Generally, you shouldn't need to change your `php.ini`, but if you do (like in ISPCOnfig3 setups), this page is to share tips & tricks about Tiki-related configs.

You have to place your custom `php.ini` file in your Tiki root folder. Keep in mind that some servers have two different `php.ini` files, one for `php` scripts used through a web server and browser, and another one for `php` scripts being run in the command line (CLI). These 2 are common locations for those 2 `php.ini` files (in Debian GNU/Linux servers):

- `/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini`
- `/etc/php5/cli/php.ini`

Related:

- `htaccess`
- `Check`

**Performance**

- if you want to reduce CPU usage, set it to off
- if you want to limit traffic, set to on
  
  `zlib.output_compression = Off`
  
  `max_execution_time = 60`  ; Maximum execution time of each script, in seconds
  `max_input_time = 60`  ; Maximum amount of time each script may spend parsing request data
  `memory_limit = 256M`  ; 128M is PHP's default value. If you still get blank pages, raise it.
  
  `realpath_cache_size = 64k`
  ; The size value should be increased for Tiki as the default is only 16K
  `
  `realpath_cache_ttl = 360`

**Upload larger files**

- `memory_limit=128M`
- `upload_max_filesize=10M`
- `post_max_size=11M`
- `max_execution_time=90`

See also:

- Upload file size
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Since php 5.3 you can use .user.ini in stead of php.ini, Since php 5.5 it is also necessary!! For example on site5.com as they explain here: http://kb.site5.com/php/how-to-make-custom-php-changes-using-a-user-ini-file/ (see the link for more information)