# Redmine - Feature #3851

## Handle Rails's missing cookie secret

2009-09-12 06:50 - Eric Davis

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| **Status:** | Closed | **Start date:** | 2009-09-12 |
| **Priority:** | Normal | **Due date:** | |
| **Assignee:** | | **% Done:** | 0% |
| **Category:** | | **Estimated time:** | 0.00 hour |
| **Target version:** | | | |
| **Resolution:** | Wont fix | | |

### Description

When Rails starts without a cookie secret (from config/initializers/session_store.rb) it throws an errors with a message.  I've seen this message reported as a general Redmine error when it's actually a setup error.  I was wondering if Redmine itself could handle this error and present a nicer message to the user with:

- The reason for the error (Rails' message is fine here)
- How to generate the session_store.rb from rake
- A link to the install documentation
- Hide the standard Ruby backtrace

Here are two examples of Rails' message: http://www.redmine.org/boards/3/topics/7646#message-8471
http://www.redmine.org/boards/3/topics/7130#message-8379

Thoughts?

### History

**#1 - 2009-09-12 12:16 - Jean-Philippe Lang**

*- Status changed from New to Closed*

*- Resolution set to Wont fix*

Redmine can't handle this error, sorry.
But the instal documentation will help.

**#2 - 2009-09-29 03:06 - Alain  Beauvois**

A "rake config/initializers/session_store.rb" should resolve the problem, as it was for me.

**#3 - 2009-10-01 00:07 - Eric Davis**

Alain  Beauvois wrote:

> A "rake config/initializers/session_store.rb" should resolve the problem, as it was for me.

I know, I wasn't looking for how to fix that problem but a clearer way to tell the user how to fix it: e.g. "Please run rake config/initializers/session_store.rb".