# Need

I needed to use the email address of the current user to fill out a form field. (long story as to why)

# Explanation

There exist some Wiki Argument Variables that allow one to use some variables that are part of the tiki current instance. For example {{user}} will display the userid of the current user: . My first idea was to implement the same thing for to display the email id of the current user.

It is generally considered a bad idea to insert email addresses into wiki or web pages as spammers can scrape and use them. I believe this is why the idea is frowned upon. So thanks to Jonny's suggestion I came up with the following solution instead.

# Method

1. Add the following custom.php to your tiki language directory, *mine is in lang/en/ or lang/en-uk/*

   <?php // custom.php pmc 2011/05/11 global $user; if (!empty($user)) { global $userlib, $smarty; $email=$userlib->get_user_email($user); //create smarty variable assign it the value of the current user's email address $smarty->assign('curremail', $email); }

2. *To use the smarty variable*
   1. using Smarty plugin

      {SMARTY(name=>eval, var=>"{$curremail}")}{SMARTY}

   2. used in a smarty template

      email id is {$curremail}

# Example

This is how I used it via smarty plugin and div plugin and jquery plugin to pre-fill an html form field which is within html plugin. It is shown here in three parts that must be within the same page. Extraneous information has been removed &/or replaced with *blah* or *….*

- html <form>
  {CODE(colors=bash)}

{HTML()}
<form method="post" action="http://blahblah...">
Your E-mail address: <input type="text" name="email" size="30" , id=emailid>
...
</form>
{HTML()}
{CODE}

- retrieve field value, assign it an id for use in jquery

  {DIV(class=hidden, id=emailactual)} {SMARTY(name=>eval, var=>"{$curremail}")}{SMARTY} {DIV}

- insert the field value in the form

  {JQ()} if (!$jq("#emailid").val()) { $jq("#emailid").val($("#emailactual").text()); } {JQ}