Registering as a New User

Since you logged out as the admin, the contents of the Home page has changed. Remember, Tiki only shows users what they have permission to see. Since you are now visiting the site as an Anonymous visitor, you can’t see the Admin options on the menu.

**NOTE**

Be sure that you have logged out.

Notice that the Login module now includes a Register link.

1. Click the link.

![The Login module, showing the Register link.](image)

The Login module, showing the Register link.

2. The Registration page appears.

![The Registration page.](image)

By default, Tiki will add a CAPTCHA\(^1\) to the registration form to help eliminate false registrations and spam. You can disable this feature or use a ReCaptcha\(^2\) instead of the default.

**NOTE**

If the CAPTCHA code does not appear, you do not have the PHP GD Library installed on your web server. Login again as admin, go to the Security control panel and disable the CAPTCHA option.

3. Complete the following fields on the page:

- **Username**: Enter your name (no spaces).
  
  By default, the username is cAsE sEnSiTiVe. You can change this by enabling the **Force lowercase** option in the Username section of the Administration: Login page. You can also set the minimum and maximum username length. You can also let users use the email address as their
username, by enabling the **Use email as login** option.

- **Password**: Enter an alphanumeric password (no spaces). By default, the minimum password length is 5 character. You can change this by using the **Minimum length** field in the Password section of the Administration: Login page. You can also enable options to force users to include both numbers and letters in their password, for added security.

  > **TIP**
  
  Tiki will help you select a secure password by alerting you if your password is too weak.

  ![New Password](image)

  - **Repeat password**: For confirmation, enter your password a second time. Tiki will verify that your passwords match.
  - **Email**: Enter your full email address.
  - **Anti-bot verification code**: Enter the numeric CAPTCHA.

  > **TIP**
  
  If the CAPTCHA is too difficult to read, click **Try another code** to load a different code. See **How do I...** for more information on selecting different CAPTCHAs.

4. Click **Register**. Tiki displays the following message:

   **You will receive an email with the information needed to log into this site the first time.**

   If the registration fails, Tiki will tell you why (such as an incorrect registration code or passwords not matching). If you receive the message **Unable to send email. Contact the administrator** then your Tiki is unable to access your server's mail function or SMTP mailbox. Check your Web server configuration, or contact your Web host for details.

<NOTE>

You can use SMTP mail server instead of PHP's sendmail function. On the Admin: General control panel, use the **Mail Sender** field on the General tab to select which mail application to use:

![Mail](image)

Selecting the mail application.

In a few moments, you should get an email that looks like this:

```plaintext
Hi Username,
You or someone registered this email address at http://www.yourdomain.com/
If you want to be a registered user in this site you will have to use the following link to login for the first time:
http://www.yourdomain.com/tiki-login_validate.php?user=username2&pass=d7c0fa196d0965db421027d3a98c2542
Enjoy the site!
```
The email will come from the **Sender email** that you entered on the Administration: General control panel. If you added an email footer, Tiki includes it in the message.

**NOTE**

You can customize this email for your site by editing the `../templates/mail/user_validation_mail.tpl` template. See Editing Templates for more information.

Click the link and you’ll be logged in as a new user. Later, you’ll learn how to set specific permissions for Registered users.

Your Tiki is now configured to allow new users to register. Log off, then log in as the **admin**. You’re now ready to continue configuring your Tiki.

1. A CAPTCHA is a distorted image of letters and numbers used to prevent automated use of websites. (source: [http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/CAPTCHA](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/CAPTCHA).)
2. ReCaptcha is a free CAPTCHA service that helps to digitize books, newspapers, and other content. (source: [http://www.google.com/recaptcha](http://www.google.com/recaptcha).)

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If you don't get the email:

- Do you use an email spam filter? Check your "junk mail" area. You may need to configure your filter to allow email from your domain.
- Check the email log on your web server. Confirm that the email was, in fact, sent.
- Did you include a valid **Sender** email address on the Administration: General control panel?

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