

URI::URL query vs equery

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I'm testing a module using URI::URL, and it refuses to call query() on the URL created by google (lines should be merged...):

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http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.lang.perl/browse\_thread/thread/3ee08b1ef5ae3c12/30a234783d298f2e?q=beg%2Fyour+%22local\(\$\_\)+works%22+group:\*.perl.\*+author:Larry+author:Wall&\_done=%2Fgroups%3Fas\_q%3Dbeg%2Fyour%26as\_epq%3Dlocal\(\$\_\)+works%26as\_oq%3D%26as\_eq%3D%26btnG%3DGoogle+Search+News%26as\_ugroup%3D\*.perl.\*%26as\_usubject%3D%26as\_uauthors%3DLarry+Wall%26as\_umsgid%3D%26lr%3D%26as\_drrb%3Dq%26as\_qdr%3D%26as\_mind%3D29%26as\_minm%3D3%26as\_miny%3D1981%26as\_maxd%3D26%26as\_maxm%3D10%26as\_maxy%3D2005%26num%3D50%26as\_scoring%3Dr%26&\_doneTitle=Back+to+Search&&d#30a234783d298f2e
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The error message is

Form query contains escaped '=' or '&' (you must call equery)

Of course, equery() works; however, I would prefer to have the result of query()... Can somebody explain the reason behind this madness? How to avoid this?

Thanks,
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