Blog Revamp

Background

Tiki has more features out-of-the-box than any other CMS or groupware package out there. While some features are complete and consistent (like wiki, file galleries and articles), others are incomplete, lack core functionalities and have significant bugs. Blogs are one of those features that need some improvement. We don't want to be better than Wordpress for someone just looking for a blog tool. But the goal of this project is to make blogs one of the good features of Tiki.

What we would like to change in Tiki blogs

New stuff

- Post comment watch. Either make blog watch include watching blog comments, or another watch for each post comments, or let the blog creator choose if watches include comment watches.
- List posts in a blog per tag or category
- Spam filter (Zend_Service_Akismet, Mollom, Defensio, etc.)
- Trackbacks
  - Needs a trackback library. ZF has a proposal for a trackback class that should be in the next major release (1.11) due to September.
- Feed for post comments
- Implement Gravatar and/or Libravatar
- Use a categoryID as tree parent to have a different set of categories per blog
- Module to show tags or categories per blog
- Decide if we want to change to Zend Tag
- Post status: draft, pending revision, published or archived
  - Could use categories
- Improve interface to add media video. Easier way to embed Youtube, Blip.tv and Vimeo videos without needing to validate the potentially unsafe HTML plugin call.
- Categorize posts.
- Comments admin panel
- Comments moderation
- Post comments admin page
- Post excerpt field
- Extend the "blog heading" field idea to add a similar "post heading" field.
- Display related posts in the bottom of each post

Features improvements

- Add image interface (advanced options button, generic for all wikiplugins)
- Better anti-bot verification code (including recaptcha option). Zend_Captcha.
- Post previews which look the same as the final view
- Allow a blog admin to list the posts from his own blog only. Example: tiki-list_posts.php?blogId=5 lists all blog posts, and not just the ones from blog 5.
- In some places being the author of the blog means if have admin rights (like creating a new blog
post) and in others don't (listing blog comments)

- The new "Editing the Publish date" feature should be made optional. Some people want to keep posting simple, and it does not work well with watches (which send mails when it's posted, not at publish date)
- Make watches respect publish dates and draft ('priv'=y) mode

Interface changes

- Acceptable display when feature is activated by default
  Discussion
- A nice theme style with horizontal image, and tabs on top as menus for the personal blog. Like the ones on most blogs out there.
  Discussion
- Comments previews which look the same as the final view
- Add post title to tiki-list_posts.php
- Print post (still very simple but now at least it is not broken)

Small interface changes

- Add interface to let the user control the max number of posts listed (default is 10)
- Global post-level comments should be on by default and default ordering should be "oldest first"
- Hide current heading preview and create a icon to display it in tiki-edit_blog.php
- View post link when editing a post (tiki-blog_post.php)
- make title for comments optional
- module last comments on blogs now uses the format "$name on $postTitle"
- next and previous post links
- optional website field for post comments
- optional email field for post comments (only useful for the admin now, but can be used in the future for notification)
- Comments: move 'name' on top
- Replace "Required" with the asterisk

Features to be removed

- tiki_blog_posts_images: remove the interface to add new images using this method (it is possible to add images using the file gallery system) and keep the table to support old installation
- "Display titles in blog posts"
  Discussion

What a good blog tool has

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Some ideas

People ready to help

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Profile Easy Blog

During TikiFestBarcelona2 we created a basic Easy Blog profile, to test the current features in tiki, with the improvements developed as they are added to Tiki.

Please, feel free to update this profile so that it reflects what can be done with Tiki and the Blog Revamp efforts that are going on these months.

Related links

- [http://www.weblogmatrix.org/compare/b2evolution+Blogger+DotClear+Geeklog+Movable-Type+Serendipity+Textpattern+Wordpress](http://www.weblogmatrix.org/compare/b2evolution+Blogger+DotClear+Geeklog+Movable-Type+Serendipity+Textpattern+Wordpress)