

SEARCH USABILITY: QUICK- SEARCH FIELD AUTO- COMPLETE RESULTS SHOULD BE MIDDLE-CLICKABLE TO ALLOW OPENING VARIOUS RESULTS IN TABS, AND NOT NEED PRESSING `ENTER` TWICE

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Task

Search usability: Quick-search field auto-complete results should be middle-clickable to allow opening various results in tabs, and not need pressing `Enter` twice

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Description

This probably is a generic problem that ought to be fixed everywhere (?), but I'm reporting an annoyance of mine with "what I can see right in front of me" here:

- given how extensive the amount of wiki pages (and tickets) in the intranet, the "Find" quick searchbar at the top-right of this website fails to fulfill its purpose for me because in the majority of cases I don't know which result I want to look at, so I want to look at multiple ones, but the autocompletion results do not properly hyperlink the items so I can't middle-click with

the mouse to open various search results (selectively) in new tabs.

- When an autocomplete result line is clickable, it should have a hyperlink-style "becomes underlined on mouse-over"; this communicates the UI affordance easily, and is *much* better than the current hover styling which is way too subtle (text goes from gray to black). Please do not rely on subtle low-contrast color differences to convey hover status, get rid of the gray and make it regular hyperlink color with on-hover underline, please... or it should simply use the same styling as menu items (which, depending on the theme, typically use a very clearly contrasting background color on hover to indicate interactive status, instead of underline or subtle shades of grey)
- Furthermore:
 - when left-clicking (instead of middle-clicking) a result, or selecting it then pressing the Enter key after choosing it with the up/down arrow keys, it does not trigger the "visit the page" action... you have to press the Enter key a second time, which is quite unexpected behavior for a search field. Maybe not for a regular field, but for a search field, I would expect Enter or left-click to immediately trigger either the "visit selected result" or "run full search" action, like in other apps.
 - the "visit page" action that gets triggered when pressing Enter twice is SLOW, it takes something like 2-3 seconds between the time you press Enter and the time the browser starts loading the page; if it's just visiting another page, why is it not instantaneous?


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