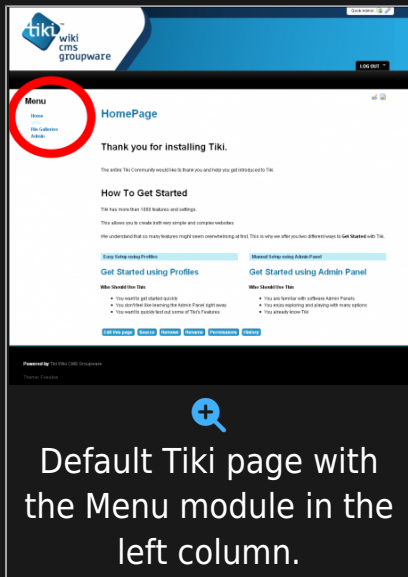


Module

In Tiki, a **module** is simply a box of content (which may or may not have "chrome" such as borders and title backgrounds). All side-column information of this site is presented through modules. The [Modules Admin](#) page is used to add modules to and manage modules in the module zones of a Tiki site.

Here's a screenshot:




Some common uses for modules are to:

- Display **menus**
- Add special **features**
- Display custom information to users
- List most recent or most frequent actions or items

After adding modules, you can re-order them, assign **permissions** to them (so they appear only for specific user **groups**), or even allow them to be customized by specific users.

Even though they are called modules, nearly all are included with the default Tiki installation. There are no additional "add-ons" to be installed in order to use these modules.

CONFIGURING AND DISPLAYING MODULES

For site-wide module settings, click the **General** icon  on the [Admin Panel](#) or Access **<http://example.org/tiki-admin.php?page=general>**.

These settings will apply to all modules on the site and are explained in more detail at [Module Admin](#).

There are two ways to configure and display individual modules:

1. Using the Admin Modules Panel

- Located at **Admin->Modules** or **tiki-admin_modules.php**
- Allows you to:
 - Set module parameters
 - Create custom modules
 - Place modules in the left or right column and, since [Tiki7](#), other areas like the page header and footer
- Documentation at [Module Admin](#)

2. Using [PluginModule](#)

- Allows you to:
 - Display a module in a page or within other features (like blogs, articles, etc.) besides the left or right columns

- Also place module content inside of a user module
- Set module parameters
- See [Index of Modules](#)

MODULES VS. PLUGINS

The distinction between **modules** and **plugins** is a little blurry. Technically speaking, modules are the *containers* and plugins are the *content*. However, the predefined modules included with the default Tiki installation contain plugins/content, but they are commonly called **modules**, too.

WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

- [Module Admin](#)--Introduction to the module admin pages for site-wide and individual module settings
 - [Assigning Modules](#)--How to select a module to configure it
 - [Module Settings Interface](#)--Interface for configuring individual module settings
 - [Module Settings Parameters](#)--Explanation of standard parameter settings for modules
 - [Creating Custom Modules](#)--How to create custom modules
- [Index of Modules](#)--Links to the documentation of individual modules

Related Pages

- [User Modules](#)--how (if the feature is active) users can choose and place their modules
- [Creating Custom Modules](#)--how to create simple and advanced custom modules including small tutorial
- [Mods Type Modules](#)--links to modules that are installed as components

- ModulesDoc
- Modules