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Configuring a theme

Installation

First the theme stylesheet needs to be accessible by Tiki. There are a couple of ways to do this.

Upload or copy the stylesheet to the themes directory

To be listed in the "Theme" selector on the Look and Feel admin page (`tiki-admin.php?page=look`), the theme must be placed in `tikiroot/themes/mythemename/css/` directory (which of course must be made first) and have the name `mythemename.css`. Any related files should be placed in appropriate subdirectories under the `mythemename` directory. (See the file hierarchy description at [Tiki's CSS and Smarty template organization](#).)

Enter the stylesheet URL

On the Look and Feel admin page, in the "Site theme" selector, choose "Custom theme by specifying URL". Then input the stylesheet's URL in the "Custom theme URL" field. This can be either an absolute URL or a relative IRL from the Tiki root, or even a file gallery download link (? check this). So you can test a theme stylesheet by "hot-linking" to it on another server (not recommended for production use).

Tweaking

How the theme is used can be configured in a few ways. It can be set for all pages of the site including admin pages, or just admin pages, or all pages except for admin pages. It can also be set to be used only for a particular feature, like blogs, or content category, or user group, or perspective (perspectives are a collection of site preferences).

There is also a "Custom CSS" textarea under the "Customization" tab of the Look and Feel admin page where CSS rules can be entered. This may be convenient for site-specific rules such as for a particular page (all wiki pages have a unique body element, for example). Or for temporary adjustments that will eventually be moved to the stylesheet itself.

Theme options

Or if the theme is good for most pages, etc. but a variation would be good for some, then an easy solution is to

make a theme option. This is a "child" stylesheet that has rules to overwrite some of the parent's rules, such as to modify the color palette. In this case, make the CSS file and place it in the theme's directory, in a subdirectory named "options". (Check the file hierarch here: .)