

# Tiki vs Joomla!

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## Similar

- Both are full-featured free and open source web applications written in PHP with which you can realize a very diverse variety of projects and use with a database such as MySQL.
- Both can run on standard, inexpensive hosting.
- Both are community-run projects.
- Joomla started using Bootstrap in v3. Tiki will start using in Tiki13.

## Different

- Tiki is more centralized. Tiki is the [all-in-one model](#) while Joomla! (like [Drupal](#)) is the small-core-and-add-what-you-need model. Each model has its pros and cons. Because of these design choices, Tiki has more features out-of-the-box. With Joomla, you can [add numerous features via extensions](#).
  - Tiki has all the features built-in (and you just activate/deactivate them); thus, every Tiki instance of a given version has the same code base. This makes it easier for a [hosting company](#) and for upgrades. In contrast, if you maintain dozens of Joomla! sites, they will have different modules installed depending the use case.
  - When Tiki is upgraded, all the features are supported and the upgrade is smooth. In Joomla!, some of your plugins/extensions may have become abandoned or may be incompatible with the new version.
- While Tiki is a very large and popular project (over 200 contributors to main code base and tens of thousands of installs), Joomla! is **several times larger** with millions of installs.
- Tiki is wiki-centric, whilst Joomla! is more web publishing centric. Please check, if relevant, [Why Wiki Syntax Is Important](#) to your project.
  - [Joomla! uses MediaWiki for its own wiki.](#)
- Joomla! is GPL, Tiki is LGPL. [The main difference between the GPL and the LGPL is that the latter can be linked to \(in the case of a library, 'used by'\) a non-\(L\)GPLed program, which may be free software or proprietary software.](#)
- ~~Joomla! uses Mootools while Tiki uses jQuery.~~ Joomla! now moving to jQuery.
- For the last few years, Tiki has had a much faster release cycle than Joomla! but now, Joomla! is moving to a 6-month release cycle, like Tiki, Ubuntu and many other projects. (although there is a delay for extensions to follow)

## CMS Match

<http://www.cmsmatch.com/compare/content-management-systems/9+1073>

## CMS Matrix

Compare them at <http://cmsmatrix.org>

# Active contributors

Number of contributors who made changes to the project source code each month.



Tiki is in red

Note: There is no entry on Ohloh.net for all the Joomla! extensions.

# Activity

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# Alias

- [Joomla](#)
- [Joomla!](#)
- [TikiWiki vs Joomla!](#)
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