

Requirements and Setup

This page lists the minimum requirements and recommended settings to install Tiki.

See also Tiki's [Lifecycle](#) and [Browser Compatibility](#).

If you are using a standard [shared webhost](#), your webhost most likely meets these requirements and you should be able to install Tiki with no problems. Tiki is designed to run on shared hosting, using the [LAMP stack](#).

These instructions are useful for people that are configuring their own server for Tiki.

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Shared Host

Tiki will run in most shared webhost environments. Many hosts offer Tiki installation via a control panel application (such as Fantastico).

You should verify that your webhost meets the minimum requirements:

- [HTTP server](#)
- [Database](#)
- [PHP](#)

See [Tiki Friendly Hosts](#) for a list of working shared host environments.

Requirements

Webserver

You must have a fully operational webserver in order to install and use Tiki. Tiki *should* run on **any** webserver that supports PHP (such as [nginx](#), [Windows IIS](#) or [lighttpd](#)), but is most widely tested and used with [Apache](#). You may need to make minor modifications for non-Apache webserver.

To simplify installation on Windows IIS, Tiki is included in the Windows Web App Gallery and can be installed with the Microsoft Web Platform Installer. See [Microsoft Web Platform installer](#) for details.

Your webserver should be configured with the following **minimum** requirements:

- 512 MB RAM
- 100 MB free storage

Database



Tiki requires MariaDB or MySQL.

We are moving to a machine readable format:

https://gitlab.com/tikiwiki/tiki-manager/-/blob/master/config/tiki_requirements.yml

| Tiki Version | MariaDB Versions | MySQL Versions | Notes |
|---|------------------|----------------|--|
| Tiki22 and Tiki23 | - | - | Maximum versions too soon to know. |
| Tiki21 LTS | 5.5+ | 5.7+ | Maximum versions too soon to know. |
| Tiki19 or Tiki20 | 5.5-10.4 | 5.5.3-5.7 | MySQL 5.6+ or MariaDB 10.1+ are recommended. First version to support utf8mb4 |
| Tiki18 LTS | 5.1-10.4 | 5.0-5.7 | MySQL 5.6+ or MariaDB 10.1+ are recommended as not all features will be available at lesser versions. |
| Tiki15 LTS | 5.0-10.1 | 5.0-5.6 | In Tiki 15+ Upgrade scripts in in MariaDB 10.1 / MySQL 5.6 may not work from earlier versions of Tiki. |
| Tiki12 LTS | 5.1-5.5 | 5.0-5.5 | |

The database can be installed in the same physical location of the webserver (that is, as **localhost**) or Tiki can access a remote database.

PHP



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| Tiki Version | Minimum PHP Version | Maximum PHP Version | Notes |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| Tiki25 (not released yet) | 7.4 | As of 2022-01, the plan is to support 8.0 and 8.1 | |
| Tiki22 , Tiki23 and Tiki24 LTS | 7.4 | 7.4 | |
| Tiki21 LTS | 7.2 | 7.3 | You can fairly safely use 7.4 if you disregard or suppress the notices and warnings. |
| Tiki19 or Tiki20 | 7.1 | 7.2 (maybe 7.3 as well) | There is known issue with Tiki 20.2 where PHP requirement was bumped up to PHP 7.2 accidentally |
| Tiki18 LTS | 5.6 | 7.2 | |
| Tiki15 LTS | 5.5 | 5.6 | |
| Tiki12 LTS | 5.3 | 5.6 | |

Interesting links about PHP lifecycle

- <http://php.net/supported-versions.php>
- <https://wiki.php.net/rfc/releaseprocess>
- http://w3techs.com/technologies/history_details/pl-php/5/q

Note on PHP Memory Limits:

The default `memory_limit` in a standard PHP installation is **128M**, and this should be fine for the vast majority of Tiki installations. Some web hosts install PHP with a lower default. Although Tiki may appear to install successfully, you will continually face issues with pages failing to load and system errors.

To review your PHP Memory Limits, access **<http://www.example.com/tiki-phpinfo.php>** and review the following values:

- `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` = 128M ; Maximum amount of memory a script may consume

For some shared webhosts, these values may not be user-configurable and you may need to request changes from your webhost, whereas in other hosts you are allowed to fine tune these settings for your needs. You can try uncommenting the corresponding lines in the `.htaccess` file at your tiki root folder on the server, like:

```
# increase memory
php_value memory_limit 128M

# increase execution time...
php_value max_execution_time 90
```

More information

Required PHP Functions

Some webhosts tend to disable some functions which are required for Tiki to run flawlessly.

| Function | Notes |
|---------------|---|
| eval() | Required by Smarty templating engine. Causes "Please contact support about" messages appearing instead of Modules when <code>eval()</code> is disabled in <code>php.ini</code> . |

Additional Libraries

| Library | Notes |
|-----------------|--|
| libxml | Required |
| DOM | Required starting from Tiki 19 |
| mbstring | Required by zend_search_lucene for Admin panel searching and managing preferences in perspectives . Useful when working with languages that require it mbstring needs to be compiled with <code>--enable-mbregex</code> or otherwise you will be missing functions like <code>mb_split()</code> which are needed for example by Smarty. Since Tiki 17, the <code>symfony/polyfill-mbstring</code> compatibility library (via <code>symfony-console</code>) is used in core functionality, but <code>mbstring</code> is still required for some functionality. |
| ctype | Required |
| calendar | Required |
| iconv | Required by certain Zend Framework validation and parsing classes |
| MySQLi | In Tiki 12-18 MySQLi is recommended but the Tiki installer will fall back to the older MySQL driver if MySQLi is unavailable. |
| zip | The ZipArchive class for php must be installed for some features such as XML Wiki Import-Export and PluginArchiveBuilder |

php.ini Configuration

We recommend using the following configuration in your **php.ini** file:

| PHP.INI Setting | Description |
|--|--|
| memory_limit = 128M | Specify the maximum memory for PHP scripts. |
| _file_uploads = On | Required to allow uploads (files, images, etc.) to your Tiki |
| upload_max_filesize = XXM post_max_size | Specify the maximum upload filesize (in MB). |
| session.save_path = /tmp | The directory where PHP stores session information (for the default handler (<i>files</i>)). Ensure that the location exists and is writable. In Shared Hosting environments, if you do not have access to /tmp , use temp (no slash) instead. |
| max_execution_time = 60 max_input_time = 60 | Specify the idle timeout (in seconds). If you experience timeouts (such as when performing Admin functions) you may need to increase these settings. |
| default_charset = "utf-8" | Specify the default character encoding. |
| mbstring.func_overload = 0 | Tiki will not work properly with mbstring.func_overload = 7 . |

The location of the **php.ini** file may vary, depending on your operating system. Some common locations include:

- /etc/php.ini
- /etc/php/php.ini
- /etc/php5/apache2/php.ini (Debian)
- /etc/php/7.x/apache2/php.ini
- \windows\system\php.ini (Windows)

Optional Software or Libraries

Some Tiki features require the following additional software or libraries:

| Feature | Additional Requirements |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Rewrite Tiki's default URLs | Use the Apache Clean URLs to create shorter, or custom, URLs. |
| Elasticsearch | See Elasticsearch page (requirements section) |

Tiki Manager

- [Tiki Manager](#) checks which version it can install or upgrade to:
https://gitlab.com/tikiwiki/tiki-manager/-/merge_requests/233/diffs
- Here is the current data:
https://gitlab.com/tikiwiki/tiki-manager/-/blob/master/config/tiki_requirements.yml