

Debugger Console

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 (0) ?	Bad contrast for debug console using the default theme	Bernard Sfez / Tiki Specialist	4	10 easy	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usability Less than 30-minutes fix Easy for Newbie Dev 		2018-11-28	2 Bsfez-28 Nov 18
 (0) ?	smarty {debug} function gives PHP error "E_USER_WARNING"	sinnlos	7		0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Error 		2009-08-18	0
 (0) ?	debugger console breaks the admin panels	pkdille			0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Error 		2010-05-06	0
 (0) ?	Debugger console no longer appears	luciash d' being [σ]	7		0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regression 		2014-01-30	0

Also see {debug} which can be used in Smarty Templates as described in [template tricks](#).

General Description

For a TikiAdmin this tool is a great first step towards making Tiki as easy to debug as it is to extend and modify!

Overview

When processing a page, your code can send output to the debug console with commands such as `$debugger->msg("your message")`. This writes the output to the debugconsole which you can then view by displaying the console.

When executing debugging commands, the page is re-loaded with the output of the debugging commands written to the debugconsole. This may pose problems for pages which are processing user input, uploading files, or that crash and do not return.

The debug console is embedded within a div `class="debugconsole" id="debugconsole"` which is turned on by clicking on the link to toggle the console. Careful inspection will note that the footer.tpl includes `tiki-debug_console.php` which handles the processing after most of the rest of the page has already executed.

General Notes

- Enable debugger console by selecting checkbox on Admin -> Features -> Administration Features.
- Debugger can be extended with commands and/or interface extensions (tabs).
- Every command in debugger is a PHP class.
- Sources `lib/debug`
- Search for `debug-command_*.php` it is filenames mask... for debugger commands
- one command == one class == one file

Key Function and sub-features

General info

```
*help    Display list of commands or help for specified command (help print for example)
*tikitable Show list of Tiki tables in DB schema
*features Show features on/off state
*perm    Show current permissions in a convenient way
*print   Print PHP variable. Indexes are OK.
*slist   Display list of Smarty variables. Better to specify partial name or
         very long list of vars will return.
*sprint  Print Smarty variable
*watch  Manage variables watch list
*sql    Exec SQL query on Tiki DB
```

How to extend debugger

Look for example skeleton `lib/debug/debugger-command_test.php`

Related Links

Typical Uses

Debug messages on console

It is possible to print debug info to special debug tab called 'Debug messages' during page generation. It is possible from PHP and Smarty as well.

```
Dump Smarty variable from template:  
{var_dump var=left_modules}
```

```
Dump Smarty variable from template using modifier:  
{$description|str_replace:"\n":"<br />"|dbg}
```

Of course modifier `dbg` can be used more than once:

```
{$description|dbg|str_replace:"\n":"<br />"|dbg}
```

... so you will get 2 messages before and after modification of `$description`.

```
// PHP code  
global $debugger;  
// Print message  
$debugger->msg('Value of $myvar = "'. $myvar. "'');  
// Print variable  
$debugger->var_dump('$myvar');
```

Case Studies

Bugs

Non command-line commands should not print help. — Fixed in CVS.

Support Requests

We need more examples of the commands that are being passed here...

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For more information

lookup sources lib/debug

Related links

- [Debugging tools deployable within Tiki](#)

alias

- [TikiDebuggerConsole](#)