

Introduction

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If you are a web developer or programmer, command line installation of Tiki is also supported.

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These instructions are intentionally generic, and should apply to most shared host installations. See [Installation Guides](#) for instructions for specific combination of operating system and web servers. *(Full disclosure: the specific installation guides aren't updated as often as the general instructions so could be out of date. Please use the project's mailing lists, forums, etc. to get more information if necessary.)*

1.1. Prerequisites

This guide assumes you have:

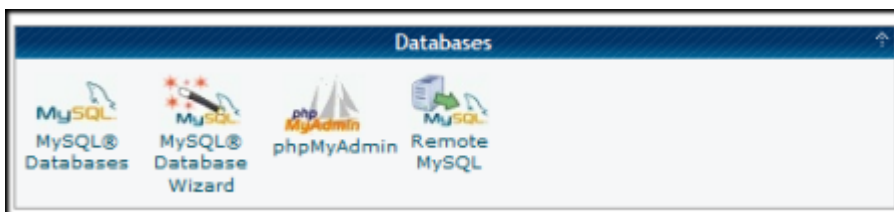
- FTP or SSH (shell) access to, or cPanel access at, a web server (such as Apache) with the required version of PHP for the Tiki release to be installed.
- Access to a MySQL database (should be provided by your web host).

Step-by-step installation

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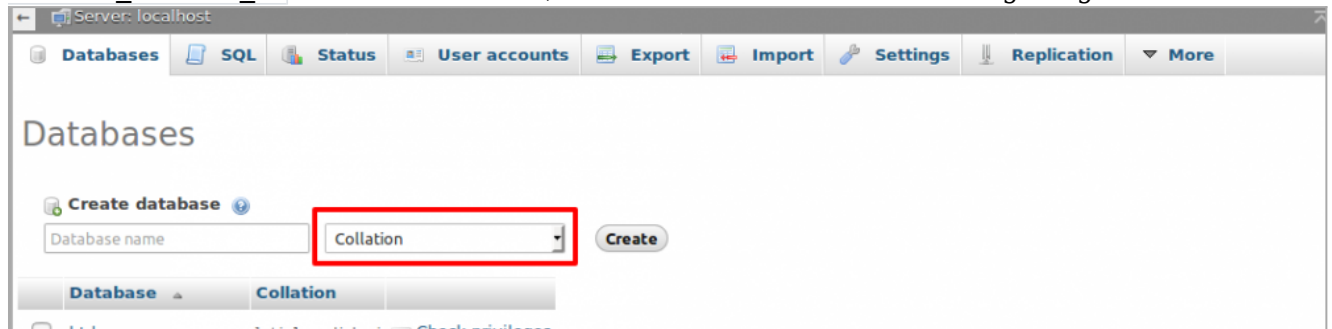
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1.1.1. The three steps of database setup

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- The database name can be anything but should be kept simple — you can use **tiki**, and avoid using an underscore character in the name. Depending on your web host, your full database in phpMyAdmin may be listed as *accountname_tiki*.

Note: By default, Tiki uses **UTF-8** for database encoding. Select "utf8" in the "**collation**" drop-down box in phpMyAdmin (or similar). Tiki moved to `utf8mb4` since Tiki19, so a collation such as `utf8mb4_unicode_ci` should be selected, in the field shown in the following image:



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- Be sure to record the database name; you will need it later.
2. Create a database **user** (with password).
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 - Select a **strong** password. You can easily recover your database username and password if necessary (by reviewing the `../db/local.php` file in your Tiki directory).
 - Be sure to record the username and password. You will need it later.
 3. Assign **all** database permissions to the database user that you created (in step 2).

Following these steps, a database is created that is ready to use, as well as a database user (and password) with the necessary permissions.

1.2. Two ways to get the Tiki files

1.2.1. Check out the files from the online code development repository

This method requires **(a)** a server with shell (command line) access and **(b)** the [Git](#) command line tool already installed on your server.

Example for a fresh checkout (recommended also for major upgrades)

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```

Ressources

If you are new to Git and you want to use Git to either deploy and manage a live website or you are a developer moving to Git from another version control system (vcs), you might want to find a course or a book.

The entire Pro Git book, written by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub and published by Apress, is available here. All content is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial Share Alike 3.0](#) license. Print versions of the book are available on [Amazon.com](#).

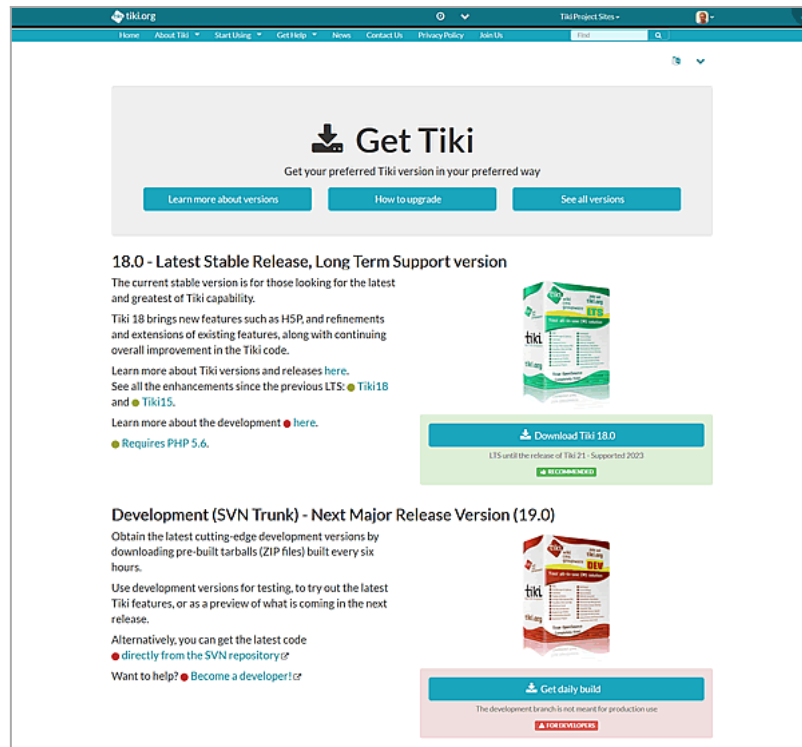
See also: [A short history of Git](#)

1.2.1.1. Troubleshooting

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1.2.2. Download a release package

Alternatively, you can [download](#) a package of all the files, including external library files, of any supported version of Tiki to your local computer from <http://tiki.org/download>.



Download page at tiki.org

The full Tiki archive file download is 25 to 95MB depending on the version and compression format (zip, bz2, etc.).

1.2.2.1. Upload to your web host with cPanel's file manager

If [cPanel](#) (a feature commonly offered by shared hosting providers) is available on the web host, you can upload Tiki's zipped package as one file without first extracting the files. Use cPanel's [file manager](#) to upload the zipped archive and extract the files after the upload is complete. The files can be selected and moved to another directory in one action if necessary. If cPanel is available, this is a safer and faster method than uploading multiple files.

1.2.2.2. Unzip and upload to your web host with FTP or similar

If your web host doesn't have cPanel, after downloading the Tiki archive file, decompress (unzip) the file to your local PC.

Use FTP (or SCP, SFTP, Rsync, SSH, etc) to connect to your web host.

Once connected, find your web directory. It is often called `www` or `public_html`.

Note: This directory name may vary, depending on your web host.

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```
lftp -u username ftp.example.com
lcd /path/to/local/tiki
cd /path/to/web/tiki
set ftp:ssl-allow no
mirror -R ./
```

An ftp testing upload session to an external web host needed approximately two hours, and the limitation was the provider's setting. The local internet connection was **not** saturated.

1.3. Install Tiki

1.3.1. Install a repository checkout

To complete the setup of the checked-out files, including fetching external libraries and setting permissions, run `setup.sh`, (in the `tikiroot`):

```
$ sh setup.sh
```

For more information on using `setup.sh`, also see the [Troubleshooting](#) section, or run `sh setup.sh -h` in the shell. Regarding Composer, which is only needed to fetch external libraries when Tiki is being installed from the repository, use the option "c" after starting the `setup.sh` script:

```
$ sh setup.sh . . .
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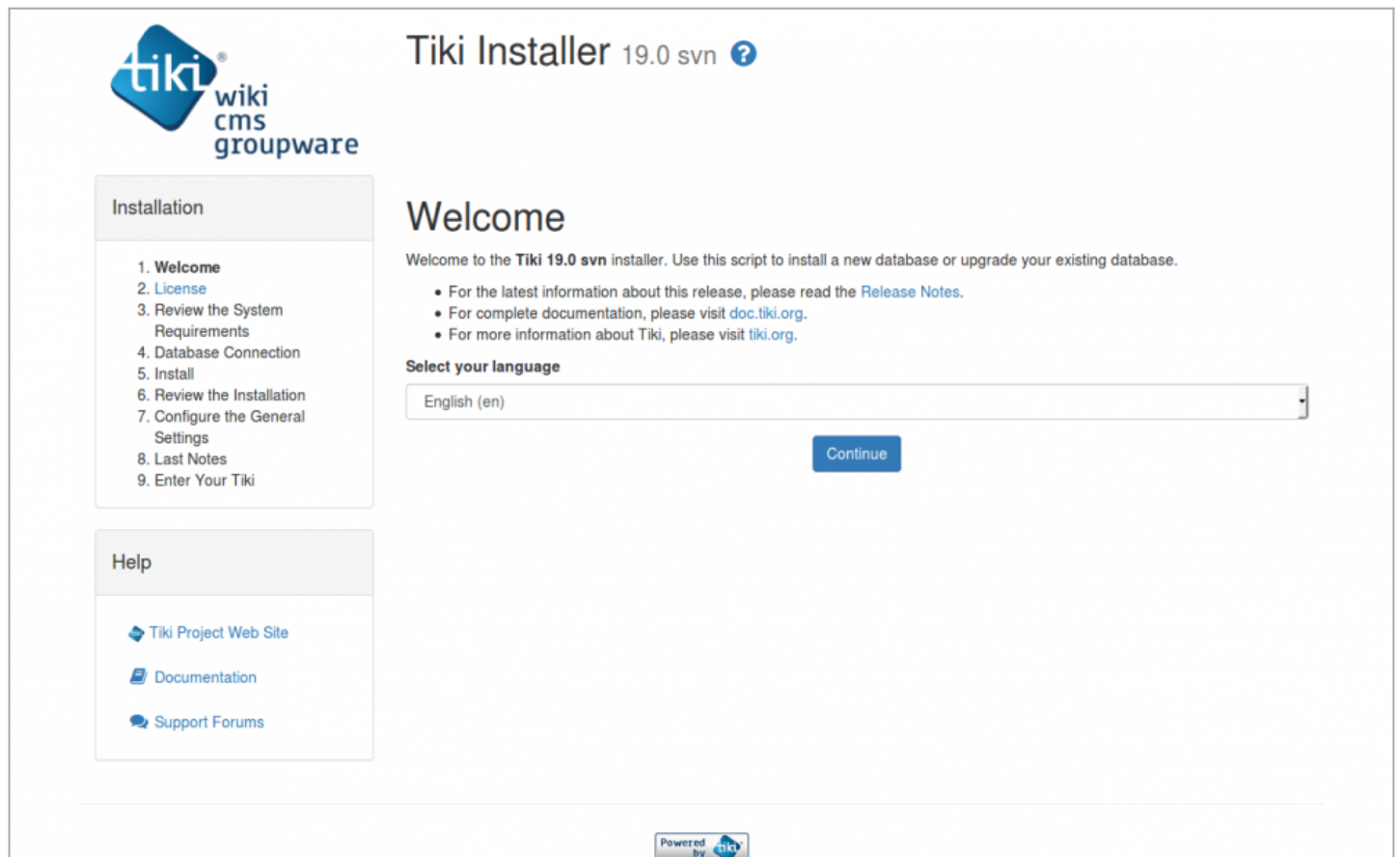
Your choice **c** or **f**? **c**

1.3.2. Install a downloaded release package

Run the Tiki installer (tiki-install.php)

Navigate in a web browser to: **http://example.org/tiki-install.php** (or

http://example.org/tiki/tiki-install.php if you installed Tiki in a subdirectory).



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- And more

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In order to implement secure logins, in addition to selecting this option, you will need a security certificate and a dedicated IP address for your domain. These can be obtained or purchased from your web hosting company or, in the case of the security certificate, from third parties.

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1.3.2.2. Alternative "Step 5" without tiki-install.php

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Log in using the login box in the right-hand column.

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1.1. Prerequisites

This guide assumes you have:

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 - Typically, you upload the files via a FTP client such as [WinSCP](#) or [FileZilla](#).
- access to a MySQL database (should be provided by your webhost)

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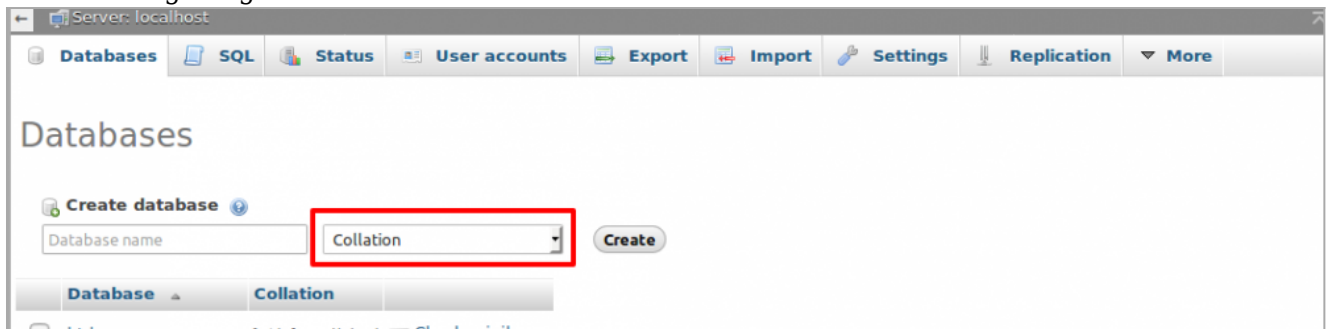
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Congratulations. You now have a database that is ready to use, as well a a database user (and password) with the necessary permissions.

1.2. Download Tiki package file

1.2.1. From the online repository

This method requires **(a)** a server with shell (command line) access and **(b)** a running SVN instance on this server.

For the SVN part please have a look at the page [Get Code on dev.tiki.org](https://dev.tiki.org/Get-Code). On this page and if necessary aswell on the related pages, you find notes about the SVN commands and the particular paths you need to use in the command line to automatically checkout or update the right Tiki version into the intended installation directory (= tikiroot folder).

Example for a fresh checkout (recommended also for major upgrades)

Method 1

Checking out to a new folder (that you will specify)

```
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```

Method 2

Checking out to the current folder (when you created the intended tikiroot already and changed into this directory prior to the checkout):

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```

Example for a minor update:

Do not forget to switch into the tikiroot of the Tiki you want to update

```
$ svn up
```

This method requires **(a)** a server with shell (command line) access and **(b)** a running GIT instance on this server.

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```

1.2.2. From a release file

1.2.2.1. Download and unzip

[Download](#) the current version of Tiki to your local computer from <http://tiki.org/download>.

The full Tiki archive file download is 20-50MB depending on the version and compression (zip, bz2, etc.).

After downloading the Tiki archive file, decompress (unzip) the file to your local PC.

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Time for more coffee?

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Start `setup.sh`, (in the `tikiroot`)::

```
$ sh setup.sh
```

For more information on using `setup.sh` see also the section 1.4.1 Troubleshooting below or run `sh setup.sh -h`. In this section we treat only Composer part, which is only applicable when you use an installation from the repository.

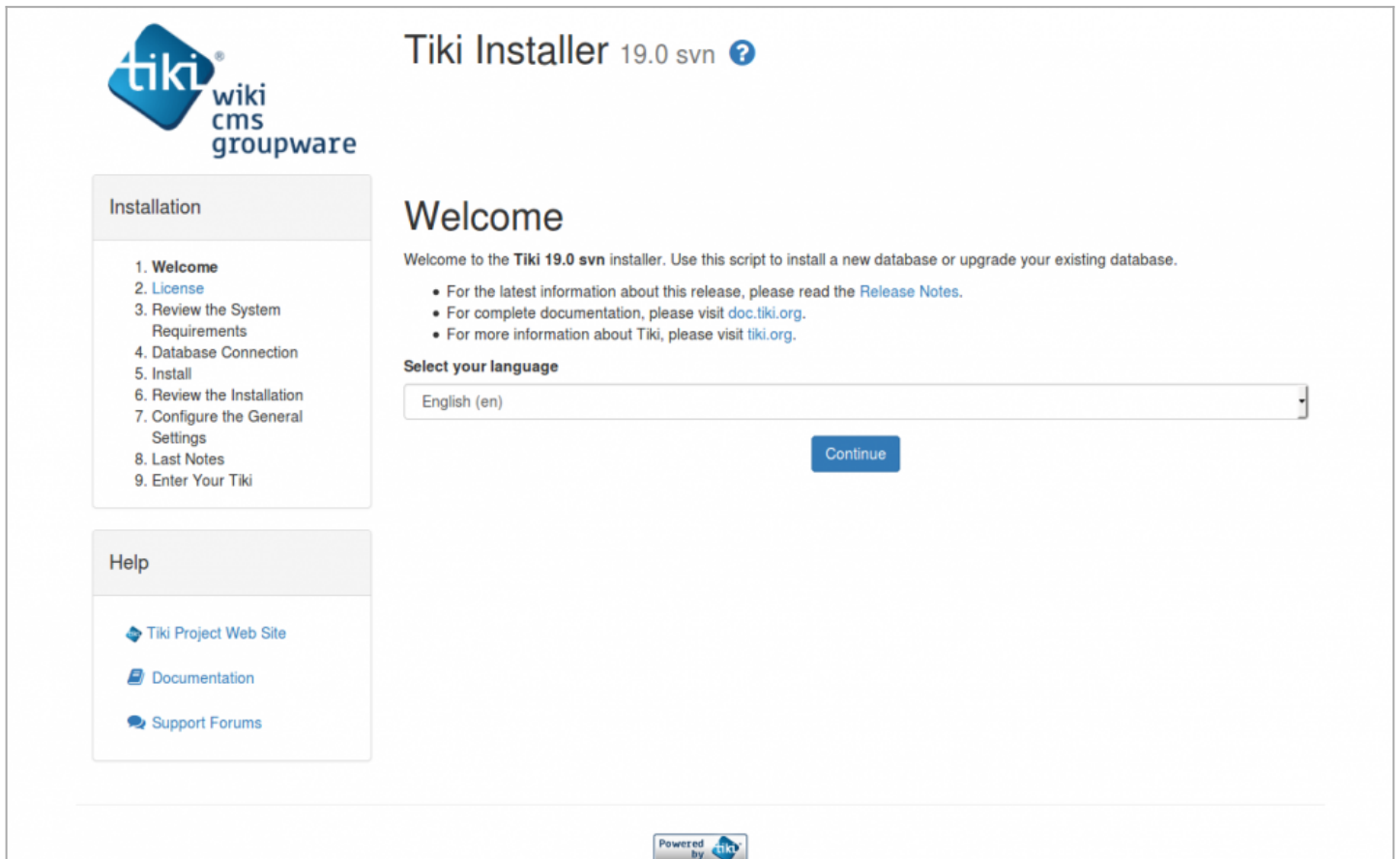
To start Composer you have to use the option "c" after starting the `setup.sh` script:

```
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```

1.3.1. Run the Tiki installer (`tiki-install.php`)

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Troubleshootings

1.4.1. With sh setup.sh, Composer script is not starting

You may have this error message

Wrong PHP version: phpABC < required PHP version. A version >= phpXYZ is necessary.

The problem is, that many shared hosting providers keep the setting of the default local PHP version of

the shell (command-line) to an outdated PHP version which does not match the PHP requirements of Tiki or of the composer. Alternativ PHP settings in the .htaccess or in the php.ini file or in the user.ini file have no effect to the PHP version in the shell (command line).

However most of these servers have newer PHP versions available in the shell (command line), which can be used alternatively.

For Tiki 16, likely soon backported to Tiki 15, an option is provided that allows composer to be run with an alternative up-to-date PHP version, given that one is available on the particular server.

Another issue to be addressed is that providers have different naming conventions regarding how to distinguish their available PHP versions. To address this issue, the option "-p" is implemented for the setup.sh script to provide the option to manually change the PHP version used by the script:

```
$ sh setup.sh -p PHPVERSION
```

In a first step, the setup.sh script automatically guesses three typically used namings of up-to-date versions, commonly used on many servers and uses the first one that matches:

```
php71 php7.1 php7.1-cli
```

If the script finds one of these, you should get the following message prior to an autostarting composer:

```
Wrong PHP version: phpABC < required PHP version. A version >= phpXYZ is necessary. Searching
for typically named alternative PHP version ... .. correct PHP version phpDEF detected and used Local
PHP version >= required PHP version XYZ - good Loading composer repositories with package
information Installing dependencies from lock file (...)
```

Now you are done. Problem solved.

But if none of these options work out, you will get the following error message:

```
Wrong PHP version: phpABC < required PHP version. A version >= phpXYZ is necessary. Searching
for typically named alternative PHP version ... .. no alternative php version found. Please provide an
alternative PHP version with the -p option. Example: sh setup.sh -p phpXYZ. You can use the command-
line command 'php[TAB][TAB]' to find out available versions.
```

This should be self-explanatory. You simply have to use the php command in the shell, followed by twice typing the TAB key without any space or other key and then the Enter. Then the shell (command line) will provide a list of the available PHP versions which you can use (obviously using the naming convention used on the particular server):

Example:

```
$ php[TAB][TAB] php php-56 php-70 php-71 php-72
```

How to use this information:

Given the required PHP version would be php 7.1, but your provider uses php 5.3 by default, you simply need to type the following command to start setup.sh with the right PHP version for the composer (in this particular case php-71) ...

```
$ sh setup.sh -p php-71 Your choice [c]? c
```

Then setup.sh will start composer with php 7.1 after the following message:

```
Wrong PHP version: phpABC < required PHP version. A version >= php71 is necessary. Searching for typically named alternative PHP version ... .. correct PHP version php55 detected and used Local PHP version >= required PHP version 71 - good
```

If you know a newer version of php is installed but it is not found by the TAB method above, it means it is not in your PATH environment variable. If you can find its location, you can use the -p option with a full path like:

```
$ sh setup.sh -p /opt/rh/rh-php71/root/bin/php Your choice [c]? c
```

Now you need only to follow the setup.sh dialog to fix directory permissions (option [f](#) is reasonably secure works on most average servers. If you need a more secure setting or if your server needed a less restrictive setting (better change the server then), you can use another option. To find out which permission option is best n your server, you can use [Permission Check](#).

You are done now and can go to your website to run the installer.

1.4.2. File and Folder permissions

If you have file and folder permissions issues, here is the link to resolve them: [File and folder permissions](#)

1.4.3. Tiki installer missing third party software files



Tiki Installer missing third party software files

Your Tiki is not completely installed because Composer has not been run to fetch package dependencies.

You need to run **sh setup.sh** from the command line.

See <https://doc.tiki.org/Composer> for details.



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You need to run **sh setup.sh** from command lines:

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