

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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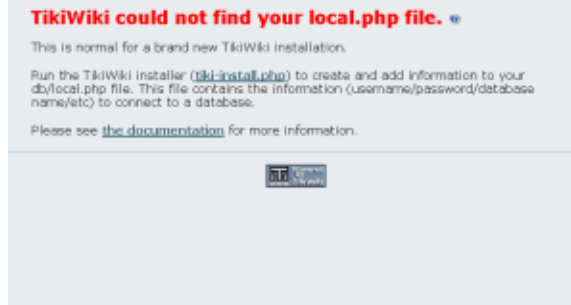
## Drupal 6.8

### Choose language



## TikiWiki 2.2

### Error message



## Discussion

Tiki's initial screen (the very 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).

Drupal certainly *looks* 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.

## Verify requirements



None

Drupal gives me an error and forces me to *manually* change files in my directory.

## Set up database



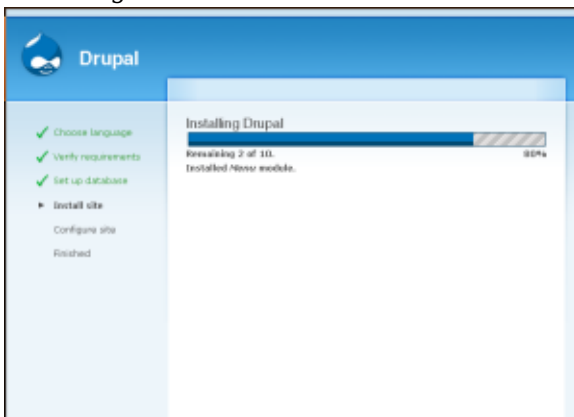
## Database Configuration



Very similar. Drupal's **Advanced Settings** allow you to change the host or specify a table prefix.

Both Tiki & Drupal require that the table already exist. Drupal 6.8 is for mysql only.

## Installing



None

Nice that Drupal shows you that its working. Tiki gives no indication that it is "working" when running the SQL.

Configure site

Drupal

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All necessary changes to `/sites/default` and `/sites/default/settings.php` have been made. They have been set to read-only for security.

To configure your website, please provide the following information.

Site information

Site name:

Site e-mail address:

The above address is automated e-mails sent during registration and new password requests, and other notifications. (Use an address ending in your site's domain to help prevent this e-mail being flagged as spam.)

Administrator account

The administrator account has complete access to the site; it will automatically be granted all permissions and can perform any administrative activity. This will be the only account that can perform certain activities, so keep its credentials safe.

Username:

E-mail address:

Password:

Confirm password:

Server settings

Default time zone:

By default, dates in this site will be displayed in the chosen time zone.

Clean URLs:

☒ Disabled

☐ Enabled

This option makes Drupal send "clean" URLs (i.e., without signs in the URL).

Your system configuration does not currently support this feature. The [handbook page on Clean URLs](#) has additional troubleshooting information.

Update notifications:

☒ Check for updates automatically

With this option enabled, Drupal will notify you when new releases are available. This will significantly enhance your site's security and is highly recommended. This requires your site to periodically send anonymous information on its installed components to [drupal.org](#). For more information please see the [update notification information](#).

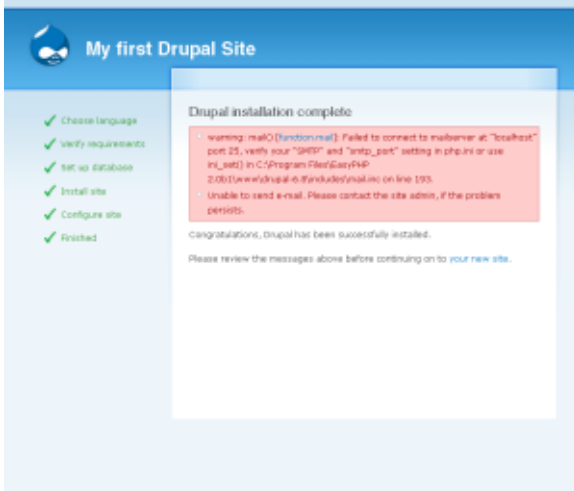
None

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:

- \*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

Drupal allows you to customize the Administrator account name

## Installation complete



## Initial site



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I like how Drupal checks for mail() function. This is a potential pitfall for new Tiki-ers.

Tiki displays the initial login information, something that Drupal does not.