

# Faker

Faker is a tool to generate fake data.

<https://github.com/FakerPHP/Faker> support was added to Tiki18 as one of the Packages, allowing to generate fake tracker items to facilitate testing [tracker](#) or [Search and List from Unified Index](#) performance, for instance.

## How to use it

You can use it through the [Console](#) command line script.

## Syntax

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```
php console.php faker:tracker [-f|--field [FIELD]] [-i|--items [ITEMS]] [-r|--random-status] [--reuse-files [REUSE-FILES]] [--] <tracker>
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Added comments for Tiki 20:

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```
php console.php faker:comments <object> [<type>] -i, --items[=ITEMS] Number of comments (items) to generate [default: 100] -r, --replies[=REPLIES] Percentage of comments as replies [default: 40] -a, --anonymous[=ANONYMOUS] Percentage of anonymous posts if permitted [default: 20] -s, --minstart[=MINSTART] Earliest start date for first comment [default: "-1 year"] -e, --maxstart[=MAXSTART] Latest start date for first comment [default: "-11 months"] --mingap[=MINGAP] Shortest gap between comments [default: "10 minutes"] -g, --maxgap[=MAXGAP] Longest gap between comments [default: "5 days"]
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## Example

Command to create 5 new items, with random tracker item status (open, pending or closed), on tracker 1:

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```
php console.php faker:tracker -i 5 -r -- 1
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Command to create 200 new comments on tracker item 42 starting from about 2 months ago with a maximum gap of 2 hours between each:

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```
php console.php faker:comments -i200 -s'-2 months' -e'-6 weeks' -g'2 hours' 42 trackeritem
```

## Define Formatters in Tracker Fields

*New in Tiki 22 and introduced in [07d46e8a](#)*

You can now add defined fakers for each field, so you can instruct it to use names, dates, number

ranges and so on as described [here](#).

## Examples

First name

```
~tc~faker:firstName~/tc~
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Last name

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~tc~faker:lastName~/tc~~
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Number from 1 to 100

```
~tc~faker: numberBetween,1,100~/tc~~/np~
```

Date in the last 6 months

```
~tc~faker:dateTimeBetween,-6 months~/tc~~/np~
```

Note, the faker formatter goes in a Tiki Comment in the field description so if you enable the wiki parsing it won't show to users.