

User Watches

If a user wants to receive an e-mail when something is edited or when a new article, forum topic or (almost) any other content is added or edited at the site, the user can create a "watch". Watches can also be set for group notifications.

For instance, for the page [Using Wiki Pages](#) in this documentation site, a registered user has the option to monitor it (that is, will be able to add a "User Watch" to it):



Using Wiki Pages

To fully understand the power and flexibility of Tiki's wiki pages, be sure to review the [The Wiki](#) section.

Depending on the features and options enabled, you may be able to:

- Create new pages
- Edit existing pages
- Read pages

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1.1. 'My Watches' User Interface

A user can add watches for many Tiki objects (like watching new articles) in the user's MyAccount's "My Watches" page:

Main Application menu > My Tiki > My Watches (*tiki-user_watches.php*).

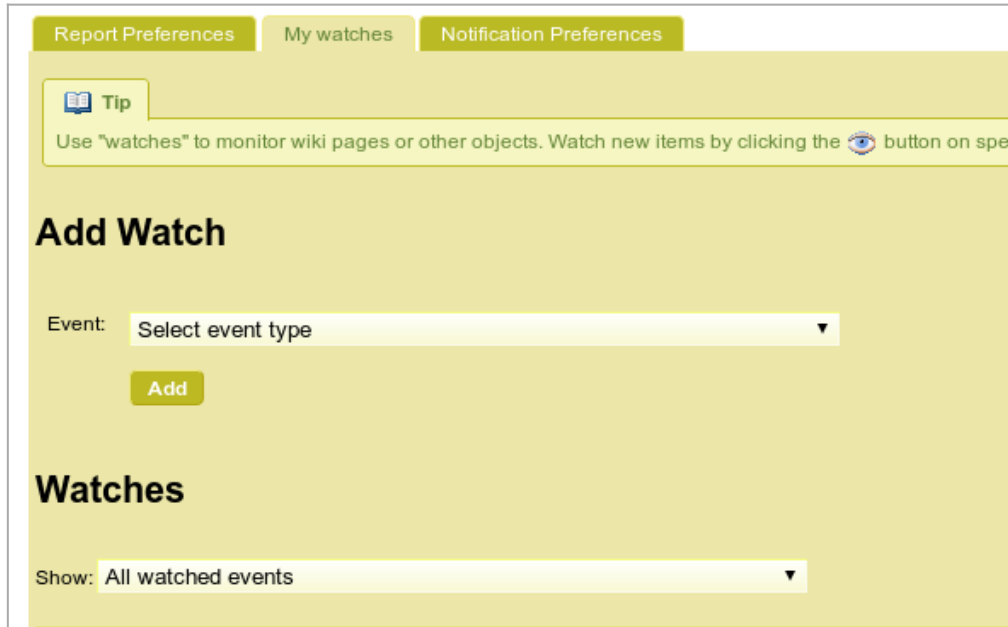
The User Watches and preferences page has several tabs (the number depends on the number of activated features at the site):

1. Report preferences

The screenshot shows the 'User Watches and preferences' page. The title is 'User Watches and preferences'. There are five main tabs: 'MyTiki', 'Preferences', 'MyInfo', 'My Watches', and 'Action Log'. Under the 'My Watches' tab, there are three sub-tabs: 'Report Preferences', 'My watches', and 'Notification Preferences'. A 'Tip' box says 'Use reports to summarise notifications about objects you are watching.' Below the tip, there is a checkbox for 'Use reports' which is checked. There is a dropdown menu for 'Interval in which you want to get the reports' set to 'Daily'. There are three radio buttons for report format: 'Short report', 'Detailed report' (selected), and 'HTML-Email'. There are also radio buttons for 'Plain text' and a checkbox for 'Send me an email also if nothing happened'. An 'Apply' button is at the bottom.

Click to expand

2. My Watches



Click to expand

- As indicated in the image above, you can **Select an event type** from a list, that varies depending on the number of features enabled in the Tiki site, as well as on the permissions of your user to watch changes on those features or objects.



Click to expand

3. Notification Preferences

These enable indicating if you want to receive an email with a notification of a change that you have made yourself at the site. If you keep these options below unchecked, you will not receive a notification of you own changes.

Report Preferences
My watches
Notification Preferences

Tip

Use this form to control notifications about objects you are watching.

Send notification when I am the editor:

- Wiki
- Article
- Blog
- Tracker
- Calendar
- Comment

Apply

Click to expand

1.2. Types of watches

The user can click the little eye that appears near the top of many pages (often in a dropdown menu or popup bubble). When you click the eye to activate monitoring, it changes to , indicating that you have set a watch.

- A watch on a **wiki page** sends you the new page when it is edited, and any comment that might have been added to the page, and replies to the comment.
- A watch on a wiki **structure** (a structured set of wiki pages) sends you the name of the new page that has been added to the "[structure](#)".
- A watch on a wiki **sub-structure** (a structured set of wiki pages below this level of the bigger hierarchical structure) sends you the name of the object that has been added or removed to that level of the "[structure](#)" and all its descendants.
- A watch on a content **category** (a category of content of the site) sends you the name of the object that has been added or removed to that [category](#).
- A watch on a content **category and all its descendants** (a category of content of the web site and all the other ones below its hierarchical level) sends you the name of the object that has been added or removed to that "[Category](#)" and all its descendants.
- A watch on a **forum** (at the forum level, `tiki-view_forum.php`, to watch all topics of this forum) tells you about new topics. It does not notify you of replies.
- A watch on a **forum topic** (at thread level, `tiki-view_forum_thread.php`) sends you any future replies posted to that topic. It does not notify you of new topics or replies to the new topics, unless you have subscribed also to that Forum.
- A watch on **forum topics and threads** (at forum level, `tiki-view_forum.php`, to watch for all topics and all their replies of this forum) sends you any future new topics and all their corresponding replies posted to them. It does notify you of new topics AND replies to the new topics, unless you manually subscribe also to each one of those topics of the same forum.
- A watch on a **calendar** sends you information on the new events added or edited in that specific calendar. As of [Tiki10](#) (2012) there is no way yet to watch all calendars at once.
 - **Note about Calendar Watches:**
Please note that if you have more than one calendar created at your site, you have to deselect all

calendars except one (from the list of viewable calendars to be displayed) so that you can see the icon to watch that single calendar.

- And similarly for **all the other Tiki objects** that accept "User Watches" 👁. See below the table listing all Tiki objects accepting them.

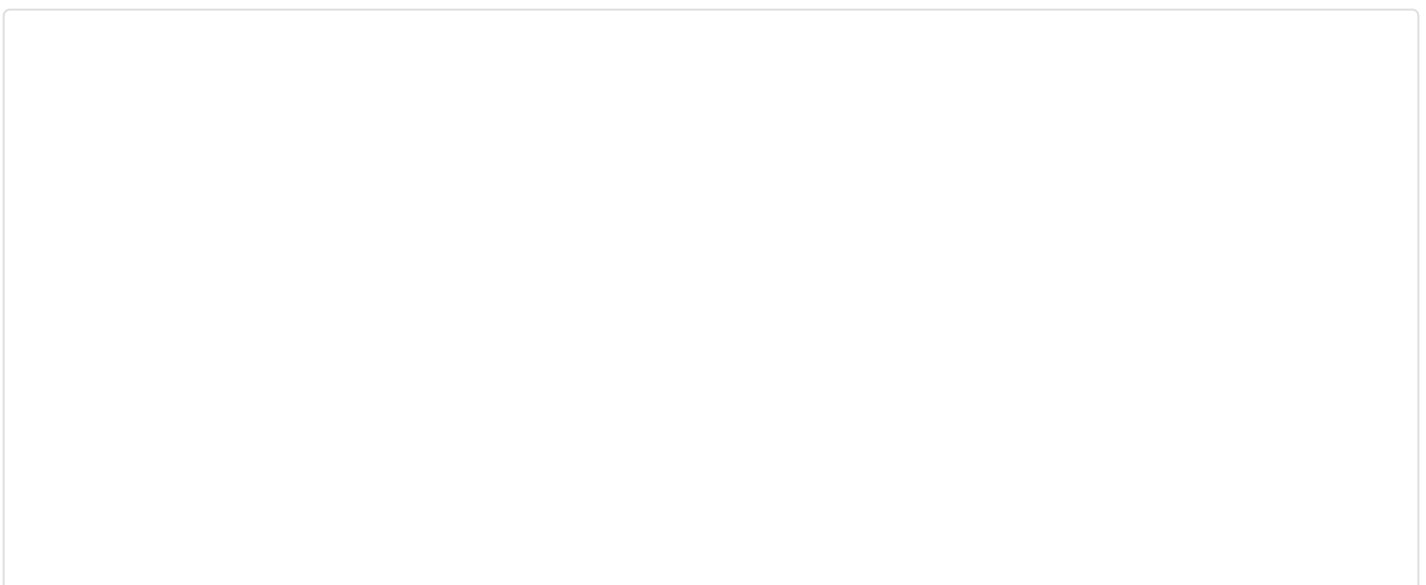
Note that site admins (belonging to a group which holds the permission to admin that corresponding Tiki object) can also add [Group Watches](#):

- a "**group watch**" on a **structure** 👥 (to force one or several groups of users to watch for changes on the [Structure](#) of wiki pages where that wiki page belongs to).
- a "**group watch**" on a **category** 👥 (to force one or several groups of users to watch for changes on the [category](#) of objects).
- a "**group watch**" on a **forum** 👥 (to force one or several groups of users to watch for all topics of this forum), or
- a "**group watch**" on a **forum topic and threads** 👥 (to force one or several groups of users to watch for all topics and all their replies of that forum).
- a "**group watch**" on a **calendar** 👥 sends you information of the new events added or edited in that specific calendar. As of [Tiki10](#) (2012) there is no way yet to watch all calendars at once.
 - **Note about Calendar Watches:**
Please note that if you have more than one calendar created in your site, you have to deselect all calendars except one (from the list of viewable calendars to be displayed) so that you can see the icon to group watch that single Calendar.
- And similarly for **all the other Tiki objects** that accept "[Group Watches](#)" 👥. See, below, the table listing all Tiki objects accepting them.

1.3. How to turn off watches

To turn off a user watch, a user can either:

1. Click on the "stop-monitoring" icon (🔍), which then will change to show that the page isn't being watched or
2. Go to your MyAccount's "My watches" page and delete any or all of your watches.



User Watches and preferences

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 Tip

Use "watches" to monitor wiki pages or other objects. Watch new items by clicking the  button on specific pages.

Add Watch

Event:

[Add](#)

Watches

Show:

Event	Object
<input type="checkbox"/> A user edited or commented on a wiki page (wiki_page_changed)	wiki page: Advanced Rating
<input type="checkbox"/> A user edited or commented on a wiki page (wiki_page_changed)	wiki page: Using Wiki Pages

Perform action with checked: [Delete](#)

To have yourself removed from receiving [Group Watches](#):

- request a site admin to remove you from the group that receives those emails, or
- ask the site admin to reconsider that group watch
 - Maybe forcing the whole group of users is not a good idea any more once all users know how to enable or disable specific users watches of the objects they are interested in?

Some versions of the Tiki documentation suggest that a watch does not report a change to a wiki page that has been designated as a "minor" change. Please note that this might not be true anymore.

1.4. Which sections can be watched

Feature name and link	Description	Watch item	LastModif
Articles	Articles can be used for date-specific news and announcements. You can configure articles to automatically publish and expire at specific times or to require that submissions be approved before becoming "live." In addition to categories and tags , articles include their own unique classification system of Topics and Types.	yes (global)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 14:18 GMT-0000
Blogs	Multiple blogs can be created with various author and display configurations, etc.	yes (global and individual)	Tue 29 Aug, 2017 05:29 GMT-0000
Calendar	Events calendar with public, private and group channels	yes (individual)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 14:21 GMT-0000
Categories	Global category system. Items of different types (wiki pages, articles, tracker items, etc) can be added to one or many categories. Categories can have permissions.	yes (global and individual)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 15:11 GMT-0000
File Gallery	Storage and sharing via download or display in pages, of images, videos, and other file types . Supports check-in and check-out (lock), versions, etc.	yes (global)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 14:20 GMT-0000
File Gallery	File Galleries enable secure and efficient uploading, storage, downloading and other serving of all types of files including images, videos, podcasts, text and PDF documents and more.	yes (global)	Fri 20 Sep, 2019 18:56 GMT-0000
Forums	Forums are online discussions organized by topic (or thread). Tiki forums feature threaded or flat views, file attachments, moderation and queuing, monitoring (subscription) of particular forums or topics, and full usage of wiki syntax.	yes (global and individual)	Mon 19 Aug, 2019 11:28 GMT-0000
Maps	Maps can be created and displayed using OpenLayers and OpenStreetMap.	yes (global and individual)	Mon 04 Sep, 2017 08:29 GMT-0000
Structure	In Tiki terminology, a structure is a hierarchy for wiki pages. Structures have navigational features such as breadcrumb links and menus; also enabled is printing all pages in the structure and in order.	yes (global and individual)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 15:13 GMT-0000
Trackers	Facts and figures storage and retrieval. A forms and database generator, with reporting. Can be used for a bug tracker, item database, issue tracker, etc	yes (global and individual)	Sat 26 Aug, 2017 10:55 GMT-0000

Feature name and link	Description	Watch item	LastModif
Wiki	Collaboratively authored documents with history of changes. Tiki's wiki has all the features you could want from a first-rate wiki. Ex.: attach files, comments, history, images, warn on edit, page locking, powerful wiki syntax, alternative WYSIWYG editor, etc.	yes (global and individual)	Sat 24 Jun, 2017 14:24 GMT-0000

A category can be watched, and thus you'll receive an email when items are added to or removed from the category **but also** when items in the category are modified. This can be useful for Tiki as a [Document Workflow](#) or in [Project Management](#).

Watches can be assigned to [groups](#), so that all members of a group receive watch notifications.

1.5. How to enable/disable this feature

You must go to Admin -> Features -> User (tab), and check/uncheck User Watches.

Related pages

- [Mail notifications](#) for admins
- [Forum User](#)
- [Categories](#)
- [Structures](#)
- [Group Watches](#)
- [Group Alert](#)
- [Daily reports](#)

Alias names for this page

[Watches](#) | [User Watches](#) | [User watch](#) | [Pull](#) | [Watching](#) | [user watches](#) | [userwatches](#)