MediaWiki to TikiWiki converter

MediaWiki is a vastly popular wiki engine. It is excellent for sites like Wikipedia. However, some people want more features and would like to use TikiWiki instead. Thus, since Tiki4, there is a built-in importer. Please see: MediaWiki importer.

Please see:

- GSOC 2009: phpBB and MediaWiki-TikiWiki importer
- TikiWiki vs MediaWiki
- Nobody ever got fired for picking MediaWiki
- Related: MediaWiki to TikiWiki migration script

Background information

- Evan Prodromou, MediaWiki developer talks about MediaWiki
- 2007-07-18 IRC MediaWiki discussion
- MediaWiki import script tracker item

Note: we are looking for volunteers to test the migration script and report issues and requests for enhancements. Please contact Marc Laporte

To test
Requires

- PHP5 with DOM extension.
- A MediaWiki data dump
- A working version of 2.0

Steps

- Get code and install Tiki 2.0
- Install the Text.Wiki libraries
  - Text.Wiki.php
  - Text.Wiki/Mediawiki.php
  - Text.Wiki/Tiki.php
- Use tiki-import_mwdump.php
- Please report issues here. (It's still pre-alpha state)

To do list
Convert script

The actual code to migrate the data.

- Convert the syntax done, need testing
- History of edits done, need testing
- Usernames & emails -> use the standard import at tiki-adminusers.php
Parsers & converters:
- TikiWiki on CPAN
- PEAR:: Package :: Text_Wiki_Tiki Tiki parser and renderer for Text_Wiki
- HTML::WikiConverter

Guides for new users

Below will be guides about how to get accustomed to TikiWiki when you are coming from the MediaWiki world.

Guide for MediaWiki users

What is different and what are the equivalents?

Guide for MediaWiki programmers

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See: http://www.wikimatrix.org/compare/MediaWiki+TikiWiki
  - MediaWiki Syntax extension -> TikiWiki plugins
  - MediaWiki Special Pages -> TikiWiki plugins?
  - MediaWiki Behavior extensions -> ?
  - MediaWiki Skin -> Smarty Template engine

Guide for MediaWiki theme designers

What is different and what are the equivalents?

Tiki can already look like WikiPedia:
http://themes.tiki.org/Tikipedia

Looking for Beta testers

We are looking for Beta testers to test the import script and provide feedback during the January 5th & 6th CodeFest. Please indicate your name, and optionally, the site you are converting.

Related links
http://www.wikimatrix.org/forum/viewtopic.php?pid=1755#p1755

Other scripts
http://www.ohloh.net/p/wikipipes
http://www.ohloh.net/p/wikisync