

# Tikipedia

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## Wikipedia appearance with Tiki's "wiki plus" power

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### Theme installation

As with other "add-on" themes, just put the unzipped Tikipedia directory into the themes directory. Directory access permissions (chmod) may need to be set similar to those of the other theme directories. Then reload `&#62;admin.php?page=look`, to find Tikipedia in the list of available themes.

### Site configuration (for a Wikipedia-like layout)

- "Fixed width" should not be activated, since MediaWiki sites are the full width of the browser window.
- Layout templates (Look and Feed Admin - `&#62;admin.php?page=look`)
- Basic bootstrap - works as expected (the "conventional" layout templates - that is, those that don't have a fixed top navbar - all work with this theme but look the same since the left and main column widths are hard-coded to replicate the Wikipedia page.)
- Classic Tiki - works as expected.
- Fixed top navbar 1 - works in the sense that the page isn't broken but, as of this writing, there has been no testing or special CSS configured regarding the top navbar.
- Vector site columns - works as expected.
- Fixed top navbar 2 - works, although the navbar menu appearance doesn't conform so much to the Wikipedia look.

### Wiki settings

- On the wiki admin page (`&#62;admin.php?page=wiki`), these configuration settings are made:
  - Wiki action bar location = top
  - Wiki navigation bar location = top
- Module settings (`&#62;admin_modules.php`)
- "Top" module zone - empty (contains no modules)
- "Left" module zone - the logo module is in the top position.
- "Topbar" module zone
  - The horizontal menu (navbar) should be assigned with these parameters:
    - type = horiz
    - navbar\_toggle = y
    - navbar\_button\_path = site icon - no leading forward slash
    - navbar = y
  - The menu should be Bootstrap type, to be properly responsive in small displays. However, this means any `&#62;function()` links (top-level "parent" items) are used only to show and hide their child links rather than for navigation, so the menu should be designed accordingly - note the example on this site.
- Log in module, with these parameters:
  - topclass ("Containing class") = col-sm-2 pull-right
  - mode = popup
  - show\_user\_name = y
  - navbar = y
- Search module, with these parameters:
  - navbar = y
  - compact = y
  - topclass ("Containing class") = col-sm-3 pull-right
- "Right" module zone - not supported by the theme at this time, consistent with MediaWiki site layout, which has no right-side column, so this zone should be empty (contains no modules).

### Technical notes

Absolute positioning is used to place the menu (`&#62;class="wikimedia_wiki"`) at the bottom of the topbar module zone. The other modules in the topbar zone are configured normally except for being floated right, to reflect the MediaWiki positioning.

This theme doesn't try to replicate every MediaWiki Vector theme page detail - a balance was struck between similar appearance and ease of maintaining the theme. No Smarty template changes were made. Tikipedia uses only CSS and standard Tiki site configuration to attain this layout and appearance.

In 2005, Wikier published a peer review comparing 42 encyclopedic articles from Encyclopædia Britannica and Wikipedia, and found that Wikipedia's level of accuracy approached Encyclopædia Britannica's. Criticism of Wikipedia includes claims that it exhibits systemic bias, presents a mixture of "truths, half truths, and some falsehoods", and that in controversial topics, it is subject to manipulation and spin.

See also <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia:Wikipedia> for information about the organization and software. "MediaWiki is free and open source software and is distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2 or any later version."

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Show php error messages

To many people, when you say "wiki", what comes to mind is "Wikipedia", since this is probably the most well-known wiki on the Internet. Wikipedia is great, but the MediaWiki software that powers it isn't the best solution for every wiki website, especially for what might be called a "wiki plus" (see

[https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Manual:What\\_is\\_MediaWiki%3F#Some\\_things\\_MediaWiki\\_doesn.27t\\_do\\_so\\_well...](https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Manual:What_is_MediaWiki%3F#Some_things_MediaWiki_doesn.27t_do_so_well...)). And, unlike Mediawiki sites, Tikipedia on Tiki implements responsive web design - a

single HTML page for all device sizes - so there's no need for a separate mobile site. For websites where the well-known Wikipedia layout and appearance would be appropriate, but that need more features and power than MediaWiki provides, the **Tikipedia** theme is now available for **Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware**.

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  - Fixed top navbar 1 - works in the sense that the page isn't broken but, as of this writing, there has been no testing or special CSS configured regarding the top navbar.
  - Wider side columns - works as

expected

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    - The horizontal menu (navbar) should be assigned with these parameters:
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      - navbar\_toggle = y
      - navbar\_brand= (path to site icon - no leading forward slash)
      - nobox = y
      - topclass ("Containing class") = tikipedia\_menu (positioning of the menu, etc. is handled via this CSS class).
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License	GPL
Tiki version	Tiki 15
<b>If adapted from another theme...</b>	

Source theme author	The MediaWiki contributors
Source theme website	<a href="https://www.mediawiki.org/">https://www.mediawiki.org/</a>
Source theme license	GPL

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 Demo

## About the "infobox"

The "infobox" code will work to make a box in any theme, but there's an `.infobox` class in Tiki's CSS file that styles the box and its contents to match the MediaWiki infobox:

```
.infobox {
  border: 1px solid #aaa;
  border-spacing: 3px;
  background-color: #f9f9f9;
  color: black;
  margin: 0.5em 0 0.5em 1em;
  padding: 0.2em;
  font-size: 88%;
  line-height: 1.5em;
}
.infobox img {
  margin-top: 6px;
}
.infobox h3,
.infobox h4 {
  font-weight: bold;
  background-color: #c0c0c0;
  padding: 4px;
  text-align: center;
  font-family: sans-serif;
  margin: 0;
}
.infobox h3 {
  font-size: 120%;
}
.infobox h4 {
  font-size: 105%;
}
```

The details should be adjusted as needed to match the appearance of the theme. The box should be inside a div with Bootstrap grid and positioning classes, etc. to be less than full width.