

Notes on how to improve Tiki installer

This was all solved and Tiki has a slick installer. Page below is kept for posterity







Installation Comparison

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Assumptions:

- Download the ZIP.
- FTP to your webhost.
- Open browser to URL

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Choose language 	Error message 	<p>Tiki's initial screen (the <i>very</i> first thing a new user will see) is basically an error message. There's a link to run the installer, but I thought that's what I was already doing! Tiki needs a better way of determining if this is a new install (that is, there's no local.php file).</p> <p>Drupal certainly <i>looks</i> a lot slicker. I can install in English (the default) or select another language. Since the Tiki installer is already multi-lingual, certainly this could be incorporated.</p>
Verify requirements 	None	Drupal gives me an error and forces me to <i>manually</i> change files in my directory.
Set up database 	Database Configuration 	<p>Very similar. Drupal's Advanced Settings allow you to change the host or specify a table prefix.</p> <p>Both Tiki & Drupal require that the table already exist. Drupal 6.8 is for mysql only.</p>
Installing 	None	Nice that Drupal shows you that its working. Tiki gives no indication that it is "working" when running the SQL.

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Configure site <input data-bbox="92 226 124 259" type="checkbox"/>	None	<p>It is nice that Dupal prompts new users for some basic site information. Prehaps Tiki could also populate some of the common General Admin items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Site name *Sender email *Admin password (would eliminate the need to prompt for password change at first login. Also the elimination of a default password would be a security improvement). *Default timezone *Site logo <p>Drupal allows you to customize the Administrator account name</p>
Installation complete <input data-bbox="92 801 124 835" type="checkbox"/>	Installation complete <input data-bbox="411 846 443 880" type="checkbox"/>	<p>I like how Drupal checks for mail() function. This is a potential pitfall for new Tiki-ers.</p> <p>Tiki displays the initial login information, something that Drupal does not.</p>
Initial site <input data-bbox="92 1048 124 1081" type="checkbox"/>	Initial site <input data-bbox="411 1048 443 1081" type="checkbox"/>	