

# Re: stsadm "command line error" problem and solution.

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Yeah the copy and pasting from web browser or from Word can cause that problem. It is not just limited to stsadm, it is just exaggerated by this application since there is such a long sequence of parameters begging for a copy and paste cheat sheet.

Further to this:

I have also come across a problem with cutting and pasting the STSADM statement from a web page.

Be warned.

The hyphens or minus signs (–) that appear on a web page are not the normal hyphens.

e.g. I copied the STSADM statement from this page

[http://66.102.7.104/search?q=cache:6r\\_VZ8nUmyUJ:msd2d.com/Content/Tip\\_vie](http://66.102.7.104/search?q=cache:6r_VZ8nUmyUJ:msd2d.com/Content/Tip_vie)

witem\_03.aspx%3Fsection%3DSharepoint%26category%3DAdministration%26id%3D8e5

6c13a-f45d-4f21-b22f-bbf1eb799325+%22The+template+you+have+chosen+is+invalid+or+cannot+be+found.%22&hl=en&gl=nz&ct=clnk&cd=1

I couldn't figure out why it wouldn't work.

But when I paste the statement into Notepad I instead get:

stsadm /o upgrade /url <http://SharePoint.Alertus.com> –forceupgrade

The /o appear in DOS as a '-' and yet they are not.

Simple fix – Delete the strange /o statements and replace with a normal hyphen.

Cheers

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