

Group Mail

Groupmail aims to provide a way for a team (a Tiki group) to process email contact requests, act on them and record the process in wiki pages. The feature started in [Tiki3/Tiki4](#) days, stopped working some years later, and it was brought back to life in [Tiki20](#).

There is significant work done for Tiki-Cypht in 21, 22, 23 so it's recommended to run the latest stable version of Tiki. (Or even trunk if you are a developer). Most enhancements and many fixes will not be backported as there are lots of changes. There has not been testing on Groupmail. Please report any issues.

1.1. Installation

You need to follow the next steps.

1.2. Since [Tiki20](#)

http://profiles.tiki.org/Groupmail_20

Once you applied the profile and add an email account, you can access that email account through the groupmail feature

The profile adds the following homepage to your tiki site, with a short overview of the whole feature:

Welcome to Tiki GroupMail

Here's what the profile did:

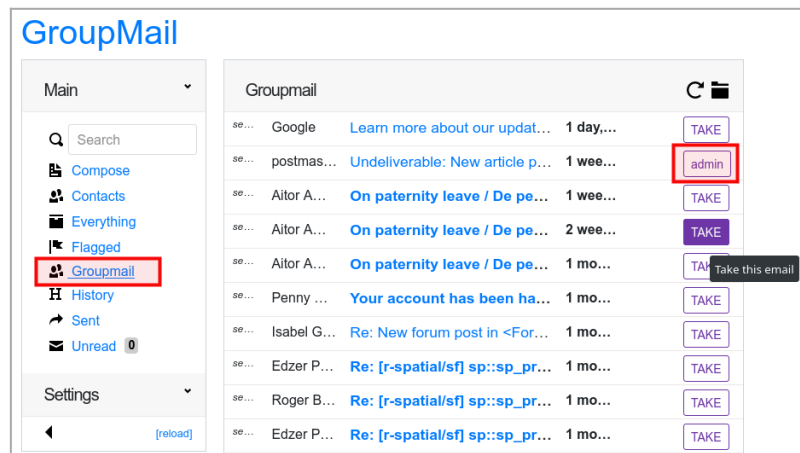
- Made a new "Help Team" group that your GroupMail operators will need to be members of
- Made Trackers for extra user and group info (and attached them to the Help Team group)
- Made a Tracker called "GroupMail Tickets" to store mails that are bring processed

Here are a few extra configurations that profiles can't manage yet:

- You need to set up a webmail account - [here](#)

Usage tips

- Don't forget to [add the users you want](#) (including yourself) to the "Help Team" group



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1.3. Until Tiki19

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1.3.1. Create an shared webmail account

The `webmail_inbox` module can be updated live, or set to only refresh manually.

In case there is no webmail account set yet, the module shows an initial message with a green arrow linking to the [Webmail](#) feature to allow you create one:



Once at the webmail admin interface (**tiki-webmail.php**) go to setting and click on the tab: "**Create Account**" and fill in the required fields for your specific account, taking into account that you need to choose "**Group**" e-mail account in the setting at the bottom:

1.3.2. Add users to the "help team" group

You need to add users to the "Help team" group, in order to allow them selecting webmail accounts to use them for the groupmail feature.

In this example, user **john** was added by user admin to the **Help team** group.

1.3.3. Each user needs to select the group mail account

User john, after clicking to the green arrow shown on his webmail_inbox module on the left column, would be offered to choose which webmail account to validate to be shown in his own webmail_inbox module.

1.3.4. Basic functioning

The webmail_inbox module shows a list of messages, with:

1. The option to manually refresh the groupmail account  for new messages

2. The time since the email was received in HH:MM

3. Who has "Taken" an email to work on

If nobody has taken that message yet, it has a "Take" button to allow the user to indicate that that user will start working on the email. The first time somebody clicks on the "Take" button, the communication log wiki page is created and a new record is added in the contact list regarding this user, if it was not existing previously. And if you already "took" that message from the webmail_inbox module, but you changed your mind, you can click again on your name, so that it will become take-able again by other people.

4. The email address of the sender

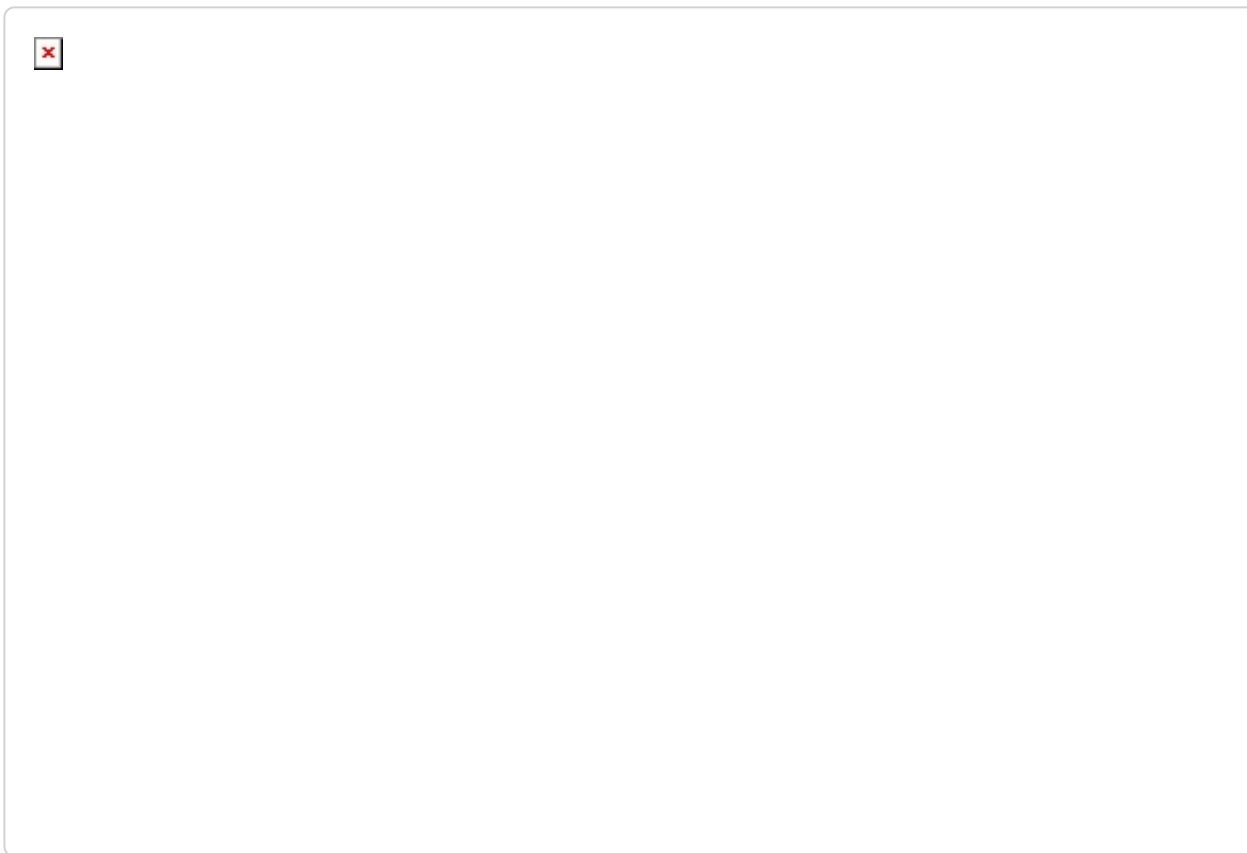
If you click on the email address, you will be shown a wiki page with the log of all the communication held with that contact.

5. If there is a person icon next to the message, it means that there is a contact record for this person, the match is configurable on From address, specific string in subject, name search in message body.

6. The subject of the message, which is a link to the message itself in the webmail feature, to allow easy and quick replying, forwarding, etc.

Review communication logs from that group mail account

When you click on the email address in the webmail_inbox module, you will be shown a wiki page displaying a log of all the communication held by all of your group your members with that contact (not fully implemented yet by the time [Tiki4.0](#) release).



Add contacts to contact list

The first time somebody click on the "Take" button from a new contact, a new record for that contact is added in the contact list. Since then, an icon will be shown next to the now hyperlinked email address shown in the webmail_inbox module.

When you click on the icon next to the email address in the webmail_inbox module, you will be shown that contact in the tiki contact list (addressbook), to further use in the webmail feature to easily add one or many people to the "to:" or "cc:" / "bcc:" fields.



Check and Reply messages at the Webmail

If the message contains text and html parts, you will be able to switch easily between them, or even looking at the source content (with full headers) of that email message.



Remember that you can reuse your contact list for easily and quickly adding contact to your replies or forwards of email messages. To do so you need to click on the "to:" or "cc:" / "bcc:" fields.

1.4. More details

Two permissions need to be set in order to manage groups to use and admin the group mail feature:

tiki_p_use_group_webmail	Can use group webmail
tiki_p_admin_group_webmail	Can administrate group webmail accounts

More information on dev:[groupmail](#)

Related

- [PluginCypht](#)
- [WebMail](#)
- <http://dev.tiki.org/Groupmail>
- <http://profiles.tiki.org/GroupMail>

Aliases

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