

CUNY Academic Commons - Support #3911

Subdomains blocking googlebot?

2015-03-12 05:12 PM - Matt Gold

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| Status: | Resolved | Start date: | 2015-03-12 |
| Priority name: | Normal | Due date: | |
| Assignee: | Matt Gold | % Done: | 0% |
| Category name: | SEO | Estimated time: | 0.00 hour |
| Target version: | Not tracked | | |
| Description | | | |
| I ran one of our subdomains through the google mobile friendly test because of a complaint about reduced traffic -- I thought it might be related to google's recent announcement on search rankings/mobile design | | | |
| When I ran the test - http://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/mobile-friendly/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fapicciano.commons.gc.cuny.edu%2F - it appeared that the test was not loading the theme CSS (see screenshot) and that robots.txt was blocking the google bot. | | | |
| Is this by any chance related to changes made here - http://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/issues/3890#note-4 ? | | | |

History

#1 - 2015-03-12 05:12 PM - Matt Gold

- File Screen Shot 2015-03-12 at 5.12.31 PM.png added

screenshot attached this time

#2 - 2015-03-13 06:39 AM - Boone Gorges

- Assignee changed from Boone Gorges to Matt Gold

It's not a problem with subdomains, it's a problem with overly restrictive robots.txt rules. I will change these rules, but first I need to have the robots.txt chowned back to the commons user - it's currently owned by root, so I can't modify it. Can you make the request, please?

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chown commons:commons /var/www/html/robots.txt
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#3 - 2015-03-13 05:52 PM - Boone Gorges

- Status changed from Assigned to Resolved

- Target version set to Not tracked

I've made the necessary changes to allow googlebot access.

#4 - 2015-03-15 11:14 AM - Matt Gold

Great -- thanks, Boone

Files

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| Screen Shot 2015-03-12 at 5.12.31 PM.png | 329 KB | 2015-03-12 | Matt Gold |
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