

# Shoutbox

The Shoutbox is a module that can be placed in either column of Tiki. It serves as an internal Instant Messaging service for the site. Shoutbox is used as a quick informal way for site participants to communicate with each other.

## Adding a Shoutbox

1. Enable the Shoutbox feature on the Administration:Features page by clicking on the checkbox and clicking the "Change Preferences" button at the bottom of the page to save your change.

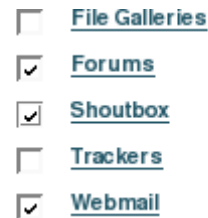


Figure 1. Enabling Shoutbox

2. Select Module from the Admin Menu.

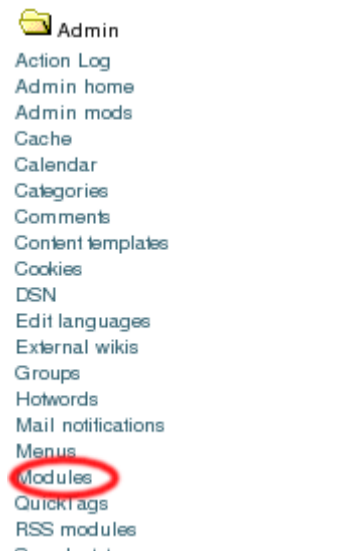
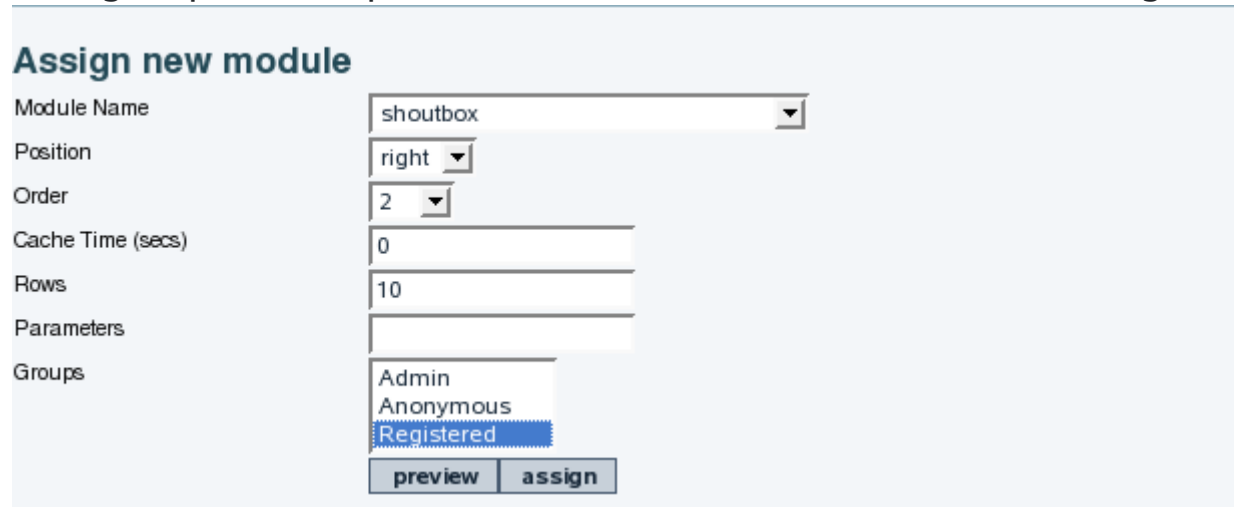


Figure 2. Selecting the module

3. Add the Shoutbox module and assign the groups which can use it. In our example, we've limited use to the registered group. We've positioned it as the second item in the right column.

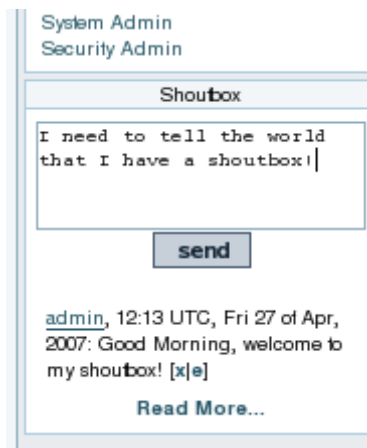


The screenshot shows a configuration form titled "Assign new module". The form has the following fields and values:

Module Name	shoutbox
Position	right
Order	2
Cache Time (secs)	0
Rows	10
Parameters	
Groups	Admin Anonymous Registered

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "preview" and "assign".

4. Your ShoutBox is now visible!

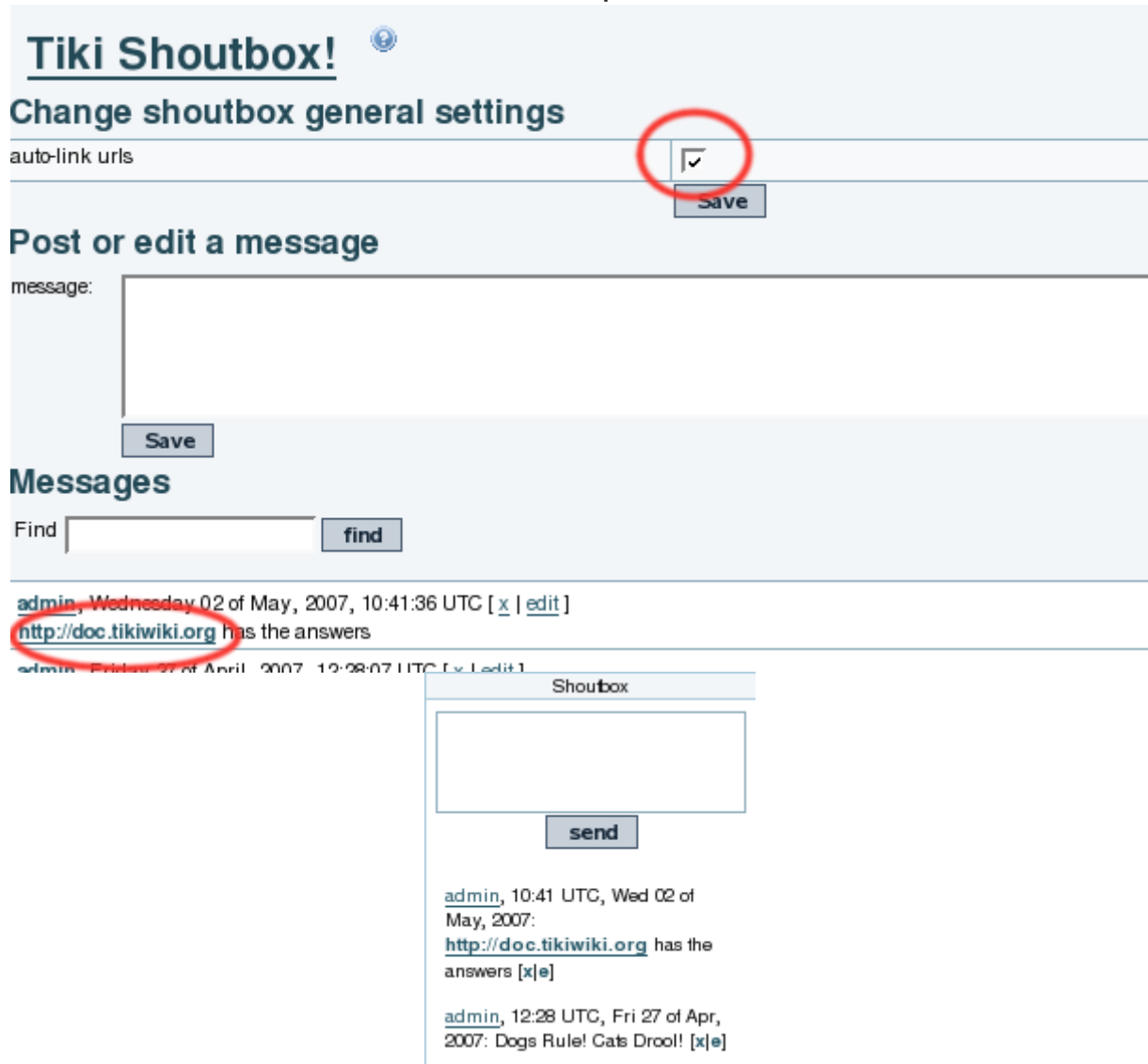


The screenshot shows a web application interface with a "Shoutbox" module. The module is titled "Shoutbox" and contains a text input field with the text "I need to tell the world that I have a shoutbox!". Below the input field is a "send" button. Below the "send" button, there is a message from "admin" dated "12:13 UTC, Fri 27 of Apr, 2007" with the text "Good Morning, welcome to my shoutbox! [x]e". Below the message is a "Read More..." link.

# Configuring the Shoutbox

# Changing URL's toÂ links

Click the checkbox at the top of the admin page to auto-link URL's. The screenshots below shows the checkbox and the effect when this option is enabled.



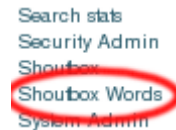
The image shows two screenshots from the Tiki Shoutbox interface. The top screenshot is the 'Change shoutbox general settings' page. It features a checkbox labeled 'auto-link urls' which is checked and circled in red. Below it is a 'Save' button. The bottom screenshot shows a shoutbox message from 'admin' on Wednesday, 02 of May, 2007, at 10:41:36 UTC. The message text is 'http://doc.tikiwiki.org has the answers', where the URL is underlined and circled in red. Below the message is a 'Shoutbox' form with a 'send' button. A preview of the shoutbox shows the message as it would appear to other users, with the URL rendered as a clickable link.

Note: If you enter a URL that contains a path to a specific file, it will be displayed in the shoutbox as "[Link]", where [Link] is a clickable link to the URL you specified. For example if you enter "http://doc.tiki.org/tiki-index\_raw.php",

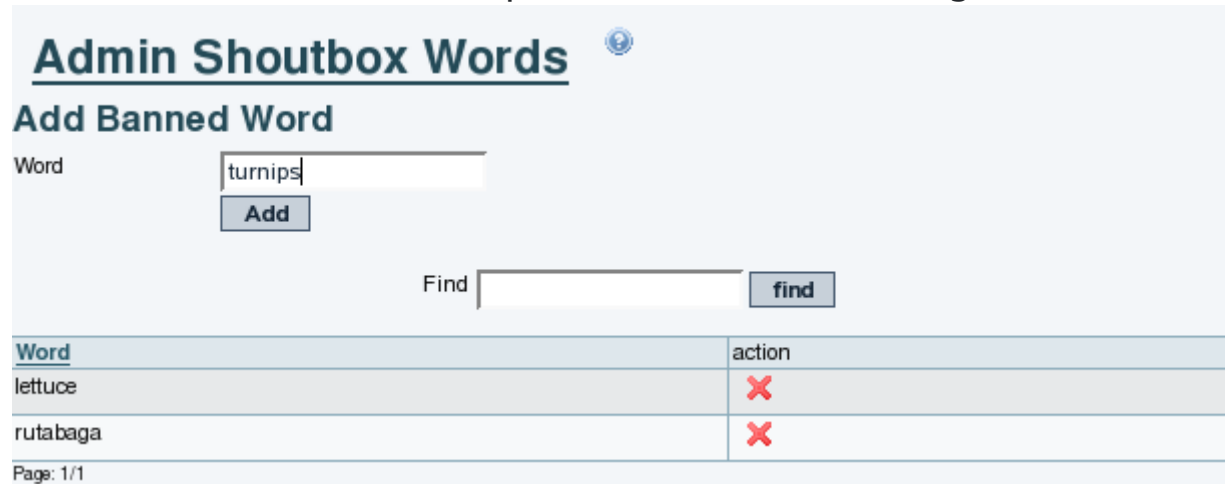
this will show up simply as "[Link]" in the shoutbox message compared with "http://doc.tiki.org", which shows up as the full URL, as in the image above

# Adding Banned Words

If there is certain language you do not want to see in the shoutbox, you can create a list of banned words. Select "Shoutbox Words" from the admin menu:



Then add the words you want to ban. In the example below we're banning some of our least favorite vegetables:



**Admin Shoutbox Words**

**Add Banned Word**

Word

Find

Word	action
lettuce	✘
rutabaga	✘

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When a user types in one of these words in his shoutbox message, the message will be discarded. It will not be displayed or saved.

Related

These are currently stubs:

- Shoutbox Admin
- Shoutbox User
- Module shoutbox

