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Subject: Failing searches, caused by null-able date fields

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I was seeing some very odd search behavior, which caused most of my searches to return 0 results ("Nothing was found matching this profile"). The behavior was really confusing because some of the searches would return results the first time, but clicking "search" a second time and submitting the same search criteria would return no results.

By logging the SQL queries, I was able to determine that my problem is being caused by 2 date fields in this particular table which can be null. Radicore is inventing search criteria from the date fields, even when I leave them blank.

Note: The table I am working on here is called task, and is part of a project manager I am working on -- not the Radicore menu system.

```
SELECT SQL_CALC_FOUND_ROWS task.*,
       project.name as project_valrep,
       parent_task.name as parent_task_name
FROM task
LEFT JOIN project
  ON (project.project_id=task.project_id)
LEFT JOIN task AS parent_task
  ON (parent_task.task_id=task.parent_task_id)
WHERE task.name LIKE 'fred%'
AND task.start_date<='2008-06-10 00:00:00'
AND task.end_date>='2008-06-10 23:59:59'
LIMIT 10 OFFSET 0
```

Start\_date and end\_date are my null-able fields. At first I thought that Radicore was simply generating default conditions on the date fields, since both were null. But what is really confusing to me is the fact that the 2 conditions are different

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Are task.start\_date and task.end\_date reserved in Radicore? How can I prevent these conditions from being added to the search criteria?

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