "not found" error page

\$errortitle - the title to use at the top of the error box in the centre column

\$headtitle - (part of) the title to use in the browsers' title bar.

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Trackers/Todo

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- provide alternative layouts for error pages, search pages (committed), modules and login pages
- check every use of location, referer and error.tpl
- provide login box redirection for !\$user
- try harder to find the right document or part of site on invalid URL / HTTP 404
- no-cache for installer and other temporary pages
- 404 headers for installed

Code

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Discussion/Participation

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