

# Custom registration message

Participate, [Tiki Welcome](#) and [Custom registration message](#) should merge (or at least be coordinated).

**Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware** is a vast project. It may be tricky for you to know how the Tiki Community is organized, to find the right person to contact and to start to contribute. Keep in mind that everyone is a volunteer. Things get done because someone, **like you**, decides to take the time to make it better.

## What may I expect from others within the Tiki Community?

Community members do their best to follow Tiki [Social Contract](#) and guidelines below.

## What do others expect from me?

Others expect you to read, understand, and do your best to follow Tiki's [Social Contract](#). In addition, you are requested to follow these basic guidelines within Tiki Community:

### 1.1. Guidelines for community members who aren't developers

#### 1.1.1. Use and improve the docs

- Search the [documentation](#) first and read the [FAQ](#) before asking questions.
- When [asking questions](#), update the [documentation](#) when you get the answers.  
When **answering** questions, please reference the docs/FAQs/etc. This will increase the visibility (and maybe overall usage) a valuable resource.
- Those who have concerns about the [documentation](#) are encouraged to [update its pages](#) to improve it.

#### 1.1.2. Report bugs or request feature enhancements

- A bug should be reported in the [bug tracker](#)
  - When in doubt, ask in the forums or IRC chat first
- If you can't code yourself your own enhancement ideas, don't expect that your request will be implemented in short, if ever. You might be interested in [hiring a coder](#) to do that for you, if you think that things are getting done much more slowly than you would need/like.

### 1.2. Guidelines for developers

Tiki's traditional basic "3 rules" for developers...

## 1.2.1. Respect the Environment

Tiki is both software and a community. Any change in Tiki should take into account its effect on the entire Tiki Community and should allow for a balanced evolution. Also, please make sure any code you commit [respects the LGPL license](#) and that you are allowed to share it.

## 1.2.2. Commit Early, Commit Often

SVN is the central point in the Tiki collaborative development process. Commits should be frequent, even in the early stages, to offer an opportunity for interaction between contributors. Early commits provide more chances for feedback and for the community to start to assimilate the ideas you propose. Use an experimental branch if it's disruptive/risky.

## 1.2.3. Make it Optional

Tiki is used in many smaller contexts and its modularity is key to adoption in those areas. Help preserve this flexibility by making your changes optional whenever possible, and able to be tuned by the site administrator at least, via admin panels.

More information

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For more information, see the [WhoWhat](#) page.

And welcome to the Tiki Community! 