

Author of: **Tiki for □□□□□□ Smarties** and **Tiki Essentials**

I am proud to announce the immediate availability of the first book about Tiki — **Tiki Essentials**. Currently, **Tiki Essentials** is available for purchase through LuLu.com and Amazon.com, with other retailers coming soon!

For details (including discount pricing!!), see <http://tikiforsmarties.com/Books>.

Finally... my own domain: ricksapir.com

Better late than never....

Rick's TikiWiki User Page

Hi, I'm **Rick**! I've been using Tiki since early 2005, when I selected TikiWiki as the CMS for my primary website: KeyContent.org.

I am first and foremost an **End-user Advocate** — not a hard-core programmer. I have nearly 15 years of experience in usability, documentation, and training (primarily with computer software, but other fields too). My primary contributions to the Tiki community are:

- Monitoring the [Forums](#) and [IRC channel](#), helping when I can.
- Working on the [Tiki Docs](#)
- Contribution useful plugins and mods, where I can.
It has been a **long** time since I've done any real coding (does anyone still use Pascal and Fortran?), so most of my code contributions can surely be improved. You can read about some of my Tiki ideas modifications in my [Tiki blog](#).
- Monitoring the [TikiWiki feedback](#).
- Working the [Tiki Promo Squad](#) to improve Tiki's pubic image (or lack-there-of)

If you're new to Tiki, I encourage you to check out my online book: [TikiWiki for □□□□□□ Smarties](#) — A beginner's guide to using TikiWiki. If you've used the guide and found it useful (or even if you didn't!), I'd love to have [your comments](#).



Additionally, if you want to contribute to **Smarties**, that would be great too.

The easiest way to get *Smart* is by using the **Smarties** toolbar:



It provides instant (and constant) access to *TikiWiki for □□□□□□ Smarties*, anytime you're online. Get it [here](#).



About my handle

I've been asked by several people.... "What does the **99** (in ricks99) signify?" Here's the story:

In the old days (back when 1200bps was *fast* and [Prodigy](#) was bigger than AOL), I got involved in [BBSing](#). On one of the first sites I logged into, I tried to select **ricks** as my username, but it was already taken. So I tried **ricks1** and it was taken too. Then I tried **ricks2**, but it was taken too.

Rather than continuing *up* number list, I decided to start at the top and work my way down. I started with **ricks99**. It worked, and the rest, as they say, *is history*.

New Blog

This page has become too long (and out of date). So, I started a [Tiki Blog](#) to describe and document my peronsal Tiki journey. Enjoy....

My Sites

Currently, I admin the following Tiki-based sites:

<http://www.keycontent.org>



))KeyContent.org((

Completely customized theme with 4.x. You can read the details on my [How Did They Do It](#) page.

<http://www.noah-noelle.com>



Noah-Noelle

An online store, modeled after eBay.

<http://www.hawkinsrun.org>



Hawkins Run

Using a modified Eatlon (from [themes.tiki.org](#)).

<http://www.stc-carolina.org>

Completely customized theme.

<http://newsletter.stc-carolina.org>



Carolina Communiqué

An online newsletter using a completely customized theme.
2009, 2008 APEX Award of Excellence winner.

<http://twbasics.keycontent.org>



TikiWiki for Smarties

A beginner's guide to TikiWiki, using a completely customized theme.
2008-9 STC Award of Merit winner. [Read more about this project.](#)

<http://www.stc-techedit.org>



STC Technical Editing SIG

Using a modified Feb12 (from themes.tiki.org).
2008-9 STC Community of Distinction winner.

Did You Know....

Flash

Did you know that you can use Tiki's [Flash plugin](#) to embed more than flash movies? Lots of Web 2.0 widgets use Flash to deliver content.

For example, here's my [Shelfari](#) bookshelf:

```
{FLASH(movie="http://www.shelfari.com/ws/shelf.swf?username=o1516354300&booksize=small",width=>500,height=>250,quality=>high)}{FLASH}
```

This was created with the code:

```
{FLASH(movie="http://www.shelfari.com/ws/shelf.swf?username=XXXXXX",width=>325,height=>465,quality=>high)}{FLASH}
```

Tiki does [Pandora](#), too. Here's what I'm listening to:

```
{FLASH(movie="https://www.pandora.com/radio/tuner_8_2_0_2_pandora.swf",width=>640,height=>528,quality=>high)}{FLASH}
```

Facebook

[Rick Sapir](#)



[Create Your Badge](#)

Rick is on Facebook! Yeah, I know... so is everyone else, too. Oh well..

Annotation plugin test

testing

testme1¹ : [testme2](#)

[testme3](#)² : testme4

Alias

- [Ricks99](#)