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Theme Revamp

This is a global plan to revamp the theme infrastructure in Tiki. This is led by the [UX Team](#). Please join us!

As of Tiki11, the Tiki theme infrastructure is increasingly due for a revamp to take advantage of advances in technology

- Take advantage of [Smarty 3](#) [enhancements](#), especially Template Inheritance.
- [HTML5](#)
- [CSS3](#)
- [Bootstrap Transition Preps](#)
- <http://www.sitepoint.com/native-css-variables/> [↗](#)
- <http://html.adobe.com/webstandards/cssregions/> [↗](#)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Responsive_web_design [↗](#)
- <http://www.cmscritic.com/why-responsive-design-is-so-important/> [↗](#)

Thus, in Tiki 13, we are going all out on "Mobile-first" [Bootstrap 3.0](#) [↗](#)

[read up on the proposal, discussion and decision](#) [↗](#)

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When

- Any non-disruptive work should be done as soon as possible. Ex.: [Fonts](#).
- For disruptive work (ex.: CSS consolidation), [Tiki13](#) after the Tiki12LTS would be a great time to revamp the whole theme management in Tiki.

The bulk of the work could be done at one or two [TikiFest Design Revamp](#)

For whom

There are 3 target audiences

I just want to pick a nice theme

Here, we need more nicer bundled themes in Tiki. Ideally, we'd have access to [Web Template Repositories](#) like https://dev.tiki.org/CSS+Frameworks+and+Preprocessors#Bootstrap_themes_repositories [↗](#)

For them, themes is just one of a thousand features and they just pick it. (Can be documented at doc.tiki.org)

Point & Click themer

- Improve [Theme Generator](#) or use some like https://dev.tiki.org/CSS+Frameworks+and+Preprocessors#Bootstrap_theme_generators [↗](#)
- Make it easier to create a menu
- Improve Module handling

Professional designers

- They like things like Skeleton.css or https://dev.tiki.org/CSS+Frameworks+and+Preprocessors#Twitter_Bootstrap [↗](#)
- How to avoid to get in their way

All the action should be on themes.tiki.org

Todo

- [Use any font in Tiki \(not just web fonts\) HTML5](#) [↗](#)

To discuss

- [Why Tiki themes never look WOW](#)
- [CSS Frameworks and Preprocessors](#)
 - [Using Less CSS with Tiki](#)
- Deployment of themes: Mods or profiles? If we continue with mods, we should improve them
- [theme & css work](#) [↗](#), including Simplification of CSS
 - + One target: reduce module content specific rules with module zone specific rules (needed because a module can be placed anywhere, and different zones have different colors, etc.)
 - Consolidation of stylesheet files
 - Rethink function and location of various CSS files (css directory vs. styles directory, feature-specific (admin.css) vs. global (layout.css and theme stylesheets), etc.)
Reduce redundant rules (no need to specify *body* in three or four files, etc.)
- <http://www.ohloh.net/p/assetic> [↗](#) which can also do LESS, SASS, etc. and there is a <http://github.com/widmogrod/zf2-assetic-module> [↗](#),
- <http://article.gmane.org/gmane.comp.cms.tiki.devel/21224> [↗](#)
- [CSS framework\(s\) ?](#)
- SVG Icons using Raphael
- CSS3 Buttons
- [Sprite Generator](#) for small icons

- Discuss theme strategy of other CMSs to see what we can learn and improve ([WordPress](#) ↗, etc.)
- etc.

Related topics

- [Print](#)
- [Mobile](#)
- [Accessibility](#)

Related links

- <http://www.slideshare.net/Webnific/cms-comparisson-3850088> ↗
- <http://coding.smashingmagazine.com/2010/05/03/joomla-and-wordpress-a-matter-of-mental-models/> ↗
- <http://www.majordomo.com/2011/02/how-did-wordpress-win.php> ↗
- <http://mashable.com/2011/09/30/website-usability-tools/> ↗

alias

- [Themes Revamp](#)