Generally, you shouldn't need to change your `php.ini`, but if you do (like in ISPConfig3 setups), this page is to share tips & tricks about Tiki-related configs.

You have to place your custom php.ini file in your Tiki root folder. Keep in mind that some servers have two different php.ini files, one for php scripts used through a web server and browser, and another one for php scripts being run in the command line (CLI). These 2 are common locations for those 2 php.ini files (in Debian GNU/Linux servers):

- `/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini`
- `/etc/php5/cli/php.ini`

Related:
- htcaccess
- Check

### Performance

```ini
; if you want to reduce CPU usage, set it to off
zlib.output_compression = Off

max_execution_time = 60 ; Maximum execution time of each script, in seconds
max_input_time = 60 ; Maximum amount of time each script may spend parsing request data
memory_limit = 256M ; 128M is PHP's default value. If you still get blank pages, raise it.

; realpath_cache_size determines the size of the cache used by PHP used each time it references a file
; The size value should be increased for Tiki as the default is only 16K
realpath_cache_size = 64k
; The time to live value defaults to 120 seconds so can be increased on stable sites, e.g.
; realpath_cache_ttl = 360
```

### Upload larger files

```ini
memory_limit=128M
upload_max_filesize=10M
post_max_size=11M
max_execution_time=90
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See also:
- Upload file size
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Since php 5.3 you can use .user.ini in stead of php.ini,
Since php 5.5 it is also necessary!! For example on site5.com as they explain here:
http://kb.site5.com/php/how-to-make-custom-php-changes-using-a-user-ini-file/ (see the link for more information)