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A new icon system for Tiki

Work in progress – page under construction...!

Introduction

The problem

No system, no visual identity

Icons used by Tiki don't follow a system. Most of the icons are taken from other applications (PHPBB, Windows interface etc).

There are many completely different icon styles in Tiki, with no visual identity – a big "icon carnival"...

Some icons are repeated, some being used to represent things different than what they were designed for, some icons are really difficult to understand etc.

(reminder to myself: post some examples here to illustrate these issues...)

See also:

- [IconReview](#)
- [IconThemes](#)
- [tikicon](#)

A new icon system

I decided to design a complete icon system for Tiki, and started by making a list of all icons used. I think the list I have contains the most important ones, but i'm aware that some are still missing and that lots of new ones can be added.

I try to explain my approach for designing the new icons below:

- rational icon grammar
- bi-dimensional, simbolic
- diagrammatic rather than "pseudo 3d"
- clear and silent rather than confusing and loud
- simple forms, multiple resolutions
- monochrome icons + colorization
- integration with different color schemes and backgrounds
- standard sizes
- icons (identification) x buttons (action)

Basic icons

Basic icon grammar

link



image



wikipage



email



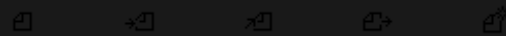
save



article



file



blog



comment



question



folder



Common icons

new



delete



print



locked



unlocked



search



trashbin



Wiki

edit



history

attach file



translation

slides



rename

remove



lock



unlock



perms

export

add comment



File Galleries

edit

delete

upload

perms

new gallery

configure listing

move selected files
delete selected files
edit gallery
upload file
browse gallery
find

Blogs

create new blog
configure listing
edit

post

perms

remove (delete)

find

print

email this post

Trackers

list trackers

admin trackers

edit trackers

monitor trackers

view tracker items

view

comments attachments

edit

Admin panel

Admin mods



Articles



Backups



Backups II



Banners

Banning

Blogs



Cache



Calendar

Categories

Chat



Content templates



Cookies

DSN

Drawings



Dynamic content



FAQs



Edit templates



External wikis



Features

General



Groups

HTML pages



Hotwords

Integrator

Login



Links

Live support



Mail notifications



Mail-in



Menus

Modules



Polls



QuickTags

RSS



RSS modules



Referer stats

Score

Search



Search stats

Security Admin

Shoutbox



Shoutbox Words

System Admin

Theme control

Tiki Logs

Users

phpinfo

Wiki



Edit panel

wiki link

underline

title bar

quick tags



tagline (cookie)

table new



table



rss feed



make toc

italic



image



horizontal rule



heading 1



heading 2



heading 3

H

H

external link



dynamic variable

dynamic content



colored text

code

center text



box

bold

B

B

special characters

User menu

My Tiki



Preferences



Messages

Tasks



Bookmarks

User Modules



Notepad

My Files

My Watches