Checking your server & Tiki settings

The information on this page is incomplete and/or outdated. For related info see Tiki Check and System Configuration.

On tiki-admin_security.php, you can check for less secure server or Tiki settings.

### PHP settings

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<td>allow_url_fopen</td>
<td>safe</td>
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<td>register_globals</td>
<td>safe</td>
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<td>session.use_trans_sid</td>
<td>safe</td>
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<td>upload_tmp_dir</td>
<td>unknown</td>
<td>cannot check if the upload_tmp_dir is accessible via web browser. To be sure you should check your webserver config.</td>
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<td>xbithack</td>
<td>safe</td>
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### Tikiwiki settings

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<td>gal_use_dir</td>
<td>imagegallery/unsafe</td>
<td></td>
<td>The Path to store files in the imagegallery should be outside the tiki root directory</td>
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Check your files

File check (at tiki-admin_security.php) will detect any PHP files (and .tpl files in recent versions of Tiki), but not images (.jpg, .gif, .png) which have been altered compared to the default, clean install of Tiki.

#### Check all tiki files

Note, that this can take a very long time. You should check your max_execution_time setting in php.ini.

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<td>/tiki-install.php</td>
<td>This file is from another Tikiwiki version: 1.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>/db/local.php</td>
<td>This is not a Tikiwiki file. Check if this file was uploaded and if it is dangerous.</td>
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This is the result of checking all PHP files in my local install compared to the default/clean Tiki install.

It is normal that local.php be modified. If you check the file:

```php
<?php
$db_tiki='mysql';
$dbversion_tiki='1.9';
$host_tiki='localhost';
$user_tiki='my_database_user_name';
$pass_tiki='my_database_secret_password';
$dba_tiki='my_database_name';
?>
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This should be:

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It is also normal that tiki-install.php be modified (as you probably clicked to de-activate it). All other modified
files should have been by you.

Please note that if you update your site via SVN, it's normal that some files are reported because the secDB database is typically only updated at release time.

On more recent versions of Tiki, it's also normal that language files are flagged because they are compressed after the security check is done. This is solved starting in Tiki 9.2

Also, starting in Tiki 9.2, Tiki not only checks .php files but also .tpl, .css, .sql and .js

Robots Exclusion (Banning Search engines)

For some uses you may wish to prevent search engines from crawling, indexing or archiving your site. See: Robots Exclusion Protocol and Meta Elements

User/Content Security

see: Groups

Securing your webserver

If you are using Apache webserver, you can also secure it (and therefore, secure tiki) by means on enabling "mod_security".

See ModSecurity for more information.

related

More info:
http://tiki.org/AdminSecurity

Alias names for this page

SecDB | SecurityAdmin | Security