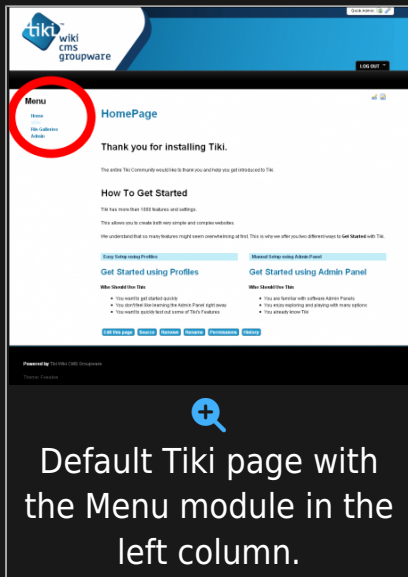# Ã¡Â¨Â¡Ã¥—

Ã¥œÂ¨TikiÃ¤Â¸Â, a **module** is simply a box of content (which may or may not have "chrome" such as borders and title backgrounds). All side-column information of this site is presented through modules. The Modules Admin page is used to add modules to and manage modules in the module zones of a Tiki site.

Here's a screenshot:

Default Tiki page with the Menu module in the left column.

Some common uses for modules are to:

· Display menus

· Add special features

· Display custom information to users

· List most recent or most frequent actions or items

After adding modules, you can re-order them, assign permissions to them (so they appear only for specific user groups), or even allow them to be customized by specific users.

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For site-wide module settings, click the **General** icon ⬤◼ on the Admin Panels or Access
http://example.org/tiki-admin.php?page=general.
These settings will apply to all modules on the site and are explained in more detail at Module Admin.

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1. Using the Admin Modules Panel
   - Located at **Admin->Modules** or **tiki_admin_modules.php**
   - Allows you to:
     - Set module parameters
     - Create custom modules
     - Place modules in the left or right column and, since Tiki7, other areas like the page header and footer
   - Documentation at Module Admin
2. Using PluginModule
   - Allows you to:
     - Display a module in a page or within other features (like blogs, articles, etc.) besides the left

or right columns
- Also place module content inside of a user module
- Set module parameters
- See Index of Modules

MODULES VS. PLUGINS

The distinction between **modules** and **wiki plugin** is a little blurry. Technically speaking, modules are the *containers* and plugins are the *content.* However, the predefined modules included with the default Tiki installation contain plugins/content, but they are commonly called **modules**, too.

WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

- Module Admin--Introduction to the module admin pages for site-wide and individual module settings
  - Assigning Modules--How to select a module to configure it
  - Module Settings Interface--Interface for configuring individual module settings
  - Module Settings Parameters--Explanation of standard parameter settings for modules
  - Creating Custom Modules--How to create custom modules
- Index of Modules--Links to the documentation of individual modules

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- User Modules--how (if the feature is active) users can choose and place their modules
- Creating Custom Modules--how to create simple and advanced custom modules includin small tutorial

- Mods Type Modules--links to modules that are installed as components

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