

You have a Tiki version earlier than the minimum version which is currently supported?  
You might find some useful tips here related to old unmaintained versions of Tiki.

Determine the version of your current Tiki

You can check by visiting `tiki-admin.php?page=general`

If you have 3.x or later

You can upgrade directly. Tiki 4.x/5.x/6.x/7x./8.x/9.x/10.x/11.x/12.x include all the database migration scripts to that version. You may wish to manually re-run the installer script for the version you are on, and watch for unexpected errors.

If you have 1.9.x or 2.x

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If you have 1.8.x

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If you have 1.7.x

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If you have 1.6.x or older

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Only-changes release files

In some cases of new releases (such as 6.3, for instance), you have the option to download and install only the files that have changed (from a compressed file, like: "tikiwiki-inc-6.2-to-6.3.tar.gz"), or to download the full new version (eg. "tikiwiki-6.3.tar.gz").

## 1.2. Fresh install

If you are upgrading to a version previous than Tiki 5.1, you can indicate the database information of your previous Tiki install (info in db/local.php).

**Note for Tiki versions after 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, 9.x, 12.x ...):** You are encouraged NOT to manually copy or edit your old local.php into the new site, but let the Tiki installer script (tiki-install.php) create that local.php file when needed in a later step since it will handle properly the former encoding issue for you.

## Database collation

During the upgrade to Tiki 5.1 (or later) through tiki-install.php, Tiki will attempt to do this for you if needed, but in some rare cases Tiki fails to set the collation to utf8, and therefore, you have to do that manually. If the database is already created with latin1 collation, and you want to change that afterwards, you can change the collation through phpmyadmin in the "**Operations**" tabs once you have selected your database.

## 1.3. tiki-install.php to update your database

### (A) Fresh install

On the `tiki-install.php` page of this *new* site, connect to the same database as your *old* site (you can find this info in the file `db/local.php` of your *old* site) and follow the instructions to upgrade your site. Make sure to click upgrade and not install, else you wipe out your database.

**Note:** For upgrades to versions equal or later than 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, ...), you are encouraged to re-set the connection settings, while keeping the "Force utf-8 connection" option checked, and follow the on-screen instructions.

For upgrades to earlier branches and versions (like any of the Tiki3 LTS branch), you can alternatively just copy `db/local.php` from your old site to your new site, to avoid entering the information if you wish.

## (B) Install over existing

Then, go to `tiki-install.php` and click the "upgrade" button, which will update the database. Tiki can read your previous `db/local.php` file and use this information.

**Note:** However, for upgrades to versions equal or newer than 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, ...), you are encouraged to re-set the connection settings, while keeping the "Force utf-8 connection" option checked, and follow the on-screen instructions.

If the installer was previously locked (which it should be), you will need to unlock it by deleting `db/lock` file.

If the installer fails . . .

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If you need to fix the encoding issue

Alternative: Upgrading your database through shell

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### 1.4. Upgrade your Theme

If your site uses a custom theme, you will need to copy all the appropriate CSS files and the image folder from the `/styles` folder, the custom templates from the `templates/styles` folder, and upgrade your CSS to include any new classes. Between releases, CSS classes are often added to accommodate new features. You will find the list of the changes in the directory `styles/transitions/` in the downloaded install package. These are named something like `version_to_version.css`. To update your CSS file, add the new classes and update the line at the top of your file that gives the version of your current Tiki's CSS. For instance `@version:1.9`

### Delete Unused Tables

When upgrading, some tables may no longer be used if the related feature has been discontinued. The upgrade script doesn't delete these extra in case users have data in them they want to keep. You can delete the tables manually if you have access to the database on the server. The following tables are no longer used as of [Tiki5](#):

- The 10 galaxia tables
- The 4 `tiki_chart` or `tiki_charts` tables
- `tiki_drawings`
- `tiki_newspaper_marks`
- `tiki_newspaper_servers`
- `tiki_quicktags`