Automatic Updates

There are two scripts you can use:

svnup.php

svnup.php which is bundled starting in Tiki17:

An example of this script on a daily cron job

0 0 * * * cd /var/www/html/; php doc/devtools/svnup.php

TRIM

TRIM, which is useful when you have many Tikis to manage:
https://doc.tiki.org/TRIM#To_setup_automated_updates

Goals

- Set up unattended self-updating Tiki
  - This is for 12.3 -> 12.4 -> 12.5 but not for 12.x -> 13.x
- Will be very appealing for LTS versions (set and forget for a few years)
- Get a warning and abort update if a conflict is detected
- Run tiki-check.php to detect any changes on the OS which could cause issues

Steps

Install

- Install normally via SVN
- Make sure .htaccess is an alias of _htaccess to avoid merge conflicts
- Make as few changes to Tiki code as possible, and if you must, make them clean and self-contained to reduce changes of SVN merging conflicts.

Check if new version of Tiki is available

- Update notifier

Check if the update would cause conflicts

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Conflict detected

- Alert site admin
No conflict detected

Proceed to upgrade

- `svn upgrade`
- `sh setup.sh -n fix`
- `php console.php database:update`
- `php console.php cache:clear`
- `php console.php index:rebuild`
- lock the installer

Implementations

**ClearOS**

- The reference implementation will be in ClearOS (the OS self updates by default)
  - [https://github.com/clearos/app-tiki-wiki](https://github.com/clearos/app-tiki-wiki)

Other ideas

- Would be nice to be able to have a parameter to decide how old your instances should be (ex.: use latest code vs code from a week ago). Why? Say you are running hundreds of Tiki instances. If a regression is introduced, it will hit all Tikis at once, which could be painful. Alternatively, you could have 10% of your instances which use the most recent code which users code from 10 days ago. Thus, if a regression is detected / reported via the 10% of instances, you have some time to react. Typically by putting the update process on hold until the regression is resolved.

Todos

- Make it better and commit to Tiki
  - Maybe add it to the existing `svnup.sh` script?
- Add lock installer command
- Double check the conflict detection

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