Basic Steps

If enabled from the main **Administration Panel** (see TikiAdminSettings) you will see a link to **Edit Templates** in the **Admin Menu**. Click it and the **Edit Templates** screen will display a long list of templates. Essentially, they're just the TPL files in the *templates* directory and its sub-directories. Select a TPL file and its code will display.

The main TPL file that controls the overall look of your Tiki is listed as templates/tiki.tpl.

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Template: templates/tiki.tpl
Template listing
{* Index we display a wiki page here *}
{include file="header.tpl"}
<div id="tiki-main">
 {if $feature top bar eq 'y'}
 <div id="tiki-top">
  {include file="tiki-top_bar.tpl"}
 <div id="tiki-mid">
  {if $feature left column eq 'y'}
   {section name=homeix loop=$left modules}
   {$left modules[homeix].data}
   {/section}
   <div id="tiki-center">{include file=$mid}
   {if $show_page_bar eq 'y'}
                           save
```

To edit it, you'll need to know about HTML, CSS and Smarty, the ornery template engine (SmartyTplEditingDev). Once you're finished, save the template and check the result by reloading a page on the site.

The Edit Templates feature can be used to make very nice changes or effects in your sites. For example, you can include a logo at the top of the page by editing the tiki.tpl template and you can change the logo on special occasions (as Google does).

Who is working here generally? Link UserPage.

For more information

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