

The directory organizes Web links into convenient categories similar to the [dmoz open directory project](#) or [Yahoo!](#) Users can browse link descriptions navigating the categories by drilling down to increasingly specific sub-categories. Or they may search for specific text. Users can also suggest links they would like to see added to a directory. Thus, a successful directory is built by its Tiki community.

Admins, or editors they designate, can validate user suggestions before they are posted. An unlimited number of categories can be created and they can be related to one another--encouraging users to move from one to another. Tiki tracks the addition of new links and the amount of traffic they attract. Users can view the top-ranked **new sites** and **cool sites** (heavy traffic sites) by clicking a button. Optionally, directory rankings/stats modules can be displayed in Tiki columns.

### Browsing the directory

As a user you can enter the directory browser and a screen as the one below will be displayed. Note that the navigation bar offers specific options for the directory. You can **browse** categories of links, see **new sites** and **cool sites** or **add** (suggest) a new site to the directory.



The Tiki directory is organized into categories of links, which themselves may have categories within them (and categories within them and categories within them, and so on). In this screen shot we are in the uppermost or *Top* category, as indicated by the word *Top* just below the navigation bar.

The sub-categories beneath *Top* are displayed in a box. Beneath the sub-category names are, in this example, other sub-categories with the number of times they've been accessed indicated in parenthesis. This is not always the case. Some Tiki directories display sub-category descriptions or the number of their links.

You may *drill down* into these categories and, as you do, the current category will always be displayed beneath the navigation bar *and* you will see the path of categories you took to get here.

For example:

- **Top >> Software>Chat>IRC**

- Hint: Each word is a link that'll take you to a *parent* category above the one you're currently in.

You can also find sites in the entire directory or the current category using the search box.

The screen shot below shows the directory browser in the category *IRC* under the category, *Chat*, under the category *Software*, under the *Top* category. Note the path of live category links at the top and the list of links for the *IRC* category.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a directory browser. At the top, there are four buttons: 'browse', 'new sites', 'cool sites', and 'add a site'. Below these is the breadcrumb path 'Top >> Software > Chat > IRC'. A search section contains a 'Find:' label, a dropdown menu set to 'any', a text input field, a dropdown menu set to 'in entire directory', and a 'search' button. Below the search section is a 'Links' section. It features a 'Sort by:' label, a dropdown menu set to 'hits (desc)', and a 'sort' button. The 'Links' section contains two entries, each with a title, description, categories, added/updated dates, and hits count.

Site Name	Description	Categories	Added	Last updated	Hits
<a href="#">IceChat (cache)</a>	IceChat is an IRC ( Internet Relay Chat) program. It is used to connected to up to 10 IRC Servers simultaneously and chat in channels to other IRC Users. IceChat started in 2000, and has gone through many changes in its user Interface, its design, and of course its many features.	<a href="#">Software&gt;&gt;Chat&gt;&gt;IRC</a>	Thu 31 of Jul, 2003	Tue 05 of Aug, 2003	6
<a href="#">SmartIRC (cache)</a>	SmartIRC is a PHP class for communication with IRC networks, which conforms to the RFC 2812 (IRC). It's an API that handles all IRC protocol messages. This class is designed for creating IRC bots, chats and show irc related info on webpages.	<a href="#">Software&gt;&gt;Chat&gt;&gt;IRC</a>	Tue 05 of Aug, 2003	Tue 05 of Aug, 2003	2

Using the drop-down list, you can sort the site list in ascending (A to Z) or descending (Z to A) order and by:

- Name
- Hits
- Creation date, i.e., when it was added to the directory
- Last updated

Click on any site's name to access it. If the site is missing, try the **cache** link. Tiki saves or *caches* a copy of each site in its directory. This enables you to view a page even if the link to it is broken. In addition to its own cache, Tiki also links to the Google cache for each site.

Beneath the list of sites you will see a box listing categories that are related to the current category, if any. You can click on a related category to visit it.

Finally, statistics about the directory are displayed:

- Total categories
- Total links
- Links to validate (i.e., links that have been suggested, but not yet approved)
- Searches performed

- Total links visited

## Directory Ranking: New/Cool Sites

The **new sites** and **cool sites** buttons can be used to show rankings of the latest sites added to the directory and the directory's most-accessed sites.

name	url	country	hits
<a href="#">Design Futures</a>	<a href="http://www.designfutures.net">http://www.designfutures.net</a>		188
	categories: Tiki Sites		
<a href="#">Tiki WikiWorld</a>	<a href="http://www.wikiworld.com/tiki/tiki-index.php">http://www.wikiworld.com/tiki/tiki-index.php</a>		142
	categories: Tiki Sites		
<a href="#">The Tin Foil Hat</a>	<a href="http://thetinfoilhat.com">http://thetinfoilhat.com</a>		116
	categories: Tiki Sites		

## Adding a site

Tikis thrive on the participation of their users. You can suggest a site by clicking the **add a site** link and using the following form to enter the site information.

### Add or edit a site

Name:

Description:

URL:

Categories:

Tiki listings
Useful Code
Useful Code>>JavaScript
Useful Code>>PHP

Country:

None

After you've entered the site's *Name*, *Description*, and *URL* (Web address), pick a appropriate directory category for it. You may select more than one category by control-clicking your choices. If you select a *Country* for the site, a country flag will appear in its directory listings.

Click **save** when you're finished. On most Tikis, your suggestion will not immediately appear in the directory. Instead, it will be submitted to an editor who will decide whether to approve it.

## Try it out

Experiment with this feature on tiki.org:

[http://tiki.org/tiki-directory\\_browse.php](http://tiki.org/tiki-directory_browse.php)

## TikiTeam

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