

You have a Tiki version earlier than the minimum version which is currently supported?  
You might find some useful tips here related to old unmaintained versions of Tiki.

## Determine the version of your current Tiki

You can check by visiting `tiki-admin.php?page=general`

### If you have 3.x or later

You can upgrade directly. Tiki 4.x/5.x/6.x/7.x/8.x/9.x/10.x/11.x/12.x include all the database migration scripts to that version. You may wish to manually re-run the installer script for the version you are on, and watch for unexpected errors.

### If you have 1.9.x or 2.x

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### If you have 1.8.x

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### If you have 1.7.x

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### If you have 1.6.x or older

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## Only-changes release files

In some cases of new releases (such as 6.3, for instance), you have the option to download and install only the files that have changed (from a compressed file, like: "tikiwiki-inc-6.2-to-6.3.tar.gz"), or to download the full new version (eg. "tikiwiki-6.3.tar.gz").

## 1.2. Fresh install

If you are upgrading to a version previous than Tiki 5.1, you can indicate the database information of your previous Tiki install (info in `db/local.php`).

**Note for Tiki versions after 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, 9.x, 12.x ...):** You are encouraged NOT to manually copy or edit your old `local.php` into the new site, but let the Tiki installer script (`tiki-install.php`) create that `local.php` file when needed in a later step since it will handle properly the former encoding issue for you.

### Database collation

During the upgrade to Tiki 5.1 (or later) through `tiki-install.php`, Tiki will attempt to do this for you if needed, but in some rare cases Tiki fails to set the collation to `utf8`, and therefore, you have to do that manually. If the database is already created with `latin1` collation, and you want to change that afterwards, you can change the collation through `phpmyadmin` in the **"Operations"** tabs once you have selected your database.

## 1.3. tiki-install.php to update your database

### (A) Fresh install

On the `tiki-install.php` page of this *new* site, connect to the same database as your *old* site (you can find this info in the file `db/local.php` of your *old* site) and follow the instructions to upgrade your site. Make sure to click upgrade and not install, else you wipe out your database.

**Note:** For upgrades to versions equal or later than 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, ...), you are encouraged to re-set the connection settings, while keeping the "Force utf-8 connection" option checked, and follow the on-screen instructions.

For upgrades to earlier branches and versions (like any of the Tiki3 LTS branch), you can alternatively just copy `db/local.php` from your old site to your new site, to avoid entering the information if you wish.

## **(B) Install over existing**

Then, go to `tiki-install.php` and click the "upgrade" button, which will update the database. Tiki can read your previous `db/local.php` file and use this information.

**Note:** However, for upgrades to versions equal or newer than 5.1 (5.3, 6.0, ...), you are encouraged to re-set the connection settings, while keeping the "Force utf-8 connection" option checked, and follow the on-screen instructions.

If the installer was previously locked (which it should be), you will need to unlock it by deleting `db/lock` file.

### **If the installer fails . . .**

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### **If you need to fix the encoding issue**

### **Alternative: Upgrading your database through shell**

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## **1.4. Upgrade your Theme**

The layout system of the Themes' styles in Tiki 3 (table-less) has changed from previous versions of Tiki (table-based). So you'd better start playing with one of the bundled themes in your Tiki 3 installation, and fine tune your CSS to meet your needs (and/or past Theme style design), because you might not need to adapt your `*.tpl` files to it.

And in case you need to adapt them, you might find it easier to update the new `tpl` files with the modifications you need, than to start from your old `tpl` files and attempt to apply all the changes in the display that were introduced in Tiki 3.

For more information, please see: [Upgrade 2.x to 3.x](#)

### **Delete Unused Tables**

When upgrading, some tables may no longer be used if the related feature has been discontinued. The upgrade script doesn't delete these extra in case users have data in them they want to keep. You can delete the tables manually if you have access to the database on the server. The following tables are no longer used as of [Tiki5](#):

- The 10 galaxia tables
- The 4 `tiki_chart` or `tiki_charts` tables
- `tiki_drawings`
- `tiki_newspaper_marks`
- `tiki_newspaper_servers`
- `tiki_quicktags`