

The Basics: Documenting the Installation, Upgrade, and Backup Procedures

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The Tikiwiki Editorial Board members mlpvolt and dthacker are organizing a [doc project](#) to renew the basic documentation for Installing, Upgrading and Backing Up Tikiwiki. We are coordinating this with some of our lead developers, but everyone can contribute both questions and answers. We will also be closing and redirecting the identical pages on tikiwiki.org to prevent wasted effort and misinformation. If you have any questions on this doc project, add them to the [Basic Docs Project FAQ](#)

Installation

<http://doc.tikiwiki.org/tiki-index.php?page=Installation>

The objectives for Installation are as follows:

1. Copy and Redirect pages from Tikiwiki.org

Tikiwiki.org has many pages with install information. Most, if not all, are outdated. We should ensure the documentation supports both those who use SSH and FTP (and for those with no root access).

[Install by SSH](#)

[Install by FTP](#)

[Using SSH \(for newbies\)](#)

[Using FTP \(for newbies\)](#)

[Register your Tiki site](#)

2. Explaining the Tikiwiki Architecture

[Tikiwiki Folders Explained](#)

an explanation of what you see in the main directory including

- what it does
- which folders need to be backed up (contain user specific files)
- required permissions for each folder
- optional folders (can be deleted if feature is not in use?)

Upgrade

The hub page will be (surprise!) Upgrade.

<http://doc.tikiwiki.org/tiki-index.php?page=Upgrade>

1. Documenting Upgrade Paths

The object is not to provide generic upgrade instructions but clear, (idiot proof) step by step tutorials for each normal upgrade path. e.g. [Upgrade 1.9.4 to 1.9.7](#)

Similar content can easily be copied back and forth. Let's give users the confidence to do it right.

Non-typical upgrade paths should not be documented and thus be discouraged.

Each page should contain specific instruction pages for normal upgrade paths including:

- instructions for upgrading tikiwiki files.
- instructions for upgrading the database.
- instructions for upgrading themes.

Backup Instructions

The hub will be at Backup

<http://doc.tikiwiki.org/tiki-index.php?page=Backup>

simple instructions on backing up the files DB, with specific pages for different hosting environments.

- advice when to backup
- about the ISP backup
- which tiki folders contain user data.
- how to set up automatic backups.