

# Themes

Tiki comes with a number of [Themes](#) - these themes, which are also known as "skins" or "templates" or "styles" in other software, control the visual appearance of the Tiki site but *not* the choices of what information goes where - which is driven by the [features](#), [configuration](#), and [modules](#) chosen for the site. In Tiki, the visual theme affects only appearance, not functionality, so a theme can't introduce a security risk.

## Choosing a bundled theme

- **Site default theme:** set this by going to **Admin Home > Look & Feel**, selecting the theme and clicking "Apply".
- **User theme:** users can be given permission to override the default theme by activating *Reg users can change theme* at **Admin Home > Look & Feel**. Once the feature is activated, users can select their personal theme for the site in their preferences page under the **My Account** menu.
- **Switch-theme module:** - You can also activate the [module switch\\_theme](#) which makes it very easy for all users (logged in or not, depending on the permission assigned to this feature) to select a theme for his or her use through a module in the left or right column or other location.

## Installing an external "aftermarket" theme

Tiki comes bundled with a number of themes to choose from, but if you don't find anything to your liking, you can get more at the [Theme marketplace](#).

Instructions on how to upload a new theme to your Tiki site can be found on <http://themes.tiki.org/How+To+Add+a+New+Theme> or on the instruction pages of the individual theme. After you have downloaded a theme from the Tiki themes site and then uploaded it to the *themes* directory your own site, you must activate it. You do this as you would with a bundled theme. Find information on selecting a theme at [Look and Feel Theme](#).

## Using multiple themes on a Tiki site

[Theme Control](#) enables assigning themes according to

- category
- section
- individual object (i.e. an individual wiki page, blog, gallery, etc.)

For instance, to set the *theme for objects in certain categories*, if you are logged on as admin:

- Make sure that Theme Control is enabled
  - Go to Admin -> Look & Feel
  - Make sure the **Theme Control** is checked.
- Select the theme
  - Go to Admin -> Theme Control
  - For the **Category** picklist choose **Default Category** (so that the theme will apply to all pages on your site).
  - For the **Theme** picklist, select a particular theme.
  - Click on the **Assign** button.
  - **Note:** You have to refresh the page to see the new theme take effect.

## Themes.tiki.org

- [Themes.tiki.org](#) is the place for finding more information about visual themes and for demonstrating and distributing Tiki themes. This is a Tiki community site, and all members are welcome to submit their creations.