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Cypht integration in Tiki: Email as a first-class citizen



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I discovered Free Software on the Internet in 1995 and I have made it the centre of my professional activities ever since.

I discovered Tiki in 2006 and I immediately felt part of the Tiki community.

I live in Strasbourg where I have my own one-person company specialised on Tiki since 2011.

More on https://alsawiki.com/Who_we_are



Context

- Tiki and the Tiki community
- The Cypht project
- Collaboration



The Tiki community

What do we do?

Tiki is the Free/Libre/Open Source **Web Application with the most built-in features**, obviously including a webmail.

Who are we?

Started october 9, 2002 by Luis Argerich who left the project.

Community-managed open development, with an official **Tiki Software Community Association**While consultants are available for hire, Tiki is "Community Open Source" vs "Commercial open source"

No single company, no benevolent dictator, no third-party plugins. 400 contributors to the code (many representing organizations) from all over the world.

For more info, see https://tiki.org/Facts or https://tiki.org/Benefits



Zawinski's Law

"Every program attempts to expand until it can read mail. Those programs which cannot so expand are replaced by ones which can."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamie_Zawinski#Zawinski's_Law



The Cypht project

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Main strong points

- aggregate emails from various sources in one nice list
- search throughout multiple accounts
- move emails to the right account (work vs personal vs volunteer, etc.)
- automate email management with Sieve filters
- all via a web interface (same experience on all devices)

For more info, see https://www.cypht.org/



The Cypht project

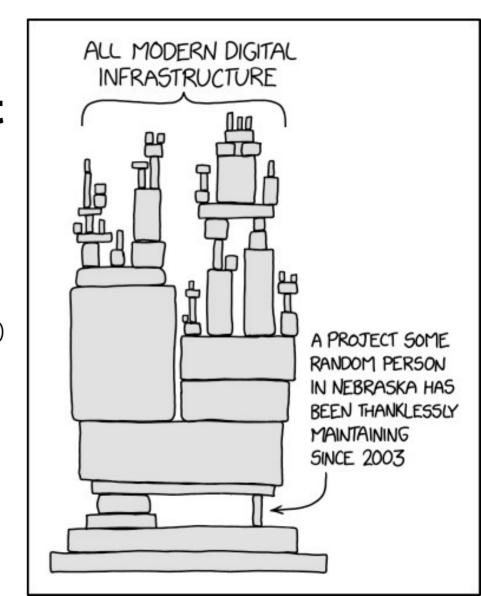
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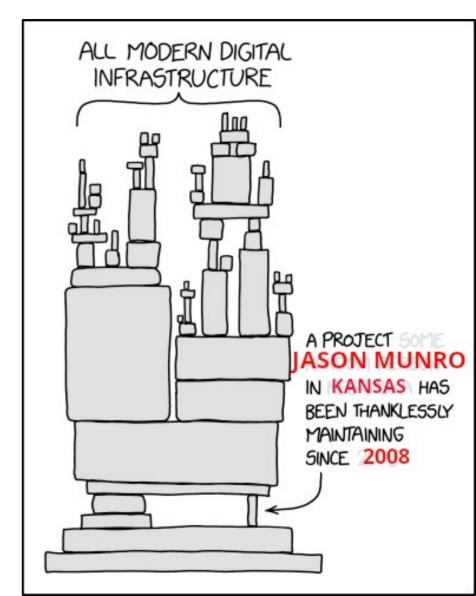
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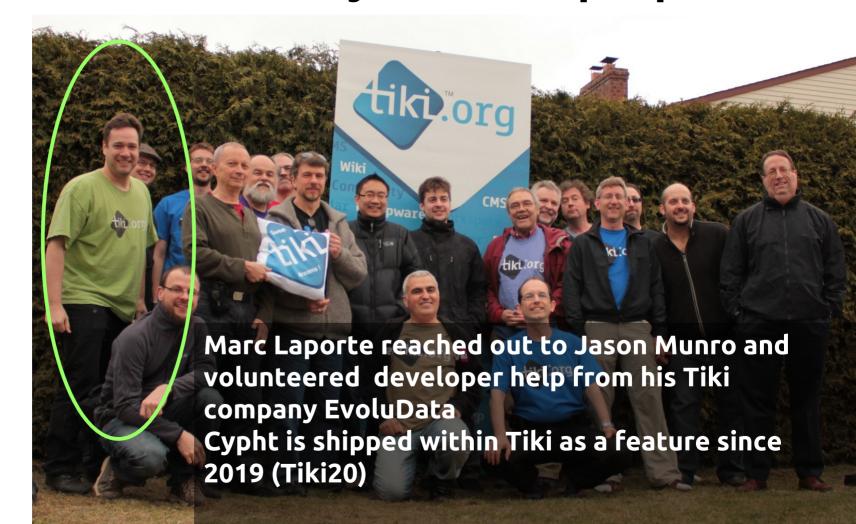


The Tiki Community has more people





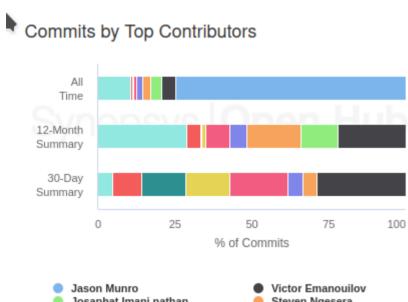
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Thanks Marc Laporte!



Tiki Community contributions











Tiki community contributions

There is a second way of installing Cypht

- Install Cypht standalone (manual or Docker)
- Install Tiki and activate the Webmail feature

Cypht improved a lot

• Sieve filters, Blocking senders, Archive folders, Snooze emails, IMAP folder subscriptions, Delete attachments (but keep email), IMAP draft emails (instead of draft emails in browser sessions), etc.

We get extra stuff when Cypht is integrated in Tiki

- Emails can be moved in Tracker items (trackers are Tiki's database abstraction layer)
- Export as PDF
- Integrate with Tiki calendar feature
- CalDAV and CardDAV support



Moving emails to tracker items: How? Why?

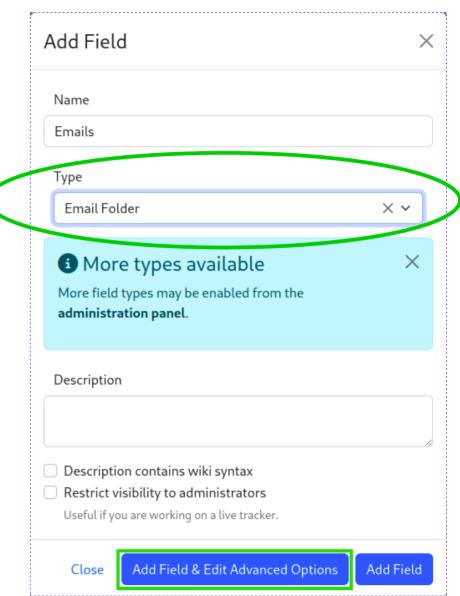
- Integration. How is it configured?
- How it helps collaboration. An example.



How is it configured?

Trackers are Tiki's database abstraction layer (like SQL tables).

Email Folder is a new Tracker field type able to hold a list of emails.

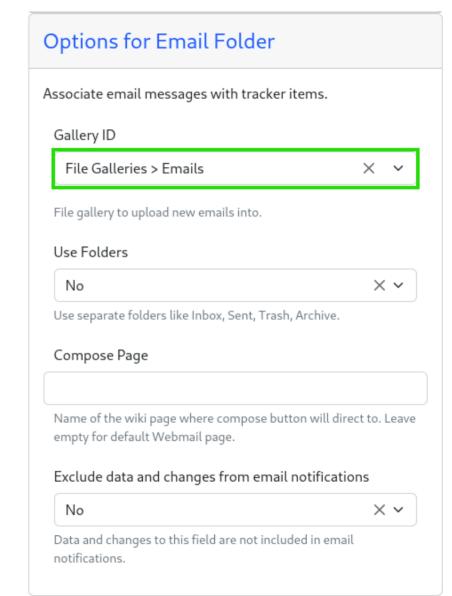




How is it configured?

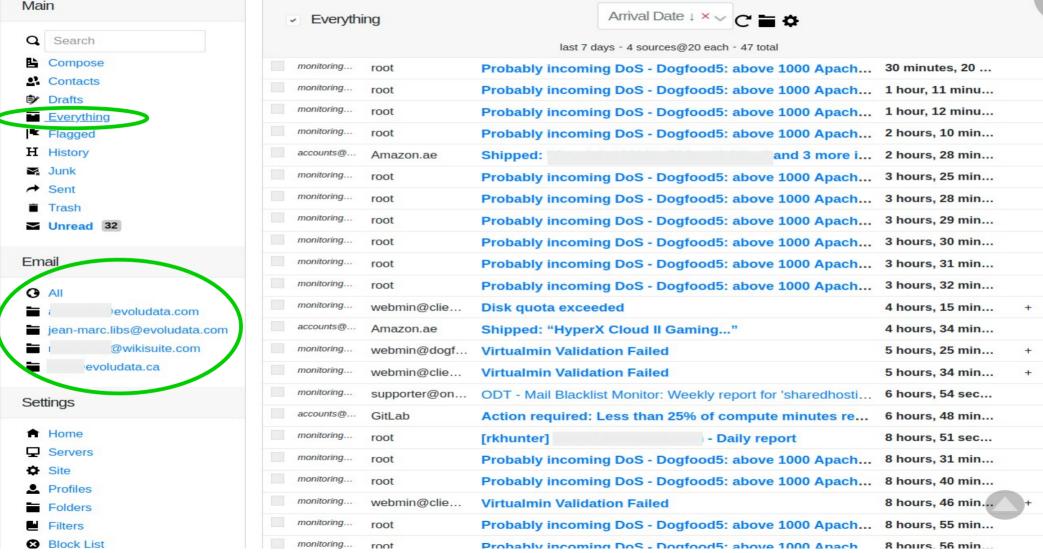
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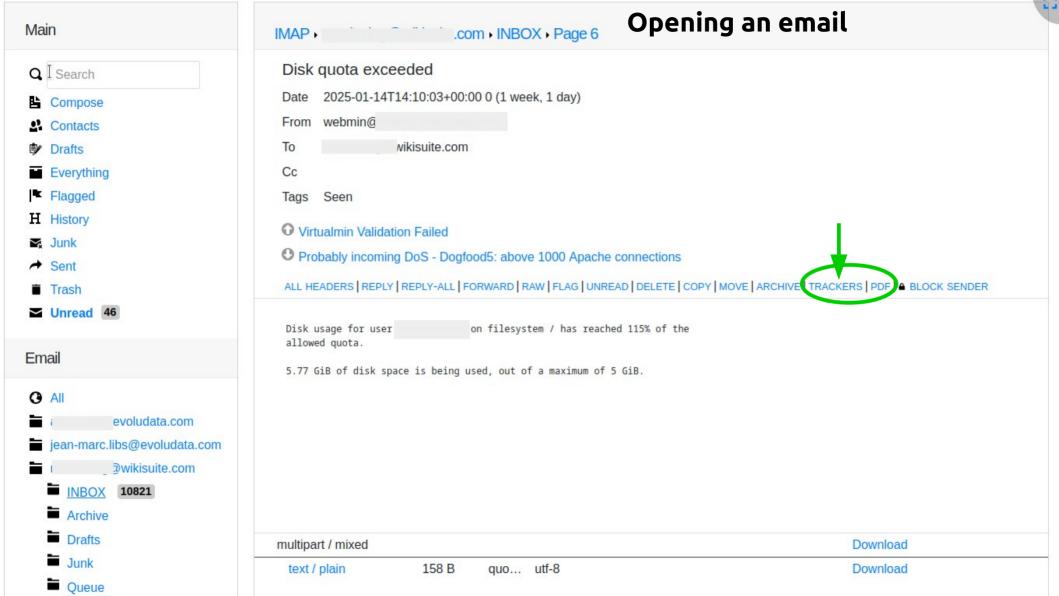
These emails don't clutter the mailbox any more.

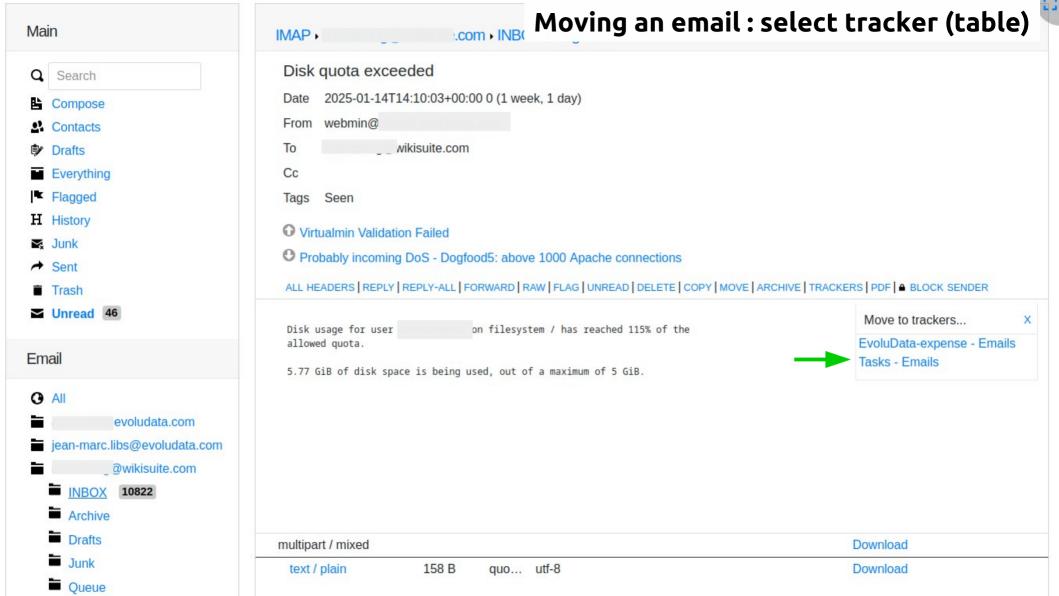


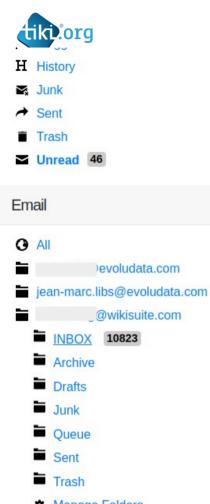
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Webmail aggregator inside Tiki

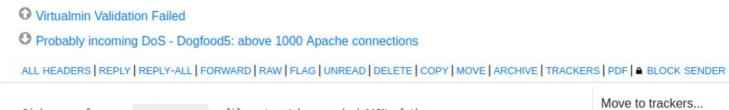








Moving an email: select folder



Disk usage for user on filesystem / has reached 115% of the allowed quota. 5.77 GiB of disk space is being used, out of a maximum of 5 GiB.

multipart / mixed

text / plain quo... utf-8

Download

Manage Folders

Settings

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Inbox

Sent Trash

Archive

Download

Tasks - Emails

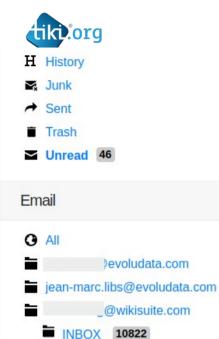
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Archive

Drafts

Junk

Queue

Sent

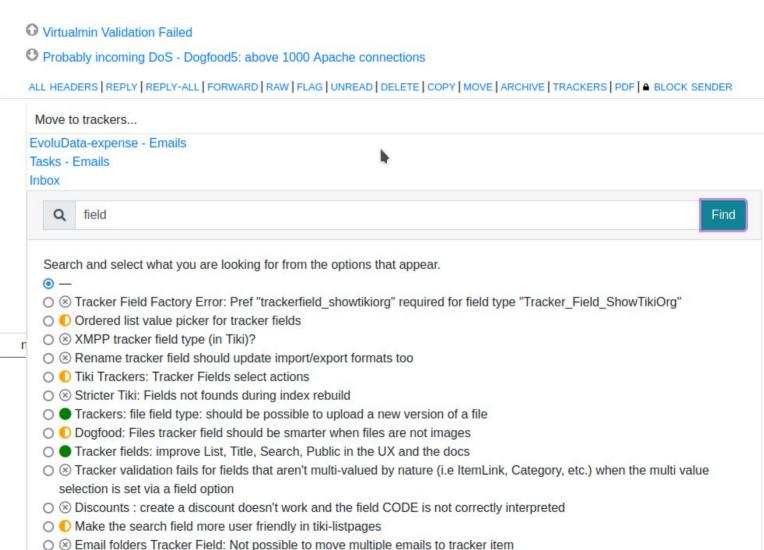
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Move an email: choose tracker item (record)



X



The email is now available in the tracker item view

with his server o Help





Status Resolution Status

Priority

2 Must Task

Add a timesheet

Files

Job

∈mails

Assigned to Assigned by

Also visible to Related

Related timesheets Total minutes worked

Groups of the users assigned to this task

Open 6d- 75-99% done

Compose

marclaporte

Help with his server Add a timesheet for this task

1. Screenshot 2025 01 01 224027 4

Inbox (12) Sent (5) wikiSuite::Hardware / Internet of Thing IOT

5- Visible to Regular Team members

• 1 Top Priority: Fix issues reported / demonstrated by

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395 Client-Junior dev

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assigned to I

Also visible to

Related

The tracker item is where the collaboration happens

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Client

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Related timesheets
Total minutes worked

Email of "Assigned to"

Groups of the users assigned to this

task

Team Team Goma

e@gmail.com
Sunday 15 of December, 2024 20:14:24 EST

by Marc Laporte

Saturday 04 of January, 2025 04:47:56 EST

A screen-sharing session was conducted on December 18, 2024, during which we successfully installed WikiSuite on

Comments

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Update

2024-12-19 19:23

issue with external access to the Virtualmin instance.

I've reached out to (in the WikiSuite and Virtualmin for guidance.

Reply

Firewall Port Configuration for Virtualmin and Tiki

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Virtualmin (WikiSuite) is now running on the server. The issue was caused by the server provider's firewall blocking port 10000, preventing external access to Virtualmin. We contacted the support team and opened the necessary ports: 10000 for Virtualmin, and 443 and 80 for Tiki.

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assigned to

lowever, we are currently facing an



Use cases

- Task/project Management
- Customer Relationship Management
- Accounting (So many invoices come in via email)
- Calls for tenders
- And many others



Conclusion

Email handling (reading, replying and archiving) should be part of a larger collaborative workflow.

Instead of one gigantic mail store, we should have a number of smaller ones that make sense to one's workflow (ex.: around projects, tasks, clients, etc.) and that can easily be shared and prioritized.



Thank you

any questions?

More about the projects:

https://tiki.org

https://www.cypht.org

Ask questions to the communities:

https://app.gitter.im/#/room/#tiki-org_community:gitter.im

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