

# Tiki 8.1 Release Notes

⚠ ⚠ This document includes important information about **Tiki 8.1**. Please review this information when installing (or upgrading to) this release.

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Because [Tiki 8.0](#) was removed from download immediately after being released, Tiki 8.1 represents the first general release of the [Tiki 8.x](#) branch.

The release announcement is here:

<http://info.tiki.org/article182-Tiki-8-1-Now-Available-End-of-Life-for-Tiki-7-x>

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# What's New

Some major changes include:

- Multiple **improvements** to trackers, allowing more flexible trackers. The creation / administration of trackers was much facilitated.
- **Filtering of advanced preferences from administration panel**, making Tiki more accessible without reducing its capabilities
- **Improvements** to the **search infrastructure**.
- The Smarty template engine was **upgraded from version 2 to 3**. Among other benefits, this makes it easier for administrators to create custom modules.
- The translation to German has reached 100% completion, mainly thanks to the work of Gregor Adamczyk.

See <http://doc.tiki.org/Tiki8> for complete details.

# Installation

If this is your first installation ever of Tiki, [welcome to the Tiki Community!](#)

You'll find details about installing Tiki in the [Tiki Installation Guide](#).

# Upgrade

# Important Changes

Tiki 8 introduces some major changes from prior versions. If you are upgrading from an earlier version, you should be aware of the following:

- **Extensive changes** to Trackers as part of the on-going **Tracker Re-vamp**.

If you are using trackers, you should do a test upgrade before the real upgrade, and particularly test permissions. The effective permissions on some tracker items may change.

- Removal of **Staging and Approval**, replaced by **Flagged Revisions**.

*Before* upgrading, approve or reject all staged content. *After* upgrading, configure the Flagged Revisions feature. If pages are not approved/rejected prior to the upgrade, the pages will be left "as is" and you must set each page manually.

See <http://doc.tiki.org/Tiki8> for a complete list of changes.

# Upgrading from older versions

If you are migrating to [Tiki8](#) from Tiki versions earlier than [Tiki7](#), you are encouraged to read first the pages describing the changes introduced in earlier versions of Tiki, such as:

- [Tiki7](#)
- [Tiki6](#)
- [Tiki5](#)
- [Tiki4](#)
- [Tiki3](#)

# Steps

When upgrading from version 7, you should review these steps:

1. Review the [Tiki Upgrade](#) procedure, especially if you have not upgraded your Tiki previously.
2. If you have console access to your sever, execute **setup.sh** again.  
If not, manually configure the file and folder permissions, as needed.

# Known Issues

You should be aware of the following issues, in particular if upgrading to Tiki 8 from prior versions as these are new:

- **Fatal error if you upgrade by copying over all the files**
  - This was fixed in 8.3
- Spreadsheet exportation fails with a fatal error.
- Spreadsheets cannot be viewed (via view\_sheets). The table quickly disappears when the page loads. Spreadsheets can nevertheless be viewed by editing them, if the user has the appropriate permission.
  - This was fixed in 8.2
- Trying to access a wiki page's history causes a fatal error (sometimes causing a blank page) in some languages including Russian, Ukrainian, Korean and Vietnamese.
  - This was fixed in 8.2
- Tracker item changes email notifications do not include the Subject field's value in the email subject anymore in simplified e-mail format.
- Multiple regressions in comments:
  - Previewing comments is no longer possible.
  - Editing comments is no longer possible.
  - Comments with no title will show some number as a title.
  - Moderation is partially broken. Messages warning the user before and after posting a



comment needing moderation do not appear anymore.

- Accessing a comment from tiki-list\_comments.php or from the since\_last\_visit\_new module no longer brings to it directly (only brings to the object commented, but not to the right position in the page).
- Regressions in CAPTCHAs for comments:
  - CAPTCHAs (when not using ReCaptcha) in comments do not change when the code is mistyped, and attempts past the second one always fail regardless of the input.
  - Trying to regenerate CAPTCHAs (when not using ReCaptcha) for comments fails (clicking "Try another code" has no effect).
    - This is fixed for Tiki 9.1 (by revision 42625).
  - reCAPTCHA is unusable (the error "Empty captcha value" appears when trying to post, but no CAPTCHA is shown).
- The options for the field "Default category assigned to uncategorized objects edited by a user with this default group" in the Admin Groups page are broken (often empty).
  - This is fixed for 8.4 (by revision 39554).
- New users added by an administrator (via Admin Users) have their language set to English by default, even if the site language is not English.
  - This is fixed for 8.4 (by revision 39558. Tiki cache needs to be cleared for the fix to take effect).
- Translating articles is still possible, but not as it used to be. The globe icons will yield a "Only wiki pages are supported." error. This can be worked around on tiki-read\_article.php using the translations dropdown and its Manage translations option. This dropdown will only appear after

enabling the "Show lang" property of the translated article's article type.

- This is mostly fixed for 8.4 by various commits including r39513, r39514, r39515, r39516, r39517, r39518, r39519, r39821, r39824, r39829 and r39830.

[Complete list of known regressions in Tiki 8.1.](#)