

# Plugin Convene

This [wiki plugin](#), introduced in [Tiki9](#), allows users to convene a date from a list of alternatives. Users indicate their preferences and the best option is highlighted as the best date for such convention.

The screenshot displays the 'Meeting for next month' interface. At the top, it shows 'CHOICES: Ok (+1) Not ok (-1) Unconfirmed (+0)'. Below this is a table with columns for dates: 2012-05-19 11:00, 2012-05-20 11:00, 2012-05-26 11:00, and 2012-05-27 11:00. The rows represent users: Mary, Xavi, and admin. Mary has 'Ok' for the first date and 'Unconfirmed' for the others. Xavi has 'Ok' for the first date and 'Not ok' for the others. Admin has 'Ok' for the first date and 'Unconfirmed' for the others. A 'Remove date' button is at the top right, and an 'Add date' button is at the bottom right. A 'Send winning choice to the predefined Calendar' button is at the bottom center. A 'STEP 1: Write username + press ENTER' box is at the bottom left. A 'STEP 2: Edit user choices' box is at the top left. A 'Remove user choices' button is at the top left. A 'STEP 4: Save' button is at the bottom left. A 'STEP 3: Choose your options' box is at the bottom center. A detailed view of the 'Convene' form is shown below, with a 'STEP 4: Save' button at the bottom left and a 'STEP 3: Choose your options' box at the bottom center.

	2012-05-19 11:00	2012-05-20 11:00	2012-05-26 11:00	2012-05-27 11:00
Mary	Ok	Unconfirmed	Unconfirmed	Unconfirmed
Xavi	Ok	Not ok	Not ok	Not ok
admin	Ok	Unconfirmed	Unconfirmed	Unconfirmed

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	18/05/13 11:00h	18/05/13 17:00h	19/05/13 11:00h	19/05/13 17:00h
Xavi	Ok	Unconfirmed	Not ok	Not ok

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## Requirements

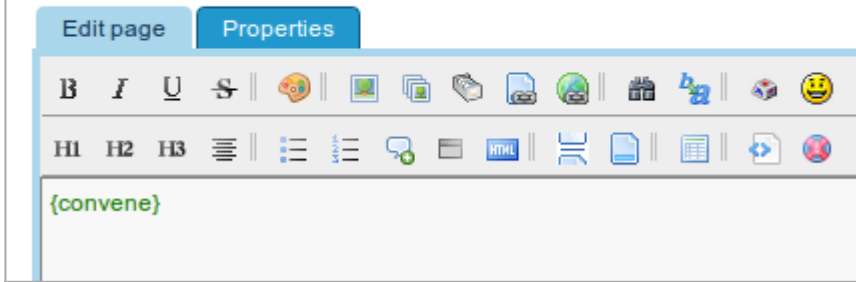
You need to have the calendar feature enabled, and at least one calendar created for this feature to work.

## How to use it

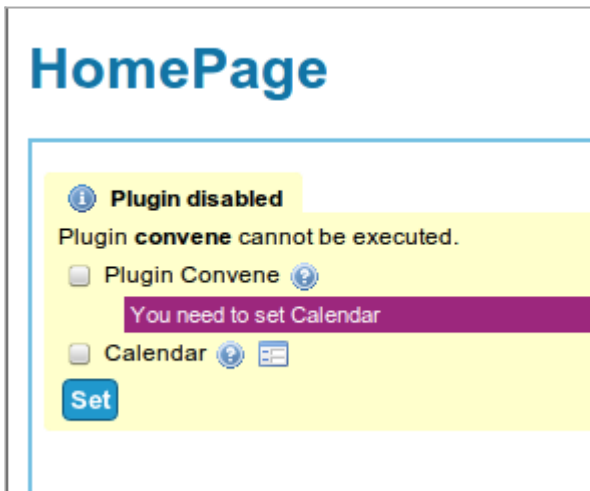
The first step is to call the plugin within a wiki page, either by the popup helper as usual for plugins, or directly by means of adding this text to a wiki page:

```
{convene}
```

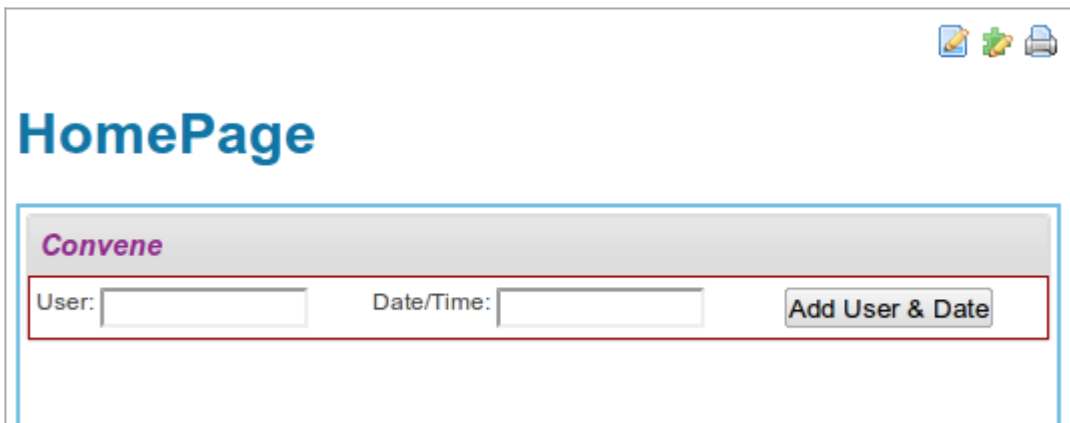
# Edit: HomePage



Then, when you save the page, Tiki will check whether you have all the required tiki features enabled. If not, and in case you have admin rights, you will be offered from that page to enable those required features (PluginConvene itself and the calendar feature)



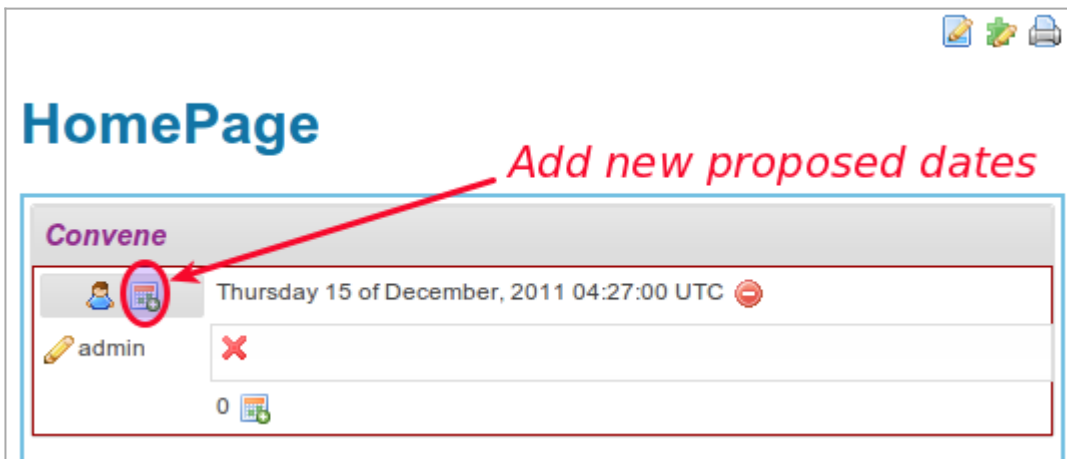
Once the required features are enabled, in that same wiki page you will be offered the option to provide the first user and date to create a new convention proposal:



As user you can use any name (a registered username in Tiki or not), and for the date you will be allowed to select a date from a popup calendar with time sliders below for easy selection:



Once the selection is saved, the user will have the option to add new proposed dates for the convention/meeting by means of the icon on the left column:



After the initial set of options for the convention/meeting are set, the page will look like something like this for anonymous users visiting the website:

Meeting for next month				
	2012-05-19 11:00	2012-05-20 11:00	2012-05-26 11:00	2012-05-27 11:00
Mary	✓		?	?
Xavi	✓		✓	?
admin		✓	✓	?
	1	-1	2 ✓	0

When logged in as a user with admin perms, you will see a few other icons which allow you to keep adding new date options or new users:

Meeting for next month				
	2012-05-19 11:00	2012-05-20 11:00	2012-05-26 11:00	2012-05-27 11:00
Mary	✓		?	?
Xavi	✓		✓	?
admin		✓	✓	?
Add User	1	-1	2	0

All data from users choices is stored in the wiki page, and therefore, there is a history of changes from which users and/or ip's, as with any other wiki page in Tiki.

Last, see again the options allowed by all icons in the pluginconvene interface:

**CHOICES: Ok (+1) Not ok (-1) Unconfirmed (+0)**

**STEP 1: Write username + press ENTER**

**STEP 2: Edit user choices**

**STEP 3: Choose your options**

**STEP 4: Save**

Remove date

Add date

Send winning choice to the predefined Calendar

Remove user choices

## Custom background colors

You can use custom colors in your tiki site for the background of the cells. Example:

```
.convene-ok { background-color: #6d6; } .convene-no { background-color: #d66; } .convene-unconfirmed { background-color: #eee; }
```

Or even set background color to transparent (none) or white, as you wish.

## Time zones

- Each user adds their time and date in their time zone, and it will automatically be stored as UTC time.

## Parameters

- A param `dateformat` exists to indicate that date and time has to be shown in "short" (default) or "long" formats, following the site-wide parameter specified elsewhere by the admin `Control Panels > General > Date and time > Formats`

Suggest meeting dates and times and vote to select one

*Introduced in Tiki 9.*

[Go to the source code](#)

*Preferences required:* `wikiplugin_convene`, `feature_calendar`

Parameters	Accepted Values	Description	Default	Since
(body of plugin)		Convene data generated from user input		
<code>title</code>		Title for the event	Convene	9.0
<code>autolock</code>	datetime	Lock this plugin at a certain time and date (format YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm)		20.2
<code>id</code>	text	Leave blank automatically generate.		23.0
<code>minvotes</code>	digits	Minimum number of votes needed to show Add-to-Calendar icon, so that new users do not see a potentially confusing icon before the convene has enough information on it	3	10.3

<code>dateformatother</code>	text	Use a custom format string for the dates using PHP "DateTime::format" parameters, e.g. D j M h:i		23.0
<code>calendarid</code>	digits	ID number of the site calendar in which to store the date for the events with the most votes	1	9.0
<code>dateformat</code>	(blank) short long other	Display date and time in short or long format, according to the site wide setting (or use "other" to specify a custom format below)	short	9.0
<code>locked</code>	(blank) y n	Prevent further votes or changes from the interface.	n	20.2
<code>adminperms</code>	(blank) y n	Only admins can edit or delete other users' votes and dates. N.B. This is a guide only as if a user can edit the page they can change this setting, it is intended to make the plugin easier to use for most users.	y	9.0
<code>avatars</code>	(blank) y n	Show user's profile pictures next to their names.	y	9.0
<code>voteoptions</code>	<i>separator:</i> ,	Comma-separated for personalized set of vote options	-1=Not OK,0=Unconfirmed,1=OK	24.0

# Aliases

[Plugin Convene](#) | [PluginDoodle](#) | [Plugin Doodle](#) | [Doodle](#) | [PluginScheduler](#) | [Plugin Scheduler](#)