

# Notes on how to improve Tiki installer

This was all solved and Tiki has a slick installer. Page below is kept for posterity







## Installation Comparison





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Assumptions:

- Download the ZIP.
- FTP to your webhost.
- Open browser to URL

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Choose language 	Error message 	Tiki's initial screen (the very first thing a new user will see) is basically an error message. There's a link to run the installer, but I thought that's what I was already doing! Tiki needs a better way of determining if this is a new install (that is, there's no local.php file).  Drupal certainly <i>looks</i> a lot slicker. I can install in English (the default) or select another language. Since the Tiki installer is already multi-lingual, certainly this could be incorporated.
Verify requirements 	None	Drupal gives me an error and forces me to <i>manually</i> change files in my directory.
Set up database 	Database Configuration 	Very similar. Drupal's <b>Advanced Settings</b> allow you to change the host or specify a table prefix.  Both Tiki & Drupal require that the table already exist. Drupal 6.8 is for mysqli only.
Installing 	None	Nice that Drupal shows you that its working. Tiki gives no indication that it is "working" when running the SQL.

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Configure site 	None	<p>It is nice that Dupal prompts new users for some basic site information. Prehaps Tiki could also populate some of the common General Admin items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Site name</li> <li>*Sender email</li> <li>*Admin password (would eliminate the need to prompt for password change at first login. Also the elimination of a default password would be a security improvement).</li> <li>*Default timezone</li> <li>*Site logo</li> </ul> <p>Drupal allows you to customize the Administrator account name</p>
Installation complete 	Installation complete 	<p>I like how Drupal checks for mail() function. This is a potential pitfall for new Tiki-ers.</p> <p>Tiki displays the initial login information, something that Drupal does not.</p>
Initial site 	Initial site 