Adding Comments

Comments are messages that can be "posted" to specific wiki pages (and other objects such as blogs). Comments allow users to interact with pages without actually editing them.

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Configuring comments

Tiki includes several additional settings for further configuring the comments feature.

1. From the Administration page, click Comments.

   TIP
   You can also access the Administration page by typing http://www.yourdomain.com/tiki-admin.php?page=comments in your web browser.

   ![Comments Configuration Form](image)

2. Enable the following fields in the Site-wide features area:

   • Allow posting of comments as Anonymous: Allows Registered users who are logged in to post a comment without using their username.
3. Enable the following fields in the **Display options** area:
   - **Website field**: Adds an optional field for commentors to include their web or address.
   - **Email field**: Adds an optional field for commentors to include their email address.

4. Enable the following fields in the **Using comments in various features** area:
   - **Comments below wiki pages**: The Comments below wiki page option was previously enabled, when you enabled it on the wiki features.
   - **Allow comments per wiki page**: Select **Enable (default on)**. This allows you to enable the comments for wiki pages. By default, all pages will allow comments, but you can override this on a page-by-page basis.

5. Click **Apply**. Tiki saves the information and reloads the page.

Now you're ready to add a comment. To add a new comment:

1. Log in as the registered user you created earlier.
2. At the bottom of the page, click **Add comment**.

### NOTE
Because you selected allow Anonymous visitors to post post comments, Tiki includes options for you to hide your identity when posting comments... even if you're logged in.

3. In the **Comment** area, enter your comment. You cannot use HTML syntax, but you can use the same wiki formatting that you use in wiki pages.

### TIP
You can configure comments to require a **Title**, if desired. You can also customize the toolbar that appear when posting comments.

4. Click **Post**. Tiki saves your post and reloads the page.

Now log off. As an Anonymous user you can read the comment, but you cannot reply or post a new comment.

### Replying to Comments
Just like in the forum, users can reply to specific comments (to create a "thread") in addition to posting new comments.

1. Log in as the **admin**. The Home Page appears, with the comment you added earlier.
2. In the Posted Comments area, click **Reply**. Tiki displays the Comment on Selected Post form to allow you to write a response.

3. In the Comment area enter your text. By default, Tiki quotes the original post, inserting > before each line.

4. Click **Post**. Tiki saves your post and reloads the page.

Changing the Comments View

By default, Tiki shows comments in a *threaded* view — replies are indented under the original comment (as shown in the prior figure). But you can easily change how the comments are shown.

Use the message bar to customize how Tiki shows the comments.

Use the following drop-lists to customize the view. You can even use the **Find** box to search for specific comments (on the current page) or **Hide** all the comments.

- **Style:** You can view the comments as:
  - **Threaded:** Replies are shown indented, below the original post.
  - **Plain:** Each comment is shown independently — as determined by the **Sort** order.
  - **Headers:** The replies are threaded, but Tiki displays only the comment title.
- **Sort:** You can sort the comments and replies by score (rating) or date posted.
- **Threshold:** Specify how many levels of threaded comments to display. Tiki will inform you if there are comments that are "hidden" due to your threshold setting.

You can also use the **Find** field to search the comments for a specific word or term.
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