

# Naming Convention

## What name to give?

In Tiki, we try to have descriptive names for everything.

Ex.: Forums are called forums. It's clear, simpler and good for [SEO](#). There will not be 2 discussion forum features so no need to have exotic names to distinguish them. Don't try to be fancy!

## A feature

- Try to use a descriptive, already recognized term.
  - Look on Wikipedia and at other software
- Better one word than two
- Try to avoid something that could be confused with another feature

## A preference

and lib/prefs/\* (where they are defined)

in lib/setup/pref.php (default value)

## A permission

they all start with tiki\_p\_

So it could be tiki\_p\_view\_history

## Documentation and development pages

So, this feature should end up in the list of keywords

- doc.tiki.org/XYZ What the feature does
- dev.tiki.org/XYZ What we wish the feature did
- tiki.org/XYZ if we are [Dogfooding](#) for the community or require a gateway page.

## How to handle integration with others?

BigBlueButton, Kaltura, Google Analytics and all the [Interactions](#)

## Questions

- Should online services (ex.: Google Analytics) be treated differently than projects we bundle (ex.: Zend Framework) or integrate with? (ex.: BigBlueButton)

## Arguments in favor of using generic term

- Descriptive

## Arguments in favor of using project name

- Some people may search via these keywords (esp if project is well known)
- It's a nice gesture to them

## Related links

- [Glossary](#)
- [Proposed Changes to English Strings](#)

## Suggested changes

### Wiki plugins renamed to something else

Problem: people think that plugins are features that are not included in Tiki. Example, in Firefox, not bundled features are add-ons or [plugins](#)

So in reality, what we have is "bundled plugins" which is a mouthful...

What else could we use?

- Macros appears to be used by other wiki engines (hmm, sounds like Excel macros... -1 — luci)
- MediaWiki has [Widgets](#)
- Gadgets ?
- Wordpress has shortcodes (<http://en.support.wordpress.com/shortcodes/> and [http://codex.wordpress.org/Shortcode\\_API](http://codex.wordpress.org/Shortcode_API))
- what else?

Aliases

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- [File Name convention](#)
- [File Naming convention](#)
- [Feature Naming convention](#)