Karma

This page explains the relationship between voting Comments and the Karma system.

If enabled by the admin, you may be able to vote comments from 1 (poor) to 5 (very cool) in the title bar for each comment. When a user votes a comment, the Tiki karma system for comments is applied, the karma system works following these rules:

- Each registered user has an associated number of points, an average between the user points and the number of votes gives a user a certain karma level varying from 0 to 5.
- Users gain points when a comment posted by him/her is voted, when someone votes a user comment with 3, the user gains 3 points and earns one vote.
- When a user votes a comment, the number of points added to the comment depends on the karma level of the user. If the user has a high karma level, the comment receives more points. For example, a vote of 5 for a comment may add 4.22 points if the user has a very good karma or only 0.23 if the user has a lower karma level.

This system makes users that post good comments gain more karma and so their votes will make comments voted by them rank higher.

**NOTE:** The current Karma system has a conceptual problem: if user A has a karma of 1, user B has a karma of 5, and user A gives rating 5 to B, B will be given rating 1 (because of A's karma) and so B will have karma lowered. This happens because user's vote weight and his points are the same field, can be solved by separating in two fields. [Ifagundes](#)

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