

# Welcome to Tiki

Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware [↗](#) (Tiki) is a web-based application that you can use to build a website—*any* type of website that you want, for working collaboratively with others. The content management system at the heart of Tiki powers wikis, forums, blogs, map servers, and more. You can configure the various tools and customize the appearance of the website from Web-based Administration pages. This guide steps you through the basics for understanding Tiki.

Throughout this guide (and in the user community in general) we refer to Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware as simply Tiki. This guide is intended for folks who are either new to Tiki as an administrator or new to wikis and CMS (content management system) products in general. We hope to provide enough perspective and procedures to get you up and running with Tiki in a way that is quicker than if you had to figure out the software on your own with only the official documentation.

This version of the guide is based on the latest Tiki version in development. In fact, this reference (the entire website) is built using Tiki. Complete information on Tiki can be found at the Tiki Community portal: <http://www.tiki.org> [↗](#).

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This guide is **not** a replacement for the official Tiki Documentation [↗](#). Instead it will walk you through some of the more common procedures and help get your Tiki up and running and quickly as possible. Tiki has more than 50 core features (more than other CMS applications<sup>1</sup>) — this guide focuses only on a few of the more common items. You should explore the documentation [↗](#) and community portal [↗](#) for complete information on everything that Tiki has to offer.


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1. Tiki is the Free and Open Source Web Application with the most built-in features (source: <http://tiki.org/FOSS+Web+Application+with+the+most+built-in+features>)



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