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Status

Open

Subject

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Version

master

Category

- Feature request
- Developer Training
- Easy for Newbie Dev

Feature

Theme: Look & feel, Styles, CSS, Theme Control Center

Resolution status

New

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Description

As discussed during the TRM January 2022: <https://tiki.org/Roundtable-Meeting-2022-01>
We would like to add an option for documentation link that comes with a theme (more and more theme need documentation).

We discussed the idea to add a manifest;

Something human readable like

author: blabla

documentation: <https://bla>

This can be edited by hand by a non coding themes author

I'd say plain text but yaml is also OK.

Importance

5

Easy to solve?

7

Priority

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on show2.tiki.org

Version: trunk ▼

Demonstrate Bug (older Tiki versions)

Please demonstrate your bug on show.tikiwiki.org

Version: 18.x ▼

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Comments



Gary Cunningham-Lee 21 Feb 22 06:02 GMT-0000

As I recall, the idea was to display the theme information on `tiki-admin.php?page=look#contentadmin_look-1` (the "Theme" tab of the Look & Feel admin page) under the the theme thumbnail image. There is space available there with the thumbnail image in a col-md-4 column with no content beneath it now. Presumably this new theme information would refresh when the theme selector displays a new theme name and image.

I'm not sure if there was a firm consensus on what the information would be exactly. For themes in the Tiki package, it would probably be a link to a theme configuration docs page and/or demo page on themes.tiki.org. "Author" in this case would probably be something like "Tiki dev team" since these are, or become after initial commit, collaborative efforts.

Aftermarket themes would indicate author name and website and a link to installation documentation probably.

The recent idea about theme "class" or "score" (on accessibility checklist), etc. and tags/categories like "retro", "business", "low-contrast", etc. would also be a natural fit for this information display.

I suppose the information would be in a file in the theme's directory, similar to a `readme.md` or `readme.txt`.



Bernard Sfez / Tiki Specialist 27 Feb 22 06:44 GMT-0000

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Agree

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Yes.

We allow a "readme.*" file to be added in the directory themes/mytheme/

A link to this document should be added under the "theme thumbnail"; "Click here to see the documentation for this theme (may contain information to set it properly)"

(**@Gary Cunningham-Lee** rewording I guess ;-))

Done this way it will be very standard but may be it is not really encouraging people to create themes.

@Gary Cunningham-Lee; Do you think we should display additional information ?

IE: The first line of the document could be the Author and little information (creation date, last edition, ?).



Gary Cunningham-Lee 27 Feb 22 13:09 GMT-0000

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It could be a link, but I thought one thing to decide is whether it would be a link only, or would be the content of the file (probably with a maximum characters limit due to the display space available). If it's the file content, then the info is presented immediately. Possible content:

- Author name
- Theme creation date and/or latest update date
- Compatible with which Tiki versions? (Mostly depends on Bootstrap version compatibility, in many cases.)
- Author website URL
- Theme class or score (assuming we have the classification/scoring checklist ready and publicized)
- Theme tags/categories (was also part of the theme class discussion)
- Any special configuration details
 - Best layout template to use
 - Expected module locations (for example, the Tikipedia theme puts the site logo at the top of the left column)
 - Notice of any customized template files (probably admins should know if the theme uses modified .tpl files that can become out of date)
 - Other details (I'm not sure what to include here but people whose themes need such instructions can help out on this detail)

I'm not sure if adding this information will encourage people to create themes — I didn't realize that was a reason for doing this, actually. I thought it was more to give admins general information about the theme and especially if it needs specific configuration steps to work properly.

Attachments

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The original document is available at
[https://dev.tiki.org/item8037-Look-Feel-Themes-Adding-basic-information-about-a-the-theme-Author-Docu-mentation](https://dev.tiki.org/item8037-Look-Feel-Themes-Adding-basic-information-about-a-the-theme-Author-Documen-tation)