If you are a developer, you may prefer to go directly to the source code.

# Requirements

- **A server**, being physical host or a virtual machine. <a href="https://www.vpsbenchmarks.com/">https://www.vpsbenchmarks.com/</a> can help you pick a provider. If you don't have a server: we are currently experimenting for a Home Server option.
  - CPU
    - 1 core/thread is enough for a fresh website but we suggest to consider at least 2. And scale accordingly in the future.
  - RAM
    - To run Virtualmin and a few small Tiki instances, you should have at least 2GB of RAM. But as word goes, the more the better.
  - STORAGE
    - 10GB can get you started with an OS and everything you need. But you should get more or even overprovision if you plan for an intensive online activity with lots of files.
    - Do not forget about backups: start locally and move to remote as soon as possible. Virtualmin can help you make the best out of your available space, by rotating backups.
- A grade A GNU/Linux operating system, stable and suitable for servers
  - You need to pre-install a **fresh minimal Debian 12**. For status on OS support, please see here.
    - Do not pre-install or pre-configure any additional packages on your OS. The installer expects a freshly installed, supported, OS, and anything you do differently may cause conflicts or configuration errors. If you will be enabling third-party package repositories, do so after installation, and only with extreme caution.
- A domain name (a sub-domain will also do fine), with the following options:
  - At the moment it is recommended to delegate fully a working sub-domain or domain to the server before your proceed, because your WikiSuite server will run flawlessly a BIND nameserver. In this case you will have the advantages of creating subdomains easily, locally, also with SPF records for example. And it offers flexibility for any future domains.
  - You can also point a wildcard subdomain if you don't want to deal with DNS on your server. For example, if we want all requests pointed to test.wikisuite.org or \*.test.wikisuite.org as this makes it easy to create many projects, such as: abc.test.wikisuite.org, def.test.wikisuite.org, etc.
  - Last but not least, for a single (sub)domain just a simple A and/or CNAME record from your DNS provider pointed to your IP. This is provider-dependent and not covered here.

You'll want something like this:

test	A record	(put your IP address here)
*.test	CNAME	test.wikisuite.org.

#### More info at Set up your domain name

# How WikiSuite leverages Virtualmin / Webmin

Webmin is a web tool to facilitate server management. Virtualmin extends Webmin with a focus on shared hosting, which allows multiple instances of Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware that are clearly segmented.

Installing WikiSuite automatically installs all the necessary packages and Webmin which itself automatically installs Virtualmin (both configured for optimal settings for WikiSuite components, see here the Differences between Virtualmin and WikiSuite ).

If you have an unreliable internet connection, you should use tmux or something similar. (So you can launch some commands, and they continue running even if you are disconnected).

# Getting started

Log in to your server via SSH with the root user. In some cases, your host may not provide you a **root** access to directly login to, but a user such as **debian**. This is why commands which require root are pre-fixed by sudo.

## Quick installation

Quickly install WikiSuite package with just with few steps. Then:

```
Download script
```

```
в
```

```
wget -0 wikisuite-installer.bash
https://gitlab.com/wikisuite/wikisuite-packages/-/raw/main/wikisuite-installer.bash
```

Then :

Run the script

В

bash wikisuite-installer.bash

Optionally run the script with option

ß

```
wikisuite-installer.bash -ft all
wikisuite-installer.bash -ft none
wikisuite-installer.bash -ft dns
wikisuite-installer.bash -ft ssl,dns,mail,ftp
```

If for some reason, the quick script doesn't work for your use case, or you want more control on your install, please see the next section for the standard installation.

#### Standard Installation

Proceed with the installation process manually by following all the steps required. Before the installation process, update and upgrade the system to ensure packages are current.

Update and upgrade the system

В

apt-get update && apt-get upgrade

#### Then:

If you get -bash: sudo: command not found, install it first as root user

Ъ

apt-get install sudo

This installs curl if not already installed

В

sudo apt-get install curl

Check your host name

В

sudo hostnamectl

Set a proper FQDN hostname for your machine. This domain name needs to be active, and pointing to this machine

sudo hostnamectl set-hostname machinename.example.org

This downloads the install script (which you can inspect)

В

curl -o wikisuite-installer.bash
https://gitlab.com/wikisuite/wikisuite-packages/-/raw/main/wikisuite-installer.bash

This is to inspect the script (optional)

Ъ

nano wikisuite-installer.bash

This runs the install script

В

sudo bash wikisuite-installer.bash

There is also support for NGINX available.

A web URL for accessing Virtualmin will be provided after installation is complete **Ex:** https://your-ip-address:10000 (GUI is at port 10000) After completing the Virtualmin post-install wizard **Ex:** https://yourdomain:10000 (GUI is at port 10000) becomes available.

If you are getting SSL errors: Virtualmin -> Select base domain -> Server Configuration -> SSL Certificate -> Let's Encrypt -> Request Certificate

You now have a WikiSuite server. Congrats! This could be a good time to reboot your server, and make sure it restarts fine.

You will get kicked out. Reconnect after reboot.

В

sudo reboot

Next steps:

- 1. Create a Virtual Server for your Tiki, based on a plan
- 2. Use Tiki Manager to install Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware

## Create a Virtual Server for your Tiki

#### Go to Ex: https://example.org:10000

#### Virtualmin > Create Virtual Server

For more info: https://www.virtualmin.com/documentation/tutorial/virtual-server-basics

Fill in the appropriate fields and **make sure you check the "Tiki Manager" feature**! Then click the "Create Server" button and you are done.

		😭 Create Virtual Server		
New virtual server type: • Top-level se	rver 1 Sub-server	Alias of dome.lab8.evoludata.com	<ul> <li>Alias of dome.lab8.evoludata.com, with own email</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>New virtual server details</li> </ul>				
Domain name				Server configuration template
my.example.com				WikiSuite 1 with www alias 🔹
Description				Account plan
My Example Tiki				WikiSuite 1 🔹
Administration password				Administration username
	• • <u>+</u>			Automatic      Custom username
SSH public key <ul> <li>No default key</li> <li>Generate private a</li> </ul>	and public keys 🔵 U	lse public key below	1.	
Advanced options				
<ul> <li>Enabled features</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Apache website</li> </ul>				✓ Webmin login
✓ Apache SSL website				Enable AWStats reporting
<ul> <li>MariaDB database</li> </ul>				<ul> <li>Enable Tiki Manager</li> </ul>
IP address and forwarding				
Create Server				

#### Handling "www" and non-"www" domains with Tiki Manager

Tiki Manager allows you to manage websites that use either the "www" prefix or not. If you want a domain like example.org to redirect and respond as www.example.org, make sure to select the appropriate **Server** configuration template when creating the virtual server.

In the Server configuration template dropdown (as shown in the image above), choose for example "WikiSuite 1 **with www alias**". This ensures that requests to the non-www version (example.org) are automatically handled as www.example.org.

If a domain name is valid, free SSL (for http**s**://) certificates from Let's Encrypt are automatically created. If you'll add the domain later, you can get SSL later: Virtualmin > Select base domain > Server Configuration > SSL Certificate > Let's Encrypt > Request Certificate

So now, you should be able to visit both my.example.org and see a placeholder page. If domain name is not set up, you can Preview Website via Virtualmin

Virtualmin has many other features like domain alias, domain rename, etc. which we invite you to discover.

## Installing Tiki via the included Tiki Manager feature

For more info, please see Tiki Manager docs.

To access everything related to our manager you have to navigate to Services > Tiki Manager.

Just fill in the email address, note the password, choose the desired Tiki Version and hit install. The Tiki Manager will inform you that your instance is ready; you can visit it at your Virtual server URL and manage it using the username "admin" and your previously displayed password. Or you can import an existing instance.

⇔ ✓					
Webmin Virtualmin	Tiki Manager				
		for https://my.example.com			
my.example.com 👻					
Virtual Server Summary	Install a new Tiki instance				
Treate Virtual Server	Admin email	test@my.example.com			
## Edit Virtual Server	Sender email	Email used by the administrator to receive Tiki alerts and reset password.			
👪 Edit Users		test@my.example.com			
🛢 Edit Databases		Email to be displayed as 'sender' or 'from' for recipient users receiving emails from this Tiki			
Install Scripts	Admin password	43EFDV19uTcmPs3asdf			
🖻 File Manager		Copy or change the password above. You will not see that again.			
৭ Administration Options	Select branch	23.x v Install			
<b>o</b> g Server Configuration	Warning	All files in "/home/my/public_html" will be deleted!			
💉 Disable and Delete 🔹 🖣	Import eviating instance				
🖬 Services 👻					
Configure SSL Website	Tiki found at: '/home/mv/public_html'				
Configure Website					
PHP-FPM Configuration	Do you want to import it? Import				
Preview Website					
Protected Directories					
• Tiki Manager					
Logs and Reports		turn to virtual servers list			

You now also have a Tiki instance running on your WikiSuite server

See more at Virtualmin Tiki Manager

# Discover. Configure. Enjoy.

The default page of Tiki:



HomePage

### Congratulations

This is the default homepage for your Tiki. If you are seeing this page, your installation was successful.

You can change this page after logging in. Please review the wiki syntaxe for editing details.

#### Get started.

To begin configuring your site:

Log in with your newly created password.

2. Manually Enable specific Tiki features that you didn't enable with the Admin wizard.

3. Run Tiki Profiles to quickly get up and running.

#### Need help?

For more information:

- Learn more about Tiki
- Get helps, including the official documentations and support forums.
- Join the Tiki community.

The Tiki Admin Dashboard looks like this:

Log in 🔻



## Extras

#### There are

- Special configurations with Virtualmin
- Alternative ways to automatically install Tiki
- Optional packages

#### CLI vs web version of PHP

sudo su -1 permits to switch to becoming root, and have the proper CLI version of PHP. Reference: https://github.com/virtualmin/virtualmin-gpl/issues/520

### Force all traffic to SSL / HTTPS

• Force all traffic to SSL

#### Forcing IPv4 on apt

Sometime the installer may fail silently, not being able to talk to the repos; usually it is a network/name resolution problem, most common is accessing via IPv6, solved by:

В

sudoedit /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/99force-ipv4

and in the file inserting

В

Acquire::ForceIPv4 "true";

### Forcing IPv4 for everything networking by stopping IPv6:

ß

sudo nano /etc/sysctl.conf

Place the following entry to disable IPv6 for all adapters.

В

net.ipv6.conf.all.disable\_ipv6 = 1

For a particular adapter (If the network card name is enp0s3).

В

net.ipv6.conf.enp0s3.disable\_ipv6 = 1

To reflect the changes execute the following command.

Ъ

sudo sysctl -p

#### Email

• Set up email with Virtualmin and Cypht within Tiki

### Default Website for IP address

If server is accessed by IP address, you can pick which domain is shown via Server Configuration -> Website Options -> Default Website for IP address

It is recommended not to have a live site there, as end users should really use domain names, and it could be nasty bots scanning IPs to find forms to abuse. (real story!)

## Find out more, ask the community for help and get involved

Check the official website Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware