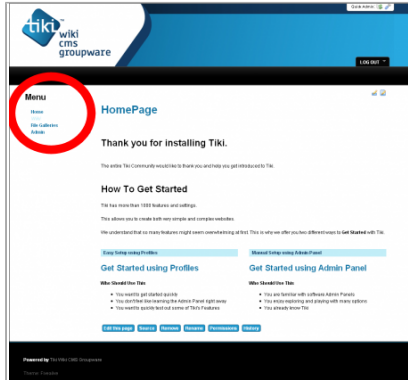


Module

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.

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

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

Alias

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