

# Wiki

With Tikiwiki, you don't need to add-on a forum software to complement your website - tiki includes forms and they integrate with the wiki, blogs and articles content.

- A forum is a collection of topics (also called **threads**) about a subject. You can have a forum to discuss a product, movies, sports, the weather; anything you think of.
- A topic/thread is a collection of messages (also called **posts**) in a particular forum.
- A post/message is a message a user has submitted about a particular topic.

## Forum features:

Using forums you can:

- Automatically generate forums from pages so you can write it and discuss it.
- Display user ratings
- Fully customizable moderator settings.

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What is Wiki?

Wiki in Ward's original description: The simplest online database that could possibly work.

Wiki is a piece of server software that allows users to freely create and edit Web page content using any Web browser. Wiki supports hyperlinks and has a simple ext syntax for creating new pages and crosslinks between internal pages on the fly.

Wiki is unusual among group communication mechanisms in that it allows the organization of contributions to be edited in addition to the content itself.

Like many simple concepts, "open editing" has some profound and subtle effects on Wiki usage. Allowing everyday users to create and edit any page in a Web site is exciting in that it encourages democratic use of the Web and promotes content composition by nontechnical users.

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**Historical Note:** The first ever wiki site was created for the [Portland Pattern Repository](#) in 1995. That site now hosts tens of thousands of pages.

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?WelcomeVisitors>

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?WikiHistory>

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?WikiDesignPrinciples>

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## NOTE

All of the pages listed above can and do provide much better information, background and sources about Wiki than I can. I personally found the page about [Wiki History](#) and [Wiki Design Principles](#) filled with the type of information that I like and found very interesting. If you see information about Wikis here then you can pretty well bet that this is where

I found it and in some cases borrowed to use here. If you see pages here called the same things then you can be certain that we took our cue from them about the need and use for them. These other sites have been doing Wiki a long time and obviously know and understand what they are doing, imatating them is a course that makes good sense to me. AlBrown 08/07/03

#### More Information

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[WikiDoc](#)

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[WikiSettings](#)

[WikiSyntax](#)