

Contribution (types)

Contribution (types) adds an additional drop-down field to the add/edit/modify screen of wikipages, blogs, comments, tikisheets, and forums. The administrator configures this feature so that the drop down contains a list of "contribution types" (or other required information) and can make using this selector required to make a save. Thus it can function as a mandatory Edit Comment field.

Once entered, contribution types are color coded, and can be viewed in summary graphs, the [action log](#) and in the revision history.

Enabling the feature

Activate this [feature](#) from the [Features Admin](#) page (Admin -> Features -> Global Features -> Contribution) at yourURL/tiki-admin.php?page=features

Scope: this feature affects [Blog](#), [Wiki](#), [Comments](#), [Spreadsheet](#), or [forums](#).

Related features:

Edit Comment (which it compliments in wiki), [Wiki Page Staging and Approval](#) (an approval mechanism), and [MyAccount](#) (tracking user contributions and todos). [Contributions by Author](#)

Usage

Initially designed for educational scenarios, promoting and enhancing students onto experiential-reflective learning (See below, at [references section](#)).

May also be useful for workgroups and [project management](#).

Details

For instance, a contribution can be:

- support requests
- questions that allow new evolution on an electronic discussion/dialogue
- new hypothesis
- new information
- summarizing
- issues related to organization in the team of work
- ...

I	Contribution type	Description
	Others (report)	Other contribution type not listed in the menu at present (report which one to teachers)
*	Organizational aspects	Proposals and other questions related to the organization of the work team, scheduling,....
*	Improvements in markup	Improvements in markup, spelling, etc. (bear in mind that final document quality for printing (nicer tables, paginated table of contents, page markup...) will be performed at the end
*	Support requests	Simple questions, help requests, etc. without too much making of previous information
**	Help partners	Help group or course mates who asked questions, requested support, formulated doubts, etc. (group or course forum)
**	New information	New information has been added to text or discussion
***	New hypotheses	New hypothesis has been prepared from preexisting information, and possibly, some new information (if so, mark option ' New information ' also)

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| <p>*** Elaborated questions and new routes to advance</p> <p>*** Synthesis / making of information</p> | <p>Elaborated questions and new ways to move forward in the work which they were not taken into account previously (not just simple questions or elementary requests of support)</p> <p>Synthesize or refine speech with preexisting information</p> |
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Examples

Forum

Example on forum post, prior to posting:

and after posting:

Fòrum: AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres

[Editar fòrum](#)

[Fòrums->AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres->Proposta d'introducció](#)

[\[tema seqüent\]](#)

The byte count in action log report does not take into account the lines starting by "> " or included by QUOTE tags (previous message).

Wiki

Example at wiki edition time, showing the description of each item in the list of type of contributions as a pop up blue window when the mouse passes over the help round blue icon (?).

Editor: T3 Inici

Categoritzar	[mostra categories] [oculta categories]
Emoticons:	
Descripció:	Plana inicial per al Pla ambiental del grup de pràctiques AIA06 - T3
Editar:	! Pàgines dels equips de treball ((T3 1. INTRODUCCIÓ)) Marques ràpides ... ((T3 2. AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS)) ((T3 3. PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL)) ((T3 Zones 1 i 5)) ((T3 Zones 4 i 8)) ((T3 Zones 3 i 7)) ((T3 Zones 2 i 6))
Edit Summary:	
Permetre HTML:	☐
Pàgina d'importació:	Navega... exporta totes les versions
Puja foto:	Navega...
Pujar un arxiu:	Navega... comentari: adjunció
	vista prèvia
Tipus de contribució:	** Ajudes a companys ** Nova informació *** Hipòtesis noves *** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar *** Síntesi/elaboració d'informació Menor guardar cancel·la

Example on Wiki page history:

Historial: T3 Inici

[Visualitza la pàgina](#)

Legend: v=view, s=source, b=rollback

esb	Data	Usuari	Comentari	Contribution	Versió	Acció	comparar
	Dg 02 de Apr, 2006 [13:06]	JordiAbejón		*** Hipòtesis noves	11 actual	v s	☐ ☒
☐	Ds 01 de Apr, 2006 [12:19]	MarcOlivera		** Nova informació	10	v s b	☒ ☐
☐	Dc 29 de Mar, 2006 [10:58]	JordiAbejón		* Peticions de suport	9	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dm 28 de Mar, 2006 [18:26]	PedroBecerra		** Nova informació	8	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dm 28 de Mar, 2006 [15:40]	MarcAbejón		** Nova informació	7	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dg 26 de Mar, 2006 [19:03]	MarcOlivera		** Ajudes a companys	6	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [16:13]	VicençMiquel		** Nova informació	5	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [13:46]	JordiAbejón		** Nova informació	4	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [11:26]	MarcAbejón		Altres (informeu quina al professorat)	3	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [11:21]	MarcAbejón		Altres (informeu quina al professorat)	2	v s b	☐ ☐
☐	Dc 15 de Mar, 2006 [21:29]	JordiAbejón	Tiki initialization		1	v s b	☐ ☐

Tikisheet

Example on a spreadsheet:

T_AccionsT3_G

REDUCCIÓ DE LA CONTAMINACIÓ

Inserta Fila Inserta Columna Elimina Fila Elimina Columna Fusiona Cel·les Restaura Cel·les Copia càlcul Formata Cel·la

Organització de sortides de camp amb grups el més nombrosos possible

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	N		Grup A	Aules	Labora	Labora	Secret	Camps	Establ	Bar	menja	Bibliotr	Lavabo	Despat	Jardins	Copist
2	7		REDUC													
3		.1	Utilitza					x							X	
4		.2	Mesura					x							X	
5		.3	Mesura	X	X	X	x	x				X		X	X	
6		.4	Servei				x									
7		.5	Recollir	X			X	x		X	X			X		
8		.6	Organiz													

*** Síntesi/elaboració d'informació
*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
*** Hipòtesis noves

Guardar Cancel·lar

Report contributions in tables

The [action log](#) feature can display them.

Filtra

Usuari/a: Data d'inici: April 2006

Group: Data de fi: April 2006

Category: octets ☒ kb ☐

[See Statistics](#)

Llista — Group: aia06t3 aia06t4

usuari	data	acció	tipus	objecte	categoria	+ octets	- octets	contribution
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [20:02]	Replied	comment	AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS		315		*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:53]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		2734	2131	*** Nova informació
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:30]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		8	33	*** Nova informació
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:28]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		24	3	*** Nova informació
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:27]	Viewed	forum	AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres	t3			
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:27]	Viewed	forum	AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres	t3			
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:26]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		385	7	*** Nova informació
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:13]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		18	26	*** Nova informació
Moni alabern	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:09]	Replied	comment	AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS		1147		*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar

There is also a table reporting the evolution in time (weeks or days) of contributions:

Contribution	Weeks										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
* Peticions de suport		176	219	575						100	
		176	219	1						100	
** Nova informació			301	9105	1973			869			
				119	1			139			
			301	8986	1972			730			
* Aspectes organitzatius			301		1416			515	335	156	
			301		1416			515	335	3	153
*** Síntesi/elaboració d'informació				404	4860			2607	761	5208	
				103				1161	710	3278	
				301	4860			1446	51	1930	
* Millores de presentació								193			
								1125			
								-932			
*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar						492					
						492					
*** Hipòtesis noves		28		2468							
		28		2468							
** Ajudes a companys		1551									
		1551									

Additions are shown in green background, deletions in pink, and the difference is shown without any special background color. Units are either bytes or kb, specified previously through the reporting filters described in [Action log](#) page, as well as start and end date, and if columns are days or weeks.

The main goal of reporting them is showing students in tutorship sessions what the log of their activity respect to the average of their class, for instance, as a simple way to enable students self-regulate their effort investment in the learning process of that activity/subject/course, etc. Many other uses can be achieved with that information, and it is not intended to be the only way to "grade" students activity but to enhance broad information to tutors about students activity to improve feedback to student along the learning activity process, and not only as grading information at the end.

Reporting contributions in graphs

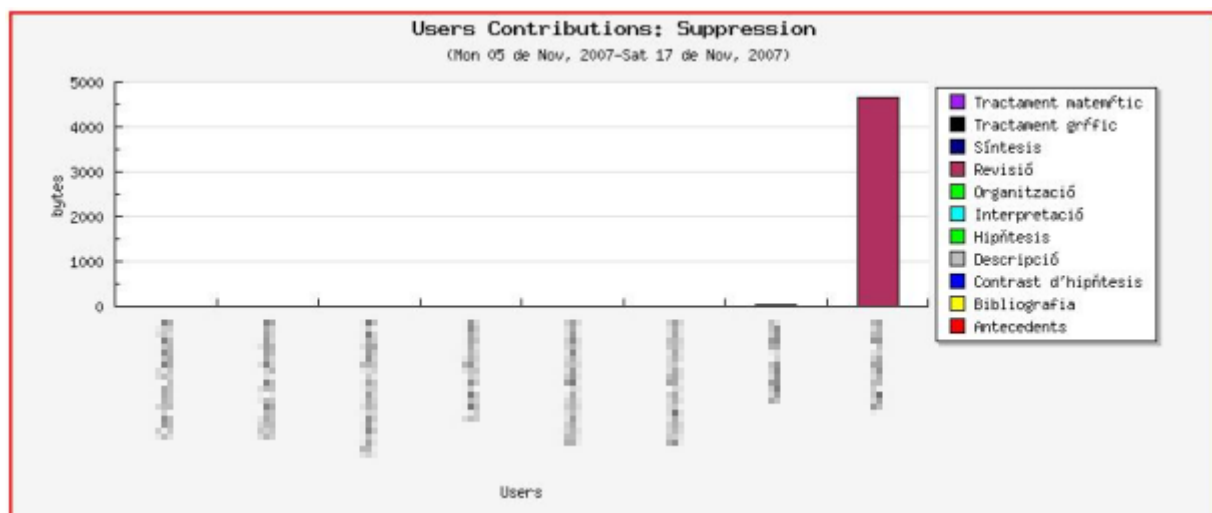
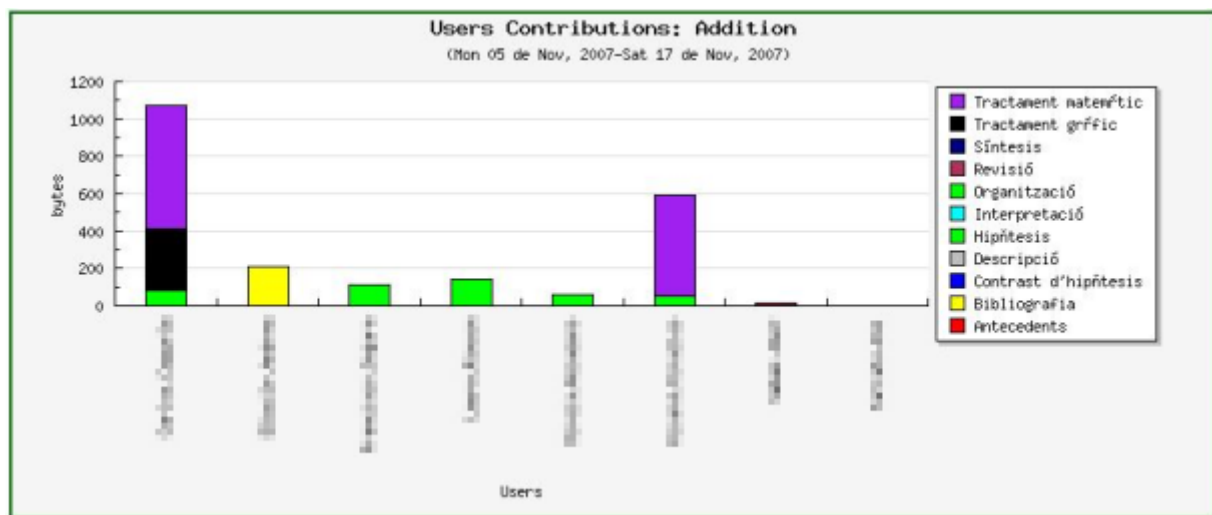
When contribution feature is enabled, [Action log](#) feature will allow displaying the summaries of contribution by types along time also in graphs. The graphs are produced in better quality when **jpgraph** library is installed in you Tiki (see [Mod jpgraph](#) for more details). You can also download the library in [lib/jpgraph](#).

Nota: the preference feature `_jpgraph` must be manually turn in in the database adn you must clear the cache after.

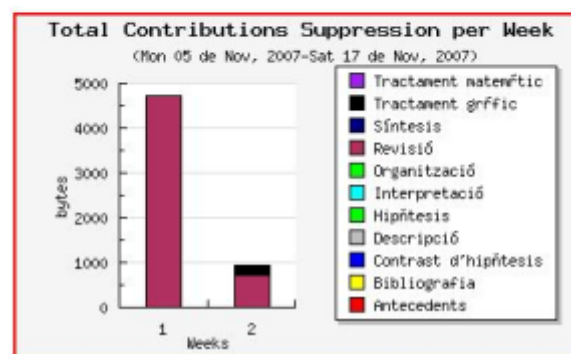
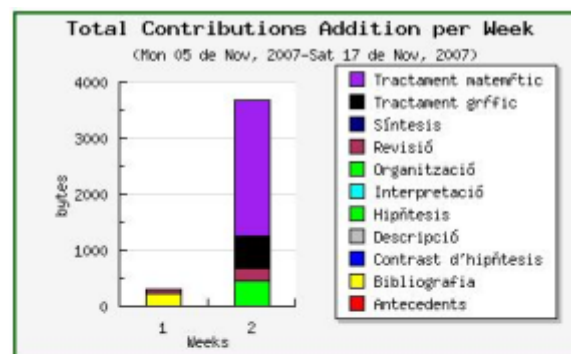
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insert into tiki_preferences (name, value) values('feature_jpgraph', 'y');
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These are the type of graphs produced (examples produced having jpgraph lib installed on the site)

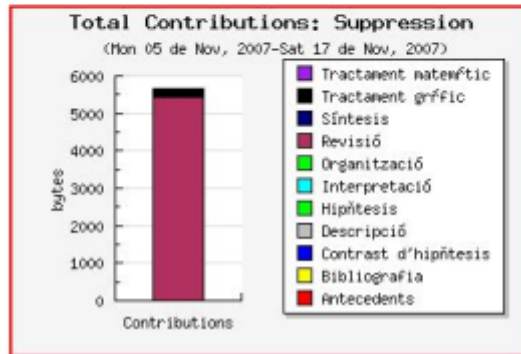
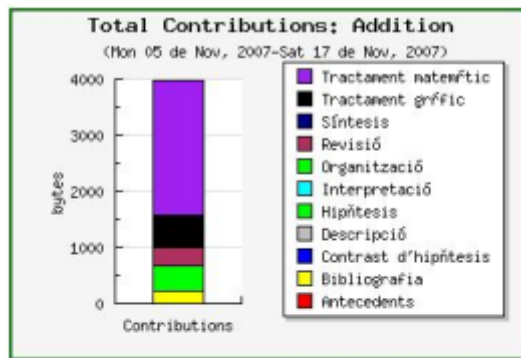
Users contribution: Addition and Suppression



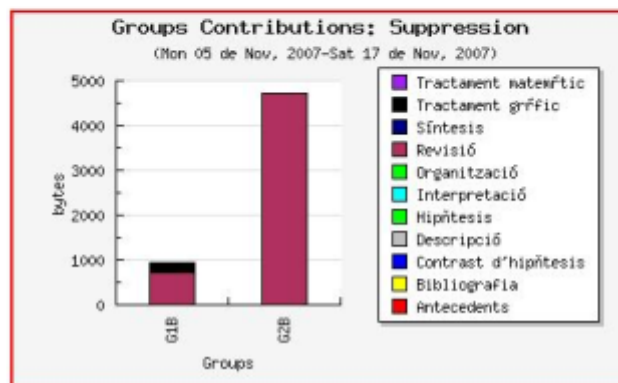
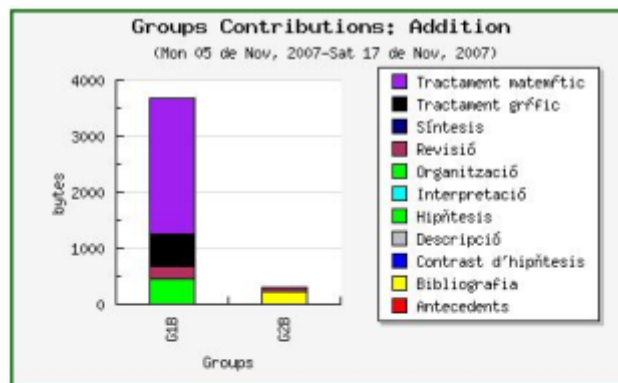
Total contributions: Additions and Suppressions over time



Total contributions: Additions and Suppressions



Group contributions: Additions and Suppressions



Contributor feature

This feature can be enabled in Admin -> Contribution. It allows an user to select which other mats of his/her group where co-authoring (or just contributing, at least) to that wiki page edition.

Admin Contributions

Settings

☐	Contributions are mandatory in wiki pages
☐	Contributions are mandatory in forums
☐	Contributions are mandatory in comments
☐	Contributions are mandatory in blogs
☒	Contributions are displayed in the comment/post
☐	Contributors
SAVE	

:: Diccionari "Knowledge Forum <--> Tiki	
Language:	Unknown
Edit Summary:	
Allow HTML:	☐
Import page:	Navega...
Upload picture:	Navega...
Upload file:	Navega...
preview	
Type of contribution:	Ajudes a companys Altres* Hipòtesis noves Millores de presentació Nova informació 
Contributors	tania.donate teresa TERESAELIAS Vania Xavi
Minor save cancel edit	

Action log will reflect that contribution also.

Note that there is a setting to allow users to see user's contributions (within a user activity log) at Admin -> Login ("**Displays user's contribution in the user information page:**"). If enabled, a user will be able to see other user's activity log, including his/her contributions on the report.

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Related pages

- [Contribution Admin](#)
- [Contributions by Author](#)
- [PluginContributionsDashboard](#)
- [Action log](#)

External links

- <http://edu.tiki.org>

aliases

[Contributions](#) | [ContributionTypes](#) | [Contribution Types](#)