

Contribution (types)

Contribution (types) adds an additional drop-down field to the add/edit/modify screen of wikipages, blogs, comments, tikisheets, and forums. The administrator configures this feature so that the drop down contains a list of "contribution types" (or other required information) and can make using this selector required to make a save. Thus it can function as a mandatory Edit Comment field.

Once entered, contribution types are color coded, and can be viewed in summary graphs, the [action log](#) and in the revision history.

Â Features 'Contribution (types)' vs. 'Contributions by Author'

Keep in mind that this feature can be used in parallel to the **Contributions by Author**, since they both cover fetching data from the authors contributions:

- **Contributions by Author** works on a page per page basis, showing which piece of text was written by whom, for any page version that you are viewing.
- **Contribution** allows each user to indicate the type of contribution performed in each wiki page, comments, sheets, blogs, And by means of the **Action log** feature, an editor can see a report on a collection of pages (which can be filtered/grouped by categories, selection of multiple users, groups of users, and time periods), showing not only the amount of text added or deleted for each user or group of users, but also the types of contributions, as tagged by users (students) and corrected (if needed) by editors (teachers)

Enabling theÂ feature

Activate this [feature](#) from the [Features Admin](#) page (Admin -> Features -> Global Features -> Contribution) at yourURL/tiki-admin.php?page=features

Scope: this feature affects [Blog](#), [Wiki](#), [Comments](#), [Spreadsheet](#), or [forums](#).

Related features:

Edit Comment (which it compliments in wiki), [Wiki Page Staging and Approval](#) (an approval mechanism), and [MyAccount](#) (tracking user contributions and todos). [Contributions by Author](#)

Usage

Initially designed for educational scenarios, promoting and enhancing students onto experiential-reflective learning (See below, at [references section](#)).

May also be useful for workgroups and [project management](#).

Details

For instance, a contribution can be:

- support requests
- questions that allow new evolution on an electronic discussion/dialogue
- new hypothesis
- new information
- summarizing
- issues related to organization in the team of work
- ...

I Contribution type

Others (report)

* Organizational aspects

Description

Other contribution type not listed in the menu at present
(report which one to teachers)

Proposals and other questions related to the
organization of the work team, scheduling,....

* Improvements in markup

* Support requests

** Help partners

** New information

*** New hypotheses

Improvements in markup, spelling, etc. (bear in mind that final document quality for printing (nicer tables, paginated table of contents, page markup...) will be performed at the end

Simple questions, help requests, etc. without too much making of previous information

Help group or course mates who asked questions, requested support, formulated doubts, etc. (group or course forum)

New information has been added to text or discussion

New hypothesis has been prepared from preexisting information, and possibly, some new information (if so, mark option ' New information ' also)

Elaborated questions and new ways to move forward in


Examples

Forum

Example on forum post, prior to posting:


Publica una resposta nova

[vista prèvia](#) [publicar](#) [cancel·la](#)



type of contribution:
 ** Nova informació
 *** Hipòtesis noves
 *** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
 

Títol:

Requerit

Emoticons 

Resposta

[Marques ràpides](#)

...

> Hola,

>

> He afegit una introducció que ens podria anar bé per al treball, només és un esboç, segur que falten afegir-hi coses o potser en sobren d'altres.

> Però per començar, crec que ens pot anar bé.

> Maria. O.

and after posting:

Fòrum: AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres

[Editar fòrum](#)

[Fòrums->AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres->Proposta d'introducció](#) [tema següent]

	Proposta d'introducció	respon
Maria O. publicacions: 6	<p>Hola,</p> <p>He afegit una introducció que ens podria anar bé per al treball, només és un esboç, segur que falten afegir-hi coses o potser en sobren d'altres. Però per començar, crec que ens pot anar bé. Maria.O.</p>	
	en: Ds 01 de Apr, 2006 [13:26]	lectures: 14 Nova informació

The byte count in action log report does not take into account the lines starting by "> " or included by QUOTE tags (previous message).

Wiki

Example at wiki edition time, showing the description of each item in the list of type of contributions as a pop up blue window when the mouse passes over the help roud blue icon (?).

Editar: T3 Inici

Categoritzar: [[mostra categories](#) | [oculta categories](#)]

Emoticons: 😄 😊 😐 😓 😠 😡 😢 😣 😤 😥 😦 😧 😨 😩 😪 😫 😬 😭 😮 😯 😰 😱 😲 😳 😴 😵 😶 😷 😸 😹 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿 😽 😺 😻 😼 😽 😾 😿

Descripció: Plana inicial per al Pla ambiental del grup de pràctiques AIA06 - T3

Editar:

☐ ☐

! Pàgines dels equips de treball
((T3 1. INTRODUCCIÓ))

[+ Marques ràpides ...](#) ((T3 2. AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS))

((T3 3. PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL))

((T3 Zones 1 i 5))
((T3 Zones 4 i 8))
((T3 Zones 3 i 7))
((T3 Zones 2 i 6))

Edit Summary:

Permetre HTML: ☐

Pàgina d'importació: [Navega...](#) [exporta totes les versions](#)

Puja foto: [Navega...](#)

Pujar un arxiu: [Navega...](#) comentari: [adjunció](#)

[vista prèvia](#)

Tipus de contribució:

- ** Ajudes a companys
- ** Nova informació
- *** **Hipòtesis noves**
- *** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
- *** Síntesi/elaboració d'informació

☐ Menor [guardar](#) [cancel·lar](#)

[editar](#) [bloquejar](#) [perms](#) [historial](#) [ajuda wiki](#)

Altres (informeu quina al professorat): Altres contribucions no actualment (informeu quina al professorat, per correu-e, Tiki)

- * Aspectes organitzatius: Propostes i altres qüestions relacionades de l'equip de treball, temporització,
- * Milliores de presentació: Milliores de presentació, estètica, o compte, però, que la presentació final caldrà fer-la en format imprimir, amb algun altre programari d'ofimàtica)
- * Peticions de suport: Preguntes senzilles, peticions d'ajuda, elaboració de la informació prèvia

Example on Wiki page history:

Historial: T3 Inici

Visualitza la pàgina

Legend: v=view, s=source, b=rollback								
Diferències costat-a-costat								
esb	Data	Usuari	Comentari	Contribution	Versió	Acció	comparar	
	Dg 02 de Apr, 2006 [13:06]	AlfredGarcia		*** Hipòtesis noves	11 actual	v s	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ds 01 de Apr, 2006 [12:19]	ManelOlivera		** Nova informació	10	v s b	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 29 de Mar, 2006 [10:58]	AlfredGarcia		* Peticions de suport	9	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dm 28 de Mar, 2006 [18:26]	ManelOlivera		** Nova informació	8	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dm 28 de Mar, 2006 [15:40]	ManelOlivera		** Nova informació	7	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dg 26 de Mar, 2006 [19:03]	ManelOlivera		** Ajudes a companys	6	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [16:13]	ManelOlivera		** Nova informació	5	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [13:46]	AlfredGarcia		** Nova informació	4	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [11:26]	ManelOlivera		Altres (informeu quina al professorat)	3	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 22 de Mar, 2006 [11:21]	ManelOlivera		Altres (informeu quina al professorat)	2	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dc 15 de Mar, 2006 [21:29]	ManelOlivera	Tiki initialization		1	v s b	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tikisheet

Example on a spreadsheet:

T_AccionsT3_G

REDUCCIÓ DE LA CONTAMINACIÓ

Inserta Fila Inserta Columna Elimina Fila Elimina Columna Fusiona Cel·les Restaura Cel·les Copia càlcul Formata Cel·la

Organització de sortides de camp amb grups el més nombrosos possible

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	N		Grup A	Aules	Labora	Labora	Secret	Camps	Establ	Bar	menja	Bibliot	Lavabo	Despat	Jardins	Copist
2	7		REDUC													
3		.1	Utilitza					x							X	
4		.2	Mesura					x							X	
5		.3	Mesura	X	X	X	x	x				X		X	X	
6		.4	Servei				x									
7		.5	Recollir	X			X	x		X	X			X		
8		.6	Organi													

*** Síntesi/elaboració d'informació
 *** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
 *** Hipòtesis noves

Guardar Cancel·lar

Report contributions in tables

The [action log](#) feature can display them.

Filtra

Usuari/a: Data d'inici: April 2006

Group: Data de fi: April 2006

Category: octets ☐ kb ☐

[See Statistics](#)

Llista — Group: aia06t3 aia06t4

usuari	data	acció	tipus	objecte	categoria	+ octets	- octets	contribution
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [20:02]	Replied	comment	AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS		315		*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:53]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		2734	2131	** Nova informació
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:30]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		8	33	** Nova informació
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:28]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		24	3	** Nova informació
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:27]	Viewed	forum	AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres	t3			
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:27]	Viewed	forum	AIA06 T3 - Grup dels dimecres	t3			
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:26]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		385	7	** Nova informació
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:13]	Updated	wiki page	PROPOSTA DEL PLA AMBIENTAL		18	26	** Nova informació
Usuari/a	DI 03 de Apr, 2006 [19:09]	Replied	comment	AVALUACIÓ DELS ASPECTES AMBIENTALS		1147		*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar

There is also a table reporting the evolution in time (weeks or days) of contributions:

Contribution	Weeks										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
* Peticions de suport	176	219	575							100	
	176	219	574							100	
** Nova informació			301	9105	1973			869			
			119	1				139			
			301	8986	1972			730			
* Aspectes organitzatius			301		1416			515	335	156	
										153	
			301		1416			515	335	3	
*** Sintesi/elaboració d'informació				404	4860			2607	761	5208	
				103				1161	710	3278	
				301	4860			1446	51	1930	
* Millores de presentació								193			
								1125			
								-932			
*** Preguntes elaborades i noves vies per avançar						492					
						492					
*** Hipòtesis noves	28		2468								
	28		2468								
** Ajudes a companys	1551										
	1551										

Additions are shown in green background, deletions in pink, and the difference is shown without any special background color. Units are either bytes or kb, specified previously through the reporting filters described in [Action log](#) page, as well as start and end date, and if columns are days or weeks.

The main goal of reporting them is showing students in tutorship sessions what the log of their activity respect to the average of their class, for instance, as a simple way to enable students self-regulate their effort investment in the learning process of that activity/subject/course, etc. Many other uses can be achieved with that information, and it is not intended to be the only way to "grade" students activity but to enhance broad information to tutors about students activity to improve feedback to student along the learning activity process, and not only as grading information at the end.

Reporting contributions in graphs

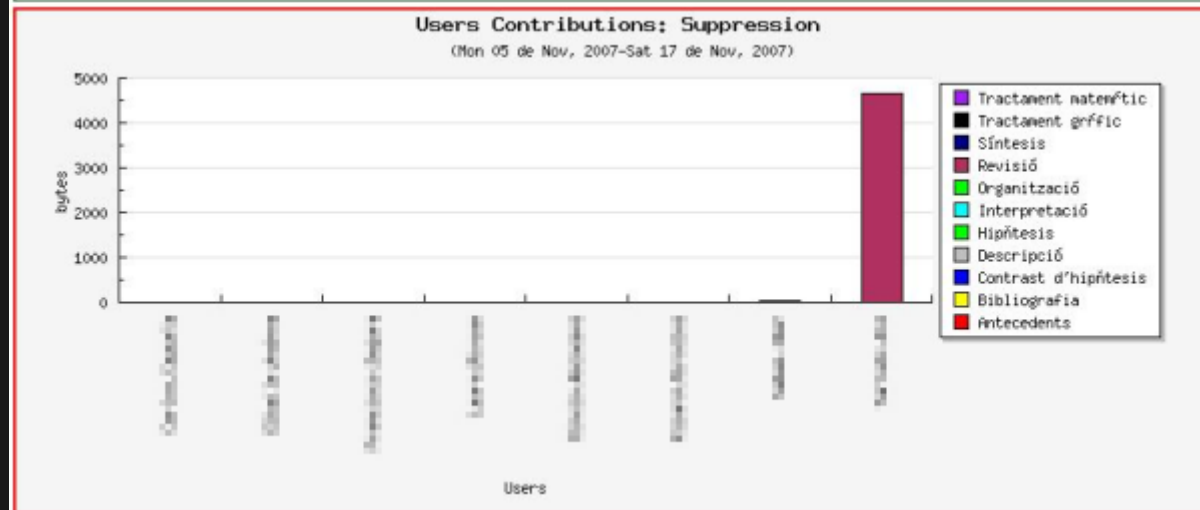
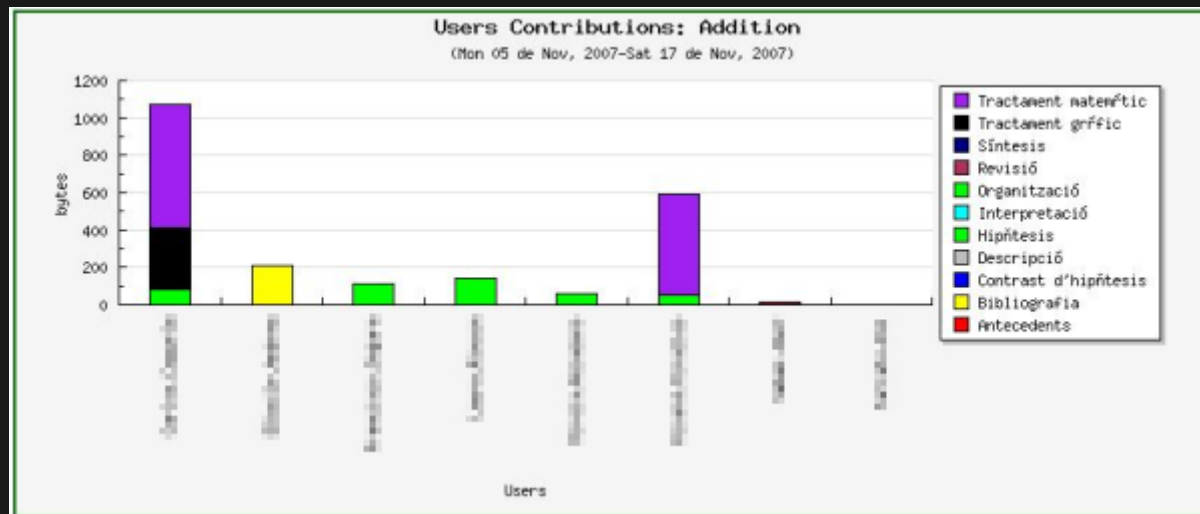
When contribution feature is enabled, [Action log](#) feature will allow displaying the summaries of contribution by types along time also in graphs. The graphs are produced in better quality when **jpggraph** library is installed in you Tiki (see [Mod jpggraph](#) for more details). You can also download the library in lib/jpggraph.

Nota: the preference feature_jpggraph must be manually turn in in the database adn you must clear the cache after.

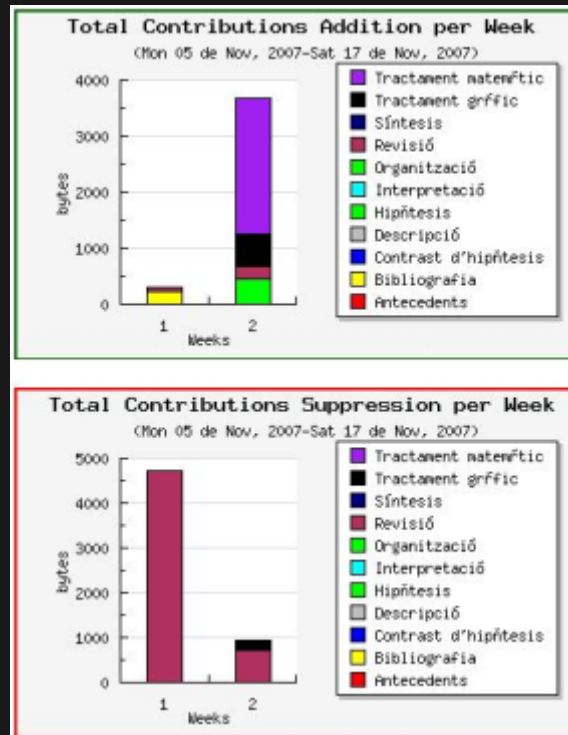
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insert into tiki_preferences (name, value) values('feature_jpggraph', 'y');
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These are the type of graphs produced (examples produced having jpggraph lib installed on the site)

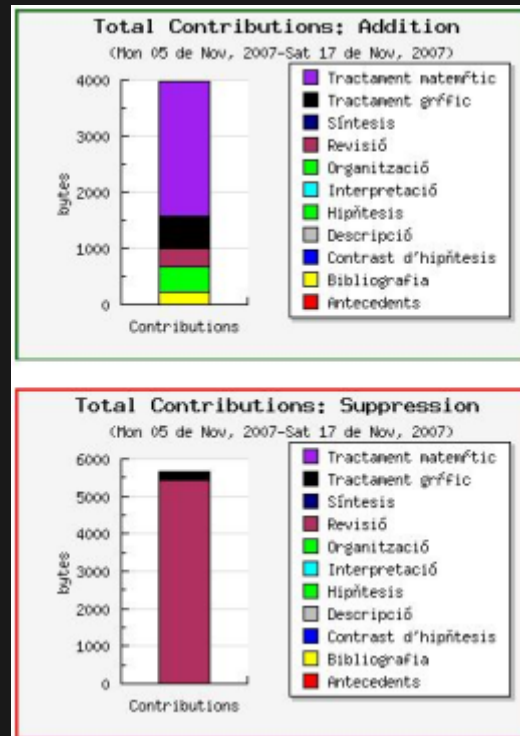
Users contribution: Addition and Suppression



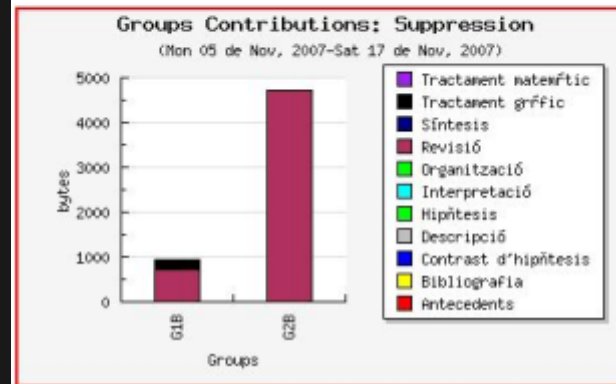
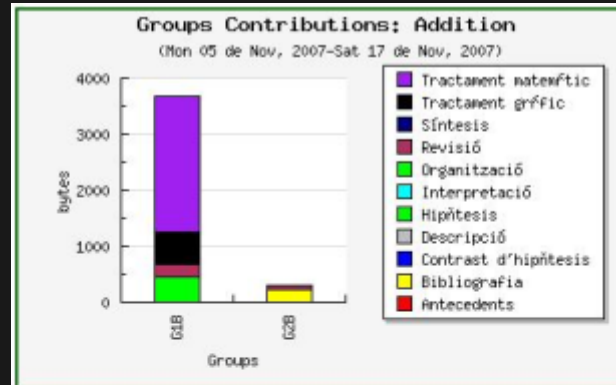
Total contributions: Additions and Suppressions over time



Total contributions: Additions and Suppressions



Group contributions: Additions and Suppressions



Contributor feature

This feature can be enabled in Admin -> Contribution. It allows an user to select which other mats of his/her group where co-authoring (or just contributing, at least) to that wiki page edition.

Admin Contributions ⓘ

Settings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are mandatory in wiki pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are mandatory in forums
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are mandatory in comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are mandatory in blogs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are displayed in the comment/post
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributors

SAVE

University of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. 100 pp. (pdf: <http://seeds4c.org/dl529>)

De Pedro, X. (2007)

"New method using Wikis and forums to evaluate individual contributions in cooperative work while promoting experiential learning: results from preliminary experience". Communication Submitted to to **WikiSym2007** (<http://www.opensym.org/ws2007>): *2007 International Symposium on Wikis. Wikis at Work in the World: Open, Organic, Participatory Media for the 21st Century. October 21-23, 2007, Montr  al, Canada.* (Pdf: <http://seeds4c.org/dl539>)

Related pages

- [Contribution Admin](#)
- [Contributions by Author](#)
- [PluginContributionsDashboard](#)
- [Action log](#)

External links

- <http://edu.tiki.org>

aliases

[Contributions](#) | [ContributionTypes](#) | [Contribution Types](#)