

This is a meeting of the [Editorial Board](#) - it runs online from (May) 1 to (May) 31. Undecided motions are carried over to the next month. Passing a motion requires 50% plus one of the current members. Members who miss two consecutive meetings are no longer considered current.

Last meeting: Editorial Board Meeting 2008 04

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Members considered current for this meeting (6): chibaguy, dthacker, marclaporte, mlpvolt, ricks99, xavi

Passing or defeating a motion will require 4 votes this month.

Contributors to this meeting: chibaguy, luci, dthacker, ricks99, mlpvolt, xavi

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Motions Passed Last Month

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Motions Defeated Last Month

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1. Motions Carried Over

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1.1. Documentation Page Formatting (kernel22's proposal)

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Motion: Use the example below as an "Information Sub-Section on all documentation pages.

This really stems from 1.9 vs. 1.10. I would like to propose an "Information" sub-section on each doc page relating to features/mods/etc which would contain sub-headings with related information like:

Example

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Discussion:

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1.2. Documentation page formatting (ricks99's proposal)

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Motion: Use for documentation page formatting something like the example shown [here](#)

Discussion

ricks99: [Here](#) was my proposal for redesigning doc pages from a while ago. I'm not 100% pleased with it, but I think it does a good job making it **easy** to find the key information for a given feature (i.e., which Tiki version, required permissions, etc.).

Xavi: as a General Idea, I like it, ricks99. But I'm scared of the work of reformatting that part of every single page.... Moreover, shouldn't we use somehow the tracker info here in doc.tw.o that Marc Laporte created and many have been updating for all features?

- Which [tracker](#) are you talking about? Are you suggesting using trackers in place of wiki pages for features? How would that work? (ricks99)
- I (xavi) mean creating a tracker to store all the metainformation of the features, and retrieve whatever information for that feature using trackerlist plugin using filtervalue or similar params.

Similar to how marclaporte has been using trackers on dev.tw.o to show the bugs related to that feature. We would show the metadata related to that feature... However, this is a bunch of work, which I can't do myself (I can't find enough time to even easier things...)

mlpvolt: again [documentation templates](#) is the process imo.

- dthacker: I want to tie this to a tracker too. Now that we have staging, I can work up a prototype. So opposed for now and watch for a new motion.
- dthacker: The problem with templates is that they are not dynamic in tiki, they are just skeletons. This morning I saw a demo of templates on Mediawiki, and they are dynamic across the wiki. If you change the template the changes carry through to all wiki pages. I think our dynamic content feature may allow for something like this so I'm going to experiment with that.
- mlpvolt: overall, imo pagenames, linking and tagging is more important for the function of the docs than the similarity of individual pages. dynamic templates would be nice to have but let's keep the required boxes to fill to a minimum. I'm also concerned that staging&approval may be too much to maintain. We might also differentiate between editors (who clean things up) and contributors (who can do anything they want - just contribute)

Vote

In Favor:

Opposed: xavi, (it seems that we don't have enough human resources to accomplish this task, at least so far), dthacker, mlpvolt

1.3. Screenshot Tagging/Captioning

Motion: Tag or identify with a caption the version of Tiki each screenshot is from with the goal of the screenshots matching either the current release, or the current release candidate, whichever is more imminent.

In the case of today, we would try and get all screenshots current as of 1.10.0 until we come up with a 1.10.1 down the road. The Change Log proposed above will fill in the blanks. Maybe also have a "-HEAD" version of the page that talks about and documents changes to an existing feature that are in development in the head branch. When the time comes, those details can be easily incorporated into the current release page. Obviously, if the feature doesn't exist yet, then instead of having a -HEAD version (for example Contributions-HEAD), then it'll just be the name of the feature (Contributions) and in the Change Log section we'd have "1.11.0 - Introduced". I think we need to document new features that are being developed, but keep it separate from what is current so as to avoid confusion.

Discussion:

- All screenshots should have a standard caption including version. We could add an "under development" tag as the equivalent to HEAD.(dthacker)
- I personally think that having a HEAD version of any doc page publicly available is dangerous. The HEAD version is **not** easily available. Too many newbies are going to ask... *Why is the doc page showing me 1.10, but I can only download 1.9.9??*
ricks99
- in fact, they can indeed download 1.10 (or HEAD) at their own risk, from [Download](http://dev.tiki.org/Download) page (-> <http://dev.tiki.org/Download>). Mmmmmm, I like the idea: some people might like the idea of using 1.9.9 in themeantime but knowing that in the next version (1.10 in this case) this or that feature or enhancement is already coded and working... (specially if we as community take so long between releases of new stable branches...) (Xavi)

- One problem with a standard (static) caption is that as soon as a new Tiki version is released, all the doc captions are going to be (or appear to be) out of date. I mean if the screenshots were all labeled 1.9.11 now, what happens when 1.10 is released? People need to know what info is for what version, but hardcoding the version in the doc page should be done as little as possible, I think, since many or most descriptions will continue to be valid even as version numbers increase. Maybe the assumption should be (and described somewhere) that screenshots are accurate for the latest stable version unless otherwise indicated.
- ricks99: Could we use the [Versions plugin](#) for this, maybe?

Vote

In Favor: dthacker, xavi

Opposed: chibaguy (opposed to specific version numbers on screenshots unless the image is for a beta or old release)

1.4. Using SourceForge for downloads

Motion : Keep all can we keep all file downloads on SourceForge instead on doc.tw.o server. Since the link to the latest pdf file in your doctwo server (<http://doc.tiki.org/files/Tiki19beta.pdf>) is written in several places (and I don't remember all of them, but I remember there were a bunch of places), I would suggest to do the following:

- remove the current Tiki19beta.pdf at the ftp server behind <http://doc.tiki.org/files/>
- create a folder called "Tiki19beta.pdf"
- add an index.html inside, with a redirect to

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=64258&package_id=68737&release_id=582492

(from Marc, rescued from a proposal sent months ago by him and xavi to [Editorial Board Meeting](#) page)

Discussion:

Marc:

- For instance :

<http://doc.tiki.org/files/Tiki19beta.pdf>

We could have a permanent redirect. Ex.: <http://doc.tiki.org/printed> to the exact location on SF (which could change over time)

It will reduce the load on my server and be counted towards our [stats](#) over there.

- Xavi:

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I fully agree with you Marc. When I uploaded my first .odt & pdf, I didn't have access to upload files to tikiwiki area in sf.net, but I do right now.

Months ago I uploaded files to tw area in sf.net, including the latest pdf from doc.tw.o:
http://downloads.sourceforge.net/tikiwiki/Tiki19beta.pdf?modtime=1204906231&big_mirror=1

And we could do something similar for the odt file? (or maybe it's not needed since less people download the source pdt file)...

Vote

In favor: xavi

Opposed:

1.5. Admin Settings for doc.tw.o 1.10

Motion: Leave the settings where there has been no argument against, as they were initially set after the irc discussion on irc the day that Xavi upgraded doc.tw.o to 1.10

We did set new doc.tw.o in a certain way. Some disagreement might arise (or not) on some of the proposals of new settings. Report below the changes that any admin on doc.tw.o made to the site, so that we can decide the best configuration for the community according to the maximum amount of points of view.

details

Feature setting (on/off, enabled/disabled, etc.)	Comments
Admin (home) > General	
Log Mail in Tiki Logs: on	
Contact user: dthacker	since dthacker is the "editor in chief", according to Editorial Board Meeting
Admin (home) > Features	
feature_actionlog enabled	
feature_freetags enabled	ricks99 thinks that freetags could be an extremely powerful/useful method of navigation for new Tikiers.
wysiwyg left as "off"	to prevent mixing of wiki markup and html markup
feature_action_calendar enabled	
feature_ajax disabled	It seems not to be needed at doc.tw.o, and it seems to be buggy according to Xavi (some pagination, at least, etc.)
feature_friends disabled	not needed, and maybe keep just one place for the social network within Tiki community. this place should not be doc.tw.o, imo (Xavi) but maybe tw.o.
feature_fullscreen enabled	
feature_morcego enabled	
feature_redirect_on_error enabled	
feature_webmail disabled	why was that enabled???
feature_mootools enabled	
feature_shadowbox enabled	
Use File Galleries for images inclusion ???	Anybody can ensure that this is working already to dogfood it on doc.tw.o?
Admin (home) > Wiki	
Edit idle timeout: 60 (mlpvolt suggests a little longer than 30)	
Create webhelp from structure: on	
User's Page: on	
Show/hide heading icon displayed before the heading: on	

feature_wiki_discuss disabled

anonymous were posting to the forum, even if no local perms granted (Marc reported)

Admin (home) > Login

Protect against CSRF with a ticket: on

Displays user's contribution in the user information page: on

Reg users can change theme: disabled If enabled, some (at least) registered users with "default theme" selected, seem to be using something like tiki new theme (even if Admin > Intertiki > import users preferences is disabled). Only when a user explicitly and manually selects Mittwoch.css, he/she can use it when logged in to the site. Disabling the chance to change the theme style seems to fix it, so that I (xavi) propose to leave it like this, while "site default" user preference doesn't work for all registered users.

Admin (home) > Forum

feature_forums_search enabled

= "Search some forums by content (on "forum list")"

Search method when searching in content: Tiki search local to a forum: ???

any idea what's that for?

Search method when searching in content: Non-Tiki search local to a forum: ???

any idea what's that for?

forum_thread_user_settings_keep enabled

= "Configuration bar settings are kept for all forums during the user session:"

Default thread style: "threaded"

Admin (home) > Community

feature_community_mouseover enabled

Admin (home) > Freetags

freetags_multilingual enabled

freetags_feature_3d enabled

Admin > mods

mods server set to: <http://mods.tiki.org>

installed lib-fpdf (1.4) ...

installed lib-fpdf_freefonts (1.1) ...

installed lib-fpdf_bitstreamvera (1.0) ...

html2pdf 1.1 (lib)

couldn't be installed ; it reported:
lib/html2pdf/classes/org/active-link/doc/DocHTML.php to
lib/html2pdf/classes/org/active-link/doc/DocHTML.php
impossible to copy

Admin (home) > i18n

feature_multilingual_structures disabled

please don't enable this as it currently causes very high load where single query can process more than 815000 MySQL rows!

quantify_changes enabled

Admin > Action log

All actions except for viewing, downloading and logging in are logged

This way we'll be able to easily review what do users mostly do on doc.tw.o, etc. If after some time we don't use these data, and it takes too much resources (I don't think so), we can disable it again.

Admin > groups (Permissions granted)

tiki_p_view_freetags added for anonymous

tiki_p_freetags_tag added for anonymous

Rick said it works fine on one site of him. However, there is no captcha anti-bot right now... (April 15th)
If we use freetags, can we remove [Keywords](#)?

tiki_p_watch_structure added for registered

I (Xavi) though they might need it - wiki way methodology

tiki_p_rename added for registered

I (Xavi) though they might need it - wiki way methodology

tiki_p_view_actionlog

so that any user can review (or link) easily to what he/she did on doc.tw.o

Admin (home) > Login (Users Defaults)

user information: public

Show user's info on mouseover: enabled

users_prefs_myтики_items enabled

users_prefs_myтики_forum_topics enabled

users_prefs_myтики_forum_replies enabled

Discussion:

- dthacker: These settings make sense to me. I'd like to get the discuss feature re-enabled when possible
- chibaguy: Is web help working? It was broken the last time I tried it at a test site.
 - xavi: no idea. Since I saw a new setting on Admin > wiki I thought (I wished, to be honest) that it was fixed. But I haven't tried. Just change it on the proposal, if you wish.
- ricks99: Can we disable the login module for anonymous visitors? There's already a login tab at the top of the pge.
 - xavi: yes, I fully agree, as soon as the theme style is upgraded or patched to properly show the link to that "login" link on the horizontal menu for anonymous. I've just added the "logout" link for registered, which was missing (wasn't it there months/years ago??? what happened to it?)
- module last wiki page changes seems to have disappeared from doc.tw.o server. ¿?
 - nope: it was called last_modif_pages . Reenabled (Xavi)

Vote

In Favor: dthacker, chibaguy, xavi

Opposed:

1.6. Use Blog to keep track of changes in doc.tw.o admin settings

Motion: Enable blog (or anything else) as on other tw.o sites where site admins could quickly put what change they done to site config. — luci

Discussion

- mlpvolt: why not just use the table created above, place it in doc.two settings edit to log changes and use the edit comment to explain why.
 - luci: err, what table ?
- mlpvolt: perhaps also the [chief editor](#) should approve (or at least be informed of) all settings changes.

vote

In favor: luci, xavi, mlpvolt

Opposed:

1.7. Defining groups, permissions and contributions

Ricks99 proposes a groups / permissions scheme as follows:

- Registered users **should** be allowed to edit/update wiki pages, as needed.
- Doc contributors should use the pages' comments for editorial discussions of the page. This would:
 1. Eliminate the comment noise from "registered users" who use the comments for support questions.
 2. Replace the Author Coffeeshop forum.
- Editors are admins of the docs.

Discussion

- IMHO, this site differs from main tw.o — end-users come here looking for specific information; not necessarily to contribute. (And infact, all research shows that the overwhelming majority of visitors *will not/do not* contribute.) As such,
- Anonymous users are simply *looking* for answers. Let them rate wiki pages (for quality) and add tags (a form of community-organization)
- xavi: I like your proopsal a lot, Rick. I would suggest to clarify that registered users need also the perm to make minor changes, according to current behavior of translation feature, and once the related bug or missconfiguration is fixed. (See <http://dev.tiki.org/bug1697>)
- xavi: I would suggest avoiding trackers for support tickets on doc.tw.o, but I know there is not much agreement on this issue on editorial board, and I would follow whatever we decide (afaik). Just comments ti wiki pages (either redirected to a forum through discuss or as comments on pages from a single [All the Documentation](#) structure that can be watched/monitored with a single click (to avoid dispersion of comments on pages that nobody was monitoring to answer).
- xavi: if the issue with the msn bot spamming the forum through "discuss feature" is sorted out and fixed, then I would'nt mind keeping the discuss feature as it was before.
- dthacker: There are the tags that refer back to the status page (need a screenshot, refactor) and there are folksonomy tags. Which tag would anonymous be able to work with?
 - ricks99: The "tagging" I was referring to is the folksonomy tags... letting anonymous users "tag" wiki pages with keywords (which would/should replace the [keywords](#) pages. I'll confess that I'm not 100% sure I understood the discussion of *tagging* screenshots.
 - dthacker: I edited my question above for clarity
- dthacker: Having used both, I think the tagging system works better than trackers.
- dthacker: The coffeeshop has been struggling for over two years. Time to try something else

- ricks99: I agree. Let's use comments to discuss a specific page. Making the comments visible only to major contributors will reduce the noise.
- mlpvolt: i like the description of groups and perms. "Editors" should more or less correspond to editorial board no?
- mlpvolt: disagree with using hidden comments to discuss changes to individual pages. That is way too micro. If something needs to be fixed, fix it. If a caveat needs to be applied, it should be visible to all readers. Inviting editorial discussion of individual changes invites stagnation i think, like wikipedia where 3/4 of all edits are to talk pages.
- mlpvolt, i guess o don't see less need for differentiation between registered and contributor. we can use it as a screen to help encourage self-training. Perms like revert, rename, categorize fit with contributor i think.

Vote

In Favor: ricks99, xavi (ok with me), mlpvolt (ok except for using comments).

2. New Business

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2.1. Use H2 to describe the motion

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Motion: Put the motion text here enclose it in a text box

Discussion:

- also need edit by section as soon as possible! 😊

Vote

In Favor: mlpvolt (also tends to add show/hide), Xavi

Opposed:

2.2. New Editor in Chief

Motion: That candidates for editor in chief be nominated (or nominate themselves) by editing the page: Editor in Chief, and that the nomination process simply entails improving (on that page) the definition, responsibilities and priorities for someone in that role.

discussion

Dave:

Dave Thacker has been a great chief editor. He wants to step down gracefully and we are hard pressed to honorably refuse. 😊

Dave: "Over the last 3-4 months, I've found myself increasingly pulled to other parts of the tikiwiki project (Testing, UI issues, Packaging, Database neutrality, Hosting) and I think it's time to put more of my efforts into those areas.

This is to let the Docs Editorial Board know that they should pick a new

Editor in Chief next month, and that person should plan on taking over June"

- Xavi: I think we might not need that role as far as [ebm](#) keep working...

Vote

Opposed: luci (I also think (like Xavi) we don't need that role at all)

2.3. Proposed changes to doc.tw.o site

Motion: In addition to the doc.tw.o admin items included in prior motions, I would like to suggest some other structure changes to the site

Discussion

1. Remove the **Search by Page Name** module.

We already have the Search bar in the header. Maybe (possibly) keep it for Registered users; but I think Anonymous visitors will become confused with 2 different search boxes

- luci: I'm not sure how efficient is the top search when you look for wiki page name

2. The **Documentation** menu is empty for Anonymous visitors.

What's it for?

- luci: huh ? it's not empty here for me as Anonymous...
- ricks99: Actually, what's going on is... the module uses the "flip" parameter, but the FLIP icon is only visible when you hover over the menu title. I think this is bad usability — *if* the module/menu is minimized, there's no way for user to know how to maximize it!

3. Remove the **To register** module.

Instead, let's add this information to the tiki-login.tpl template. Additionally it should be in the "become an author" section.

4. Remove the **Last Forum Posts** module

I thought we were going to remove the forum functionality completely?

5. Change the **Most Popular Tags** module to a cloud, and show more than 10 tags. For example:

Most Popular Tags

[admin](#) [administration](#) [articles](#) [configuration](#) [documentation](#) [edit](#) [files](#)
[google](#) [groups](#) [i18n](#) [images](#) [import](#) [installation](#) [language](#) [links](#) [login](#)
[maps](#) [module](#) [modules](#) [permissions](#) [plugin](#) [structures](#) [syntax](#) [tag](#)
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Vote

In Favor: ricks99, Xavi

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