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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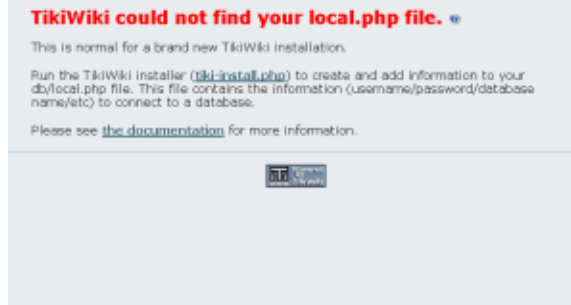
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Choose language	Error message	Tiki's initial screen (the *very* first thing a new user will see) is basically an error message. There's a link to run the installer, but I thought that's what I was already doing! Tiki needs a better way of determining 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.

Drupal 6.8 — Choose language

> **Drupal**
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> ► Choose language
> Verify requirements
> Set up database
> Install site
> Configure site
> Finished
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> **Choose language**
> ○ Install Drupal in English
> ○ Learn how to install Drupal in other languages

TikiWiki 2.2 — Error message

> **TikiWiki could not find your local.php file.** ⊕
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> This is normal for a brand new TikiWiki installation.
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> Run the TikiWiki installer (tiki-install.php) to create and add information to your db/local.php file. This file contains the information (username/password/database name/etc) to connect to a database.
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> Please see the documentation for more information.

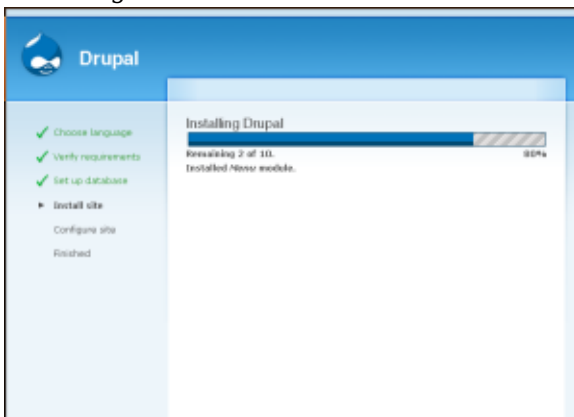| Drupal 6.8	TikiWiki 2.2	Discussion
Verify requirements 	None	Drupal gives me an error and forces me to *manually* change files in my directory.
Set up database 	Database Configuration 	Very similar. Drupal's **Advanced Settings** allow you to change the host or specify a table prefix. Both Tiki & Drupal require that the table already exist. Drupal 6.8 is for mysqli only.
Installing 	None	Nice that Drupal shows you that its working. Tiki gives no indication that it is "working" when running the SQL.

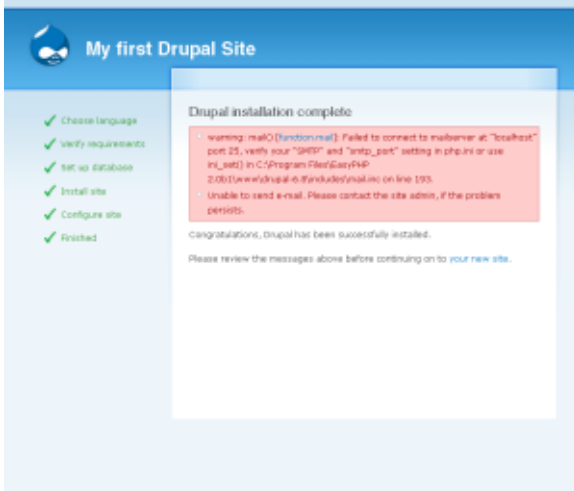| Drupal 6.8	TikiWiki 2.2	Discussion
Configure site 	None	It is nice that Dupal prompts new users for some basic site information. Prehaps Tiki could also populate some of the common General Admin items: *Site name *Sender email *Admin password (would eliminate the need to prompt for password change 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

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Installation complete	Installation complete	I like how Drupal checks for mail() function. This is a potential pitfall for new Tiki-ers.
Initial site	Initial site	Tiki displays the initial login information, something that Drupal does not.