

Motions Passed Last Month

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Motions Defeated Last Month

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1. Motions Carried Over

1.1. Documentation Page Formatting (kernel22'sÂ proposal)

Motion: Use the example below as an "Information Sub-Section on all documentation pages.

This really stems from 1.9 vs. 1.10. I would like to propose an "Information" sub-section on each doc page relating to features/mods/etc which would contain sub-headings with related information like:

Example

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Discussion:

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1.2. Documentation page formatting (ricks99's proposal)

Motion: Use for documentation page formatting something like the example shown here

Discussion

ricks99: Here was my proposal for redesigning doc pages from a while ago. I'm not 100% pleased with it, but I think it does a good job making it **easy** to find the key information for a given feature (i.e., which Tiki version, required permissions, etc.).

Xavi: as a General Idea, I like it, ricks99. But I'm scared of the work of reformatting that part of every single page... Moreover, shouldn't we use somehow the tracker info here in doc.tw.o that Marc Laporte created and many have been updating for all features?

- Which tracker are you talking about? Are you suggesting using trackers in place of wiki pages for features? How would that work? (ricks99)
- I (xavi) mean creating a tracker to store all the meta-information of the features, and retrieve whatever information for that feature using trackerlist plugin using filtervalue or similar params. Similar to how marclaporte has been using trackers on dev.tw.o to show the bugs related to that feature. We would show the metadata related to that feature... However, this is a bunch of work, which I can't do myself (I can't find enough time to even easier things...)

mlpvolt: again documentation templates is the process imo.

- dthacker: I want to tie this to a tracker too. Now that we have staging, I can work up a prototype. So opposed for now and watch for a new motion.
- dthacker: The problem with templates is that they are not dynamic in tiki, they are just skeletons. This morning I saw a demo of templates on Mediawiki, and they are dynamic across the wiki. If you change the template the changes carry through to all wiki pages I think our dynamic content feature may allow for something like this so I'm going to experiment with that.
- mlpvolt: overall, imo pagenames, linking and tagging is more important for the function of the docs than the similarity of individual pages. dynamic templates would be nice to have but let's keep the required boxes to fill to a minimum. I'm also concerned that staging&approval may be too much to maintain. We might also differentiate between editors (who clean things up) and contributors (who can do anything they want - just contribute)
- I agree that it looks like a good way to display the info, but am not sure about the method of getting the info, editing the pages, etc.

Vote

In Favor:

Opposed: xavi, (it seems that we don't have enough human resources to accomplish this task, at least so far),
dthacker, mlpvolt, chibaguy

1.3. Screenshot Tagging/Captioning

Motion: Tag or identify with a caption the version of Tiki each screenshot is from with the goal of the screenshots matching either the current release, or the current release candidate, whichever is more imminent.

In the case of today, we would try and get all screenshots current as of 1.10.0 until we come up with a 1.10.1 down the road. The Change Log proposed above will fill in the blanks. Maybe also have a "-HEAD" version of the page that talks about and documents changes to an existing feature that are in development in the head branch. When the time comes, those details can be easily incorporated into the current release page. Obviously, if the feature doesn't exist yet, then instead of having a -HEAD version (for example Contributions-HEAD), then it'll just be the name of the feature (Contributions) and in the Change Log section we'd have "1.11.0 - Introduced". I think we need to document new features that are being developed, but keep it separate from what is current so as to avoid confusion.

Discussion:

- All screenshots should have a standard caption including version. We could add an "under development" tag as the equivalent to HEAD. (dthacker)
- I personally think that having a HEAD version of any doc page publicly available is dangerous. The HEAD version is **not** easily available. Too many newbies are going to ask... *Why is the doc page showing me 1.10, but I can only download 1.9.9??*
ricks99
- in fact, they can indeed download 1.10 (or HEAD) at their own risk, from Download page (-> <http://dev.tiki.org/Download>). Mmmmmm, I like the idea: some people might like the idea of using 1.9.9 in the meantime but knowing that in the next version (1.10

in this case) this or that feature or enhancement is already coded and working...

(specially if we as community take so long between releases of new stable branches...)

(Xavi)

- One problem with a standard (static) caption is that as soon as a new Tiki version is released, all the doc captions are going to be (or appear to be) out of date. I mean if the screenshots were all labeled 1.9.11 now, what happens when 1.10 is released? People need to know what info is for what version, but hardcoding the version in the doc page should be done as little as possible, I think, since many or most descriptions will continue to be valid even as version numbers increase. Maybe the assumption should be (and described somewhere) that screenshots are accurate for the latest stable version unless otherwise indicated.
- ricks99: Could we use the Versions plugin for this, maybe?

Vote

In Favor: dthacker, xavi, ricks99 (via the Versions plugin)

Opposed: chibaguy (opposed to specific version numbers on screenshots unless the image is for a beta or old release)

1.4. Using SourceForge for downloads

Motion : Keep all can we keep all file downloads on SourceForge instead on doc.tw.o server. Since the link to the latest pdf file in your doctwo server (<http://doc.tiki.org/files/Tiki19beta.pdf>) is written in several places (and I don't remember all of them, but I remember there were a bunch of places), I would suggest to do the following:

- remove the current Tiki19beta.pdf at the ftp server behind <http://doc.tiki.org/files/>
- create a folder called "Tiki19beta.pdf"

- add an index.html inside, with a redirect to

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=64258&package_id=68737&release_id=582492

(from Marc, rescued from a proposal sent months ago by him and xavi to Editorial Board Meeting page)

Discussion:

Marc:

- For instance :

<http://doc.tiki.org/files/Tiki19beta.pdf>

We could have a permanent redirect. Ex.: <http://doc.tiki.org/printed> to the exact location on SF (which could change over time)

It will reduce the load on my server and be counted towards our stats over there.

- Xavi:

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I fully agree with you Marc. When I uploaded my first .odt & pdf, I didn't have access to upload files to tikiwiki area in sf.net, but I do right now.

Months ago I uploaded files to tw area in sf.net, including the latest pdf from doc.tw.o:

http://downloads.sourceforge.net/tikiwiki/Tiki19beta.pdf?modtime=1204906231&big_mirror=1

And we could do something similar for the odt file? (or maybe it's not needed since less people download the source pdt file)...

Vote

In favor: xavi, ricks99, chibaguy

Opposed:

1.5. Admin Settings for doc.tw.o 1.10

Motion: Leave the settings where there has been no argument against, as they were initially set after the irc discussion on irc the day that Xavi upgraded doc.tw.o to 1.10

We did set new doc.tw.o in a certain way. Some disagreement might arise (or not) on some of the proposals of new settings. Report below the changes that any admin on doc.tw.o made to the site, so that we can decide the best configuration for the community according to the maximum amount of points of view.

details

Feature setting (on/off, enabled/disabled, etc.)	Comments
<i>Admin (home) > General</i>	
Log Mail in Tiki Logs: on	
Contact user: dthacker	since dthacker is the "editor in chief", according to Editorial Board Meeting
<i>Admin (home) > Features</i>	
feature_actionlog enabled	
feature_freetags enabled	ricks99 thinks that freetags could be an extremely powerful/useful method of navigation for new Tikiers.
wysiwyg left as "off"	to prevent mixing of wiki markup and html markup
feature_action_calendar enabled	
feature_ajax disabled	It seems not to be needed at doc.tw.o, and it seems to be buggy according to Xavi (some pagination, at least, etc.)
feature_friends disabled	not needed, and maybe keep just one place for the social network within Tiki community. this place should not be doc.tw.o, imo (Xavi) but maybe tw.o.
feature_fullscreen enabled	
feature_morcego enabled	
feature_redirect_on_error enabled	

feature_webmail disabled	why was that enabled???
feature_mootools enabled	
feature_shadowbox enabled	
Use File Galleries for images inclusion ???	Anybody can ensure that this is working already to dogfood it on doc.tw.o?
Admin (home) > Wiki	
Edit idle timeout: 60 (mlpvolt suggests a little longer than 30)	
Create webhelp from structure: on	
User's Page: on	
Show/hide heading icon displayed before the heading: on	
feature_wiki_discuss disabled	anonymous were posting to the forum, even if no local perms granted (Marc reported)
Admin (home) > Login	
Protect against CSRF with a ticket: on	
Displays user's contribution in the user information page: on	
Reg users can change theme: disabled	If enabled, some (at least) registered users with "default theme" selected, seem to be using something like tiki new theme (even if Admin > Intertiki > import users preferences is disabled). Only when a user explicitly and manually selects Mittwoch.css, he/she can use it when logged in to the site. Disabling the chance to change the theme style seems to fix it, so that I (xavi) propose to leave it like this, while "site default" user preference doesn't work for all registered users.
Admin (home) > Forum	
feature_forums_search enabled	= "Search some forums by content (on "forum list")"
Search method when searching in content: Tiki search	any idea what's that for?
Search local to a forum: ???	
Search method when searching in content: Non-Tiki	any idea what's that for?
Search local to a forum: ???	
forum_thread_user_settings_keep enabled	= "Configuration bar settings are kept for all forums during the user session:"
Default thread style: "threaded"	
Admin (home) > Community	
feature_community_mouseover enabled	
Admin (home) > Freetags	

Discussion:

- dthacker: These settings make sense to me. I'd like to get the discuss feature re-enabled when possible
- chibaguy: Is web help working? It was broken the last time I tried it at a test site.
 - xavi: no idea. Since I saw a new setting on Admin > wiki I thought (I wished, to be honest) that it was fixed. But I haven't tried. Just change it on the proposal, if you wish.
- ricks99: Can we disable the login module for anonymous visitors? There's already a login tab at the top of the page.
 - xavi: yes, I fully agree, as soon as the theme style is upgraded or patched to properly show the link to that "login" link on the horizontal menu for anonymous. I've just added the "logout" link for registered, which was missing (wasn't it there months/years ago??? what happened to it?)
- module last wiki page changes seems to have disappeared from doc.tw.o server. Â¿?
 - nope: it was called last_modif_pages . Reenabled (Xavi)

Vote

In Favor: dthacker, chibaguy, xavi, ricks99

Opposed:

1.6. Use Blog to keep track of changes in doc.tw.o admin settings

Motion: Enable blog (or anything else) as on other tw.o sites where site admins could quickly put what change they done to site config. â€” luci

Discussion

- mlpvolt: why not just use the table created above, place it in doc.two settings edit to log changes and use the edit comment to explain why.
 - luci: err, what table ?
- mlpvolt: perhaps also the chief editor should approve (or at least be informed of) all settings changes.
- ricks99: do end-users really care what features are enabled/changed on doc.tw.o? I can see value for editors and contributors, but for 90% of the visitors this seems like just additional noise.

vote

In favor: luci, xavi, mlpvolt, chibaguy

Opposed: ricks99 (unless the blog is visible only to actual contributors â€” not anonymous)

1.7. Defining groups, permissions and contributions

Ricks99 proposes a groups / permissions scheme as follows:

User	Role	Ability
Anonymous	Reader	Read only Tag (with CAPTCHA) Rate
Any registered tw.o user	Contributor, minor	Edit pages Tracker (log issues)
Doc contributor	Contributor, major	Comments
Editor	Contributor, major Editor	Admin

- Registered users **should** be allowed to edit/update wiki pages, as needed.
- Doc contributors should use the pages' comments for editorial discussions of the page.

This would:

1. Eliminate the comment noise from "registered users" who use the comments for support questions.
2. Replace the Author Coffeeshop forum.

- Editors are admins of the docs.

Discussion

- IMHO, this site differs from main tw.o "end-users come here looking for specific

information; not necessarily to contribute. (And in fact, all research shows that the overwhelming majority of visitors *will not/do not* contribute.) As such,

- Anonymous users are simply *looking* for answers. Let them rate wiki pages (for quality) and add tags (a form of community-organization)
- xavi: I like your proposal a lot, Rick. I would suggest to clarify that registered users need also the perm to make minor changes, according to current behavior of translation feature, and once the related bug or misconfiguration is fixed. (See <http://dev.tiki.org/bug1697>)
- xavi: I would suggest avoiding trackers for support tickets on doc.tw.o, but I know there is not much agreement on this issue on editorial board, and I would follow whatever we decide (afaik). Just comments to wiki pages (either redirected to a forum through discuss or as comments on pages from a single All the Documentation structure that can be watched/monitored with a single click (to avoid dispersion of comments on pages that nobody was monitoring to answer).
- xavi: if the issue with the msn bot spamming the forum through "discuss feature" is sorted out and fixed, then I would'nt mind keeping the discuss feature as it was before.
- dthacker: There are the tags that refer back to the status page (need a screenshot, refactor) and there are folksonomy tags. Which tag would anonymous be able to work with?
 - ricks99: The "tagging" I was referring to is the folksonomy tags... letting anonymous users "tag" wiki pages with keywords (which would/should replace the keywords

pages. I'll confess that I'm not 100% sure I understood the discussion of *tagging* screenshots.

- dthacker: I edited my question above for clarity

- dthacker: Having used both, I think the tagging system works better than trackers.

- dthacker: The coffeeshop has been struggling for over two years. Time to try something else

- ricks99: I agree. Let's use comments to discuss a specific page. Making the comments visible only to major contributors will reduce the noise.

- mlpvolt: i like the description of groups and perms. "Editors" should more or less correspond to editorial board no?

- ricks99: Yes. IMHO "editors" == active editorial board members

- mlpvolt: disagree with using hidden comments to discuss changes to individual pages. That is way too micro. If something needs to be fixed, fix it. If a caveat needs to be applied, it should be visible to all readers. Inviting editorial discussion of individual changes invites stagnation i think, like wikipedia where 3/4 of all edits are to talk pages.

- mlpvolt, i guess o don't see less need for differentiation between registered and contributor. we can use it as a screen to help encourage self-training. Perms like revert rename, categorize fit with contributor i think.

- ricks99: by default (via intertiki) any two user is "registered" but in reality, only a very small number of these registered users are acutally contributors. I draw a distinct

difference between the 90% "registered" users and the "5%" contributors.

Vote

In Favor: ricks99, xavi (ok with me), mlpvolt (ok except for using comments), chibaguy.

2. NewÂ Business

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2.1. Use H2 to describe the motion

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Motion: Put the motion text here enclose it in a text box

Discussion:

- also need edit by section as soon as possible! ðŸ˜Š

Vote

In Favor: mlpvolt (also tends to add show/hide), Xavi, ricks99, chibaguy

Opposed:

2.2. New Editor in Chief

Motion: That candidates for editor in chief be nominated (or nominate themselves) by editing the page: Editor in Chief, and that the nomination process simply entails improving (on that page) the definition, responsibilities and priorities for someone in that role.

discussion

Dave:

Dave Thacker has been a great chief editor. He wants to step down gracefully and we are hard pressed to honorably refuse. ðŸ˜Š

Dave:"Over the last 3-4 months, I've found myself increasingly pulled to other parts of the tikiwiki project (Testing, UI issues, Packaging, Database neutrality, Hosting) and I think it's time to put more of my efforts into those areas. This is to let the Docs Editorial Board know that they should pick a new Editor in Chief next month, and that person should plan on taking over June"

• Xavi: I think we might not need that role as far as ebm keep working...

Vote

Opposed: luci (I also think (like Xavi) we don't need that role at all), chibaguy

2.3. Proposed changes to doc.tw.o site

Motion: In addition to the doc.tw.o admin items included in prior motions, I would like to suggest some other structure changes to the site

Discussion

1. Remove the **Search by Page Name** module.

We already have the Search bar in the header. Maybe (possibly) keep it for Registered users; but I think Anonymous visitors will become confused with 2 different search boxes

- luci: I'm not sure how efficient is the top search when you look for wiki page name
 - ricks99: Ok, i can see your point. But for the 90% of anonymous visitors, they're *not* searching by page name. They have no idea (nor should they care) what the page *name* is " they just want content.

2. The **Documentation** menu is empty for Anonymous visitors.

What's it for?

- luci: huh ? it's not empty here for me as Anonymous...
- ricks99: Actually, what's going on is... the module uses the "flip" parameter, but the FLIP icon is only visible when you hover over the menu title. I think this is bad usability " if the module/menu is minimized, there's no way for user to know how to maximize it!
 - chibaguy: That's good feedback, Rick. I made the flip icons visible on hover to

reduce visual clutter, which I think is a problem more with the rather bright blue shaded icon in 1.10 than with the smaller black line-drawing icon in 1.9. But if this is a usability problem, then I should look into always-on icons, and maybe have theme-specific icon images. (Sometimes the default 16x16 px is also too large, and Sylvieg pointed out there could be a performance hit for using CSS to resize them as I've been doing.)

3. Remove the **To register** module.

Instead, let's add this information to the tiki-login.tpl template. Additionally it should be in the "become an author" section.

4. Remove the **Last Forum Posts** module

I thought we were going to remove the forum functionality completely?

5. Change the **Most Popular Tags** module to a cloud, and show more than 10 tags. For example:

Most Popular Tags

admin Â administration Â articles Â configuration Â
documentation Â edit Â files Â google Â groups Â i18n Â images Â
import Â **installation** Â language Â links Â login Â maps Â

module Â modules Â permissions Â **plugin** Â structures Â
syntax Â tag Â theme Â toc Â **trackers** Â translation Â **users**
Â **wiki** Â

Vote

In Favor: ricks99, Xavi, chibaguy

3. NewÂ Motions

3.1. New Motion 1

Motion: Describe it here in 1 or 2 paragraphs. Just describe, dont discuss or justify why you propose that.

Discussion: Describe here why you propose that, pros and cons, etc. as much as needed.

In Favor:

Opposed:

Next meeting: July 2008