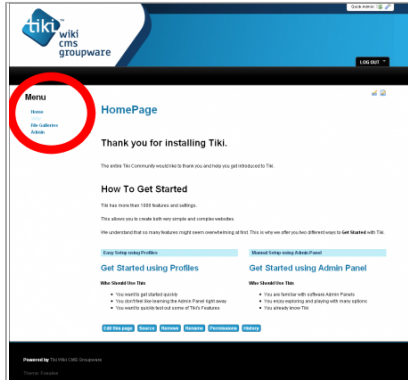


# Module

In Tiki, 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.

*Even though they are called modules, nearly all are included with the default Tiki installation. There are no additional "add-ons" to be installed in order to use these modules.*

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# Configuring and Displaying Modules

For site-wide module settings, click the **General** icon  on the Admin Panel 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.

There are two ways to configure and display individual modules:

## 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 **plugins** 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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## Related Pages

- [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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## Alias

- [ModulesDoc](#)
  - [Modules](#)
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