For many people, Wikipedia (powered by MediaWiki) was their first contact with wikis. MediaWiki has a very nice interface and has done an amazing job to get Wikis known to the public, via Wikipedia. MediaWiki/Wikipedia is probably the best thing that happened to the Wiki world since Ward Cunningham invented the wiki in 1995.

MediaWiki is excellent to make an encyclopedia. However, it is not designed to be an Intranet/corporate wiki with an advanced permission system. Also, MediaWiki is "only" a wiki. It doesn't have extra features like forums, trackers, blogs, etc. Maybe these features will eventually be added to Mediawiki, but it doesn't seem imminent.

Users which want more can use some glueware to combine a Wiki and an existing full featured CMS (ex.: Drupal + MediaWiki or Xoops + MediaWiki) or they can choose Tiki Wiki/CMS/Groupware.

There are apparently millions of MediaWiki installs. In contrast, there are "only" tens of thousands installs of TikiWiki. While this number is very good, we can expect more & more people will want to migrate from MediaWiki to TikiWiki. Even if a small proportion of MediaWiki installs migrated to Tiki, it would still be a very large influx of users.

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

One important step for Tiki's future is to have a converter from MediaWiki to TikiWiki so users can have a painless upgrade path and gain access to more features.
Related:

- Wiki markup for icons
- Universal Wiki Edit Button
- Support some of the MediaWiki syntax that doesn't conflict with TikiWiki syntax
- Wiki editing: Preview with diff, like Mediawiki
- Infoboxes like MediaWiki/Wikipedia, but making use of trackers to be future-proof
- Support for the Wiki creole markup (syntax)

Importance
7

Priority
35

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on show2.tikiwiki.org

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Comments

Marc Laporte 28 Jul 07 21:41 GMT-0000

(4:45:37 PM) marclaporte: hoppel : any news on mediawiki convertor?
(4:46:52 PM) hoppel : no, i will need to play somewhat with tiki first to understand it's syntax
(4:47:44 PM) hoppel : maybe i will have some time for it the next two weeks
(4:48:25 PM) marclaporte: hoppel : do you like beer?
(4:48:41 PM) hoppel : what a question ;p

(4:48:55 PM) hoppel : yes
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(4:49:57 PM) marclaporte: hoppel : where do you live?
(4:50:09 PM) hoppel : germany
(4:50:15 PM) marclaporte: and do they deliver beer in Germany?

(4:51:08 PM) hoppel : hmm, good question, beer per mail
(4:51:41 PM) Kase1 left the room (quit: "Leaving.").
(4:52:40 PM) marclaporte: If you develop a working solution to a migration from mediawiki to tikiwiki and I can, online, have beer delivered, I will have a keg of beer delivered to your house or office
(4:53:04 PM) marclaporte: There are millions of mediawiki installs, and only tens of thousands of tikiwikis
(4:53:15 PM) marclaporte: This could double our community
(4:53:25 PM) marclaporte: certainly worth a keg of beer

(4:53:34 PM) hoppel_: i will look what i can do

(4:54:04 PM) hoppel_: i saw there seems to be an rpc interface to tiki?
(4:54:40 PM) marclaporte: yup
(4:54:56 PM) marclaporte: to send & receive wiki pages and articles between two tikis
(4:55:52 PM) hoppel_: so it should be possible to use this to import the data from mediawiki?

Marc Laporte
14 Aug 07 22:55 GMT-0000

Marc Laporte
06 Sep 07 22:38 GMT-0000
from html to wiki:
http://diberri.dyndns.org/wikipedia/html2wiki/

Nathanael Lee
08 Sep 07 08:26 GMT-0000
Do really agree with this.Look forward to the convertor of tiki

Marc Laporte
04 Nov 07 17:48 GMT-0000
http://www.xwiki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Code/MediaWiki2XWiki

Marc Laporte
07 Dec 07 02:03 GMT-0000

Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6th January 2007 -> We will be writing a MediaWiki to TikiWiki convertor

Xavier de Pedro
07 Dec 07 08:50 GMT-0000
Congratulations, Marc, for:

"CodeFest2008 by marclaporte
posted on: Fri 07 of Dec, 2007 03:03
http://wiki.facil.qc.ca/CodeFest2008"
Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6th January 2007 - We will be writing a MediaWiki to TikiWiki convertor

Marc Laporte 15 Jan 10 04:37 GMT-0000

just point your browser to tiki-importer.php

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The original document is available at https://dev.tiki.org/item1220-MediaWiki-import-script