

# Bugs & Wish list

Infoboxes like MediaWiki/Wikipedia, but not just using trackers | Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware :: Development

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Status

🕒 Pending

Subject

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Version

3.x

Category

- Feature request

Feature

Wiki (page view, edit, history, rename, etc)

Trackers

Interaction (with the outside World)

Resolution status

Partially solved

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Rating

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Description

MediaWiki/Wikipedia has an interesting way of dealing with meta-data concerning a wiki page. **Infobox** is very flexible and is very suitable to an encyclopedia. It's easy to create new ones and they are very flexible to adapt to the topic. As soon as a bunch of pages have something in common, you can create one and it gives visitors and quick overview of what characteristics this entry has.

There are over a hundred of these templates:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Infobox\\_templates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Infobox_templates)

Here is a simple one:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Infobox\\_Animal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Infobox_Animal)

Here is a more advanced one where special language codes, when parsed, are shown with a nice presentation:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Babel>

This is a great way to have ad-hoc, organically growing meta-data around wiki pages which share some sort of structured/comparative data.

In TikiWiki, we use **trackers** for tabular data. We need to have an even tighter integration.

Goal: that the metadata be stored both in the wiki page and the trackers

That you can update in one or the other. This would permit us to make lists/tables with all the data from all the infoboxes, without duplicating the data. (not sure if/how to do this with MediaWiki)

We'd need a Wiki Page field-type in trackers. Say I have an "Animals" tracker with all the Meta-Data. One of the fields should be the name of the associated wiki page. And that wiki pages "knows" to get latest data from tracker (like we do now for **PluginTrackerList** and **PluginTrackerItemField**).



2008-06-22 on #mediawiki on freenode.net

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[09:48] marclaporte: Say I have lots of data in various infoboxes, is it possible to make a
report/list/table of all these infoboxes and have them link to the various wiki pages?
[09:48] Splarka: you can use Special:Whatlinkshere on each infobox
[09:48] Splarka: (sorta)
[09:49] marclaporte: tks, would you know of an example?
[09:51] Dantman|FS: SMW
[09:51] Dantman|FS: Doing that with data is basically the purpose of SMW
[09:52] Splarka: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Whatlinkshere/Template:Infobox_Aircraft
[09:52] marclaporte: There are some lists here:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_wiki_software -> how to reuse that info in
infoboxes on each page
[09:52] marclaporte: tks
[09:53] marclaporte: Splarka: : yes, that's what I am looking for
[10:05] marclaporte: Splarka: : So now I know where the template is used. What if I want to
make a mega chart for all the planes from all the infoboxes?
[10:06] Splarka: well, that might be something more for the category system
[10:06] Splarka: (or ask Dan about SMW, unless he means Super Mario World)
[10:08] Dantman|FS: heh
[10:10] marclaporte: Dantman|FS: : What is SMW?
[10:10] Dantman|FS: Semantic MediaWiki
[10:10] Dantman|FS: http://semantic-mediawiki.com/
[10:11] Dantman|FS: It's an extension for MediaWiki
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## Other things to think about:

- When watching a wiki page, how to watch tracker(s) which are associated with that wiki page?
- In page editing of tracker data, have a quick & nice interface like the **dynamic variable** feature

Related:

- **Support some of the MediaWiki syntax that doesn't conflict with TikiWiki syntax**

- [Wiki editing: Preview with diff, like Mediawiki](#)
- [Support for the Wiki creole markup \(syntax\)](#)
- [MediaWiki import script](#)

Solution

Started in 2.x, done in 3.0

<http://doc.tikiwiki.org/page+tracker>

<http://doc.tikiwiki.org/Pretty+Tracker>

Still need "Wiki only" solution

Importance

9 high

Priority

45

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on [show2.tikiwiki.org](http://show2.tikiwiki.org)

Version:  [Create show2.tikiwiki.org instance](#)

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## Comments



**CodyLoco** 22 Jun 08 16:11 GMT-0000

I think this is very very important and it's one of the single reasons I'm considering switching to media wiki-

It makes a huge difference when trying to keep a standardized look and feel of several similar pages. For example, On my wiki, [www.clipsharewiki.com](http://www.clipsharewiki.com) I want to list several free mods to the script I'm using, and I would love to have a sidebox on the right listing title, author, price, versions, categories, etc so that people can see this information at a glance instead of having to scroll around and read paragraph text- not to mention it can be easily changed across all mods.



**Marc Laporte** 02 Jun 10 19:12 GMT-0000

We have this for trackers (pretty trackers), but in some cases, it's better to go fully wiki way, like MediaWiki

## Attachments

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The original document is available at

<https://dev.tiki.org/item1843-Infoboxes-like-MediaWiki-Wikipedia-but-not-just-using-trackers>

Show PHP error messages