

# Kiwi Pattern

## Basic Details

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**Description:** A [Free Conversant](#) weblog pattern based on a dark green layout. The pattern uses a two column layout with the left hand side used for navigation and the right hand side for the page content. It also has a horizontal main menu beneath the main logo and a footer at the end of the page. There are no hard coded elements in the pattern so every component of the pattern can be modified by the user. The pattern is implemented using valid XHTML and CSS and can therefore be easily customised to suit different needs.



Figure 1 - Pattern preview

**Pattern URL:** [http://www.mindspill.org/permanent/kiwi\\_pattern](http://www.mindspill.org/permanent/kiwi_pattern)

**Download Pattern:** <http://www.mindspill.org/enclosure/kiwi.1.01.xml>

**Tested on:** Firefox 1.5 / IE 6

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## Changelog

- Amended base template to validate against XHTML Transitional and ISO-8859-1
- Modified some stylesheet styles
- Created a print stylesheet to print out blog correctly
- Created a full thread page to browse individual entries and replies in blog
- Included blog reply template or login / signup when viewing a message. (Avoiding an extra click to reply)
- Added BoundedMessage Template to make bounded message appear aligned properly. Might need to set Preferences à Web Server à Appearance à Bound URL Template
- Update message editing to pick any custom field used for weblog category.
- Added metadata to template

- Documentation Update
  - o Pattern Summary
  - o Change Log
  - o Installation of pattern
  - o Modified the examples of some of the messages

## ***Things to do before installing the template***

### **Upload Images**

There are a number of pattern specific images that are used by the CSS stylesheet. My images are saved in message number 2 in the KiwiStyle CSS the location of the images points to the enclosures in message 2. If you're a beginner then I'd recommend to save your messages in message 2 also, however if you're more familiar with Conversant you can change the location of the images from the KiwiStyle stylesheet.

Since the images cannot be stored in the XML file you have to download them from here.

<http://www.mindspill.org/2/enclosure/br.gif> - Bottom Right Menu Corner

<http://www.mindspill.org/2/enclosure/bullet.gif> - Menu Bullet

<http://www.mindspill.org/2/enclosure/Kiwi.jpg> (replace with your own logo)

<http://www.mindspill.org/2/enclosure/menubackground.jpg> (replace with own menu background)

<http://www.mindspill.org/2/enclosure/tl.gif> - Top Left Menu Corner



**Figure 2 - Upload Images**

## How to install the template

1. Log as an administrator in your Free Conversant site
2. Select you conversation site
3. Click on the Config. Wizards option in the left hand menu
4. Select Pattern Installer from the wizards menu (see figure below)

**Select a wizard:**

**Select pattern installer**

*Note: Wizards generally affect the site from which they are run (unless stated otherwise). Take care, because wizards make it easy to make many or very large changes, easily.*

**Pattern Installer** - Have a pattern file created by the Pattern Maker wizard? Use this wizard to "apply" the pattern to an existing site.

**Bulk Membership** - Bulk Membership Management

**Pattern Maker** - Create various types of config files, which are good for backing up your site's settings, and for duplicating the structure and/or "look-and-feel" of the site.

**Look and Feel** - Set the look and feel of your site.

**Membership Manager** - Add and delete members.

**New Conversation** - Create a new conversation.

**Site Security** - Set access privileges for your site.

**Weblog to Weblog II** - Convert a weblog page to the new weblog II plugin. The original, unaltered page is renamed by adding ".bak" to the

**Figure 3 - Pattern Installer**

5. Read the note about patterns and click continue.
6. Upload the pattern you've just downloaded from the site and click continue.

## Upload a Pattern File

You have not yet uploaded a pattern file. Either select a pattern file from your computer by clicking the "Select File" button, or enter the URL of pattern file somewhere on the web.

Please choose only one of the following!

- 1. On Your Disk**

If you already have a pattern file that you wouldd like to use on this site, click the Browse button, below. After picking the file, click "Next" at the bottom of the wizard.

Choose File:
- 2. On the Web**

If you know the URL of a pattern file somewhere on the web, type or paste that URL here. **The URL must begin with "http://"**

Pattern File's URL

Figure 4 - Upload Pattern

7. Click on select everything to install all components of the pattern, or else select only the individual elements you need (not usually what you need though)
8. Review your settings and click continue to apply the pattern.

## ***Things to change after installing the template***

### **Folder Properties**

When importing the template the index and folder basic settings of *Template* and *Stylesheet* are not automatically updated. You need to set the basic folder settings to point to the KiwiMainPageTemplate and KiwiStyle.

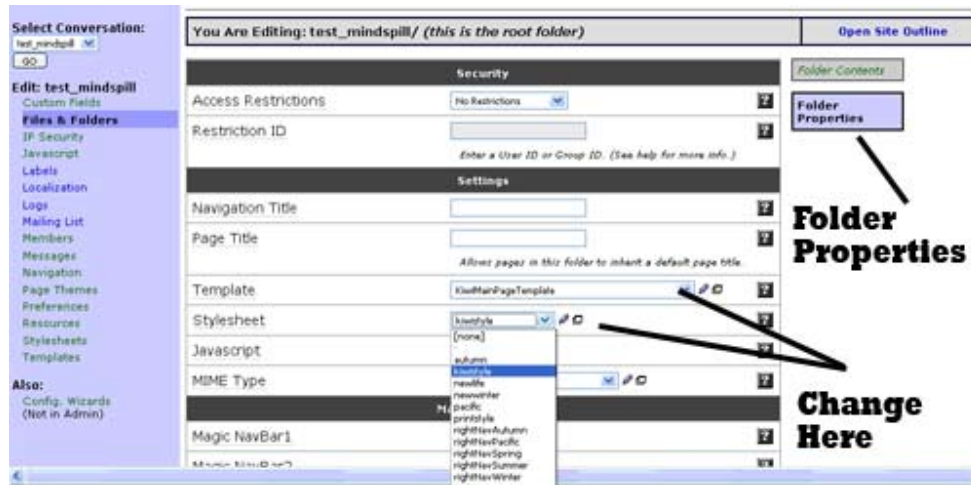


Figure 5 - Changing Folder Properties

## Wrap the logon / logoff / signup templates

1. Go to Preferences à Web Server à Signup and wrap the first three boxes (i.e. Signup page message, Successful signup message, Signup page message to logged members) with `<div id="msg"><div id="signupbox">`. Also add a template to the signup form template. This means the Signup Page Message looks something like this (added info in bold):-

```
<div id="msg">
  <div id="signupbox">
    <h3>Signup</h3>
    <p>Fill out the form below to join as a member of
    this
    site.</p>
    <!--#SignupForm template="KiwiSignupForm"-->
  </div>
</div>
```

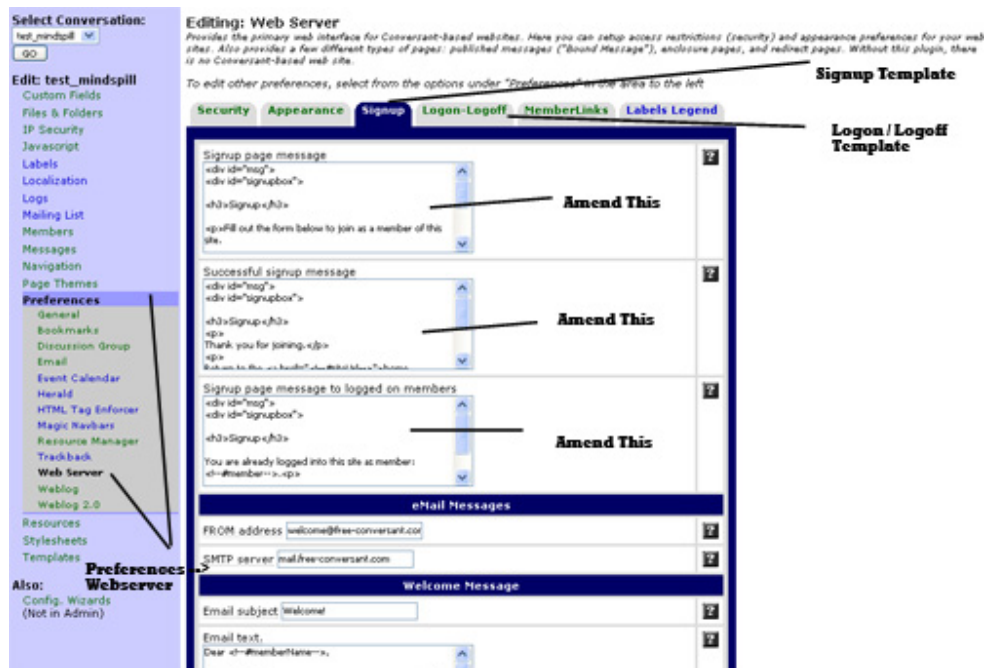


Figure 6 - Amend Signup / Logon / Logoff

2. Go to Preferences à Web Server à Logon - Logoff and change the Logon Message to contain only:

```
<!--#insertTemplate name="KiwiLogonSignup"-->
```

This will prompt the user with either a form that shows both logon and signup when he tries to post a reply. This is added so that users see that it isn't difficult to signup it just involves giving a password. Note that in the site I've removed the option to explicitly signup or login or logoff, a normal user gets prompted to logon if he isn't already logged on and wants to post a comment. Since this is not a group blog with more than one main blogger this behaviour is more proper.

3. Wrap the "Successful logon message", "Already Logged on Message", "Logoff Message", "Successful logoff message" (4 in all) with `<div id="msg"><div id="logonbox">`. The Successful logon message looks like:-

```
<div id="msg">
  <div id="logonbox">
    <h3>Logon successful!</h3>
    <p>You have been successfully logged on to this site as
    member: <!--#member-->.</p>
    <p><!--#logoffForm--></p>
  </div>
</div>
```

## Pattern Specification

### Folders

**Name:** Main folder

Setting Type	Setting Parameter	Value Set
Basic	Template	KiwiMainPageTemplate
Basic	Stylesheet	KiwiStyle

### Files

**Name:** Index

**Description:** This is the main weblog file.

Setting Type	Setting Parameter	Value Set
Basic	Template	Inherit from parent folder
Basic	Stylesheet	Inherit from parent folder
HTML	Wrapper Template	KiwiWeblogWrapper
HTML	Day Template	KiwiWeblogDay
HTML	HTML to separate days	[Empty]
HTML	Item Template	KiwiWeblogItem
HTML	HTML to separate items	[Empty]

**Name:** KiwiThread

**Description:** Full thread page to display a message, the replies to a message and a reply box to respond to the message.

### Templates

Name	Type	Description	Used in
KiwiMsgEditTemplate	DG Message	Template used when editing a message	Preferences à Discussion Group à Templates
KiwiMsgViewTemplate	DG Message	Template used when viewing a single message using message number in URL	Preferences à Discussion Group à Templates
KiwiMainPageTemplate	Full Page	Main weblog template	Main Folder à Folder Properties
KiwiLogonForm	Logon ... form	Logon Form wrapped in div	KiwiLogonSignup
KiwiSignupForm	Logon ... form	Signup Form wrapped in div	Preferences à Webserver à Signup à Signup Page Message

KiwiWeblogDay	Weblog Day	Weblog day	Index à HTML
KiwiWeblogItem	Weblog Item	Weblog item	Index à HTML
KiwiWeblogWrapper	Weblog Wrapper	Weblog wrapper	Index à HTML
KiwiLogonSignup	Undefined	Used to show logon and signup forms on same page	Preferences à Web server à Logon Logoff
KiwiNavigation	Undefined	Contains left hand navigation menu	KiwiMainPageTemplate
KiwiRepliesTemplate	Undefined	Template to show replies	KiwiMsgViewTemplate

## Template Requirements Documentation

This section describes those templates that might need some customisation to work with your site. Some of the templates like the KiwiLogonSignup are only dependant on the other templates which are automatically imported with the pattern, but other like the KiwiMainPageTemplate and the KiwiNavigation are dependant on particular messages. All the dependencies are highlighted in bold.

*Note: The code in this section is not necessarily complete so it is always best to check with the latest pattern file for the actual code. It is included in this documentation just to give an overview and indication of what additional information the pattern requires to display correctly.*

## KiwiMsgEditTemplate

**Update:** This editing is no longer required because the `<!--#weblog.item.categories-->` macro that displays a checkbox list of available channels.

### Requirements

This template has a place where to set the category of a post. Since the default custom field name for this (the one used in channels) is called `weblogCategories` the fieldname displayed here is this, however if you use a different field to specify channels change the name of the field here:

### Code

```

<div id="msg">
... [default msg edit READONLY template] ...
<!-- Start edit for topic field -->
<tr valign="top">
--<td class="msgLabelCell" align="right">
--<span class="msgLabelText">Topic</span>
--</td>
--<td class="msgValueCell" align="left" colspan="3">
--<span class="msgValueText"><!--#msgCustomField
fieldName="weblogCategories" size="5"--></span>

```

```

-----</td>
</tr>
... [continue with more or less the same code as READONLY template]
-----</div>

```

## KiwiMsgViewTemplate

### Requirements

KiwiRepliesTemplate

### Code

```

<div class="blogpost">
  <!--#if condition="! userAgentIsRobot"-->
    <div class="clearfix" id="singlenavigation">
      <div class="prev">
        <!--#prevMsglink cssclass="navlink"
        text="&lt;&lt;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Previous"-->
      </div>
      <div class="next">
        <!--#nextMsglink cssclass="navlink"
        text="Next&nbsp;&nbsp;&gt;&gt;"-->
      </div>
    </div>
  <!--#endif-->

  <h2><!--#msgsubject--></h2>
  <div class="blogpostdate"><!--#msgcreationdate time="true"--></div>
  <div class="blogposttext">
    <!--#msgbody-->
    <div class="line">
      <div class="prev">
        <!--#msgreplylink cssclass="commentlink" text="Post a
        comment"-->
        <!--#if condition="userIsConvAdmin"-->
          &nbsp;&nbsp;|&nbsp;&nbsp;<!--#msgeditlink cssclass="commentlink"
          text="Edit"-->
        <!--#endif-->
      </div>
      <div class="next">
        Filed Under: <!--#weblog.item.channels links="true"-->
      </div>
    </div>
  </div> <!--blogposttext-->
  <div class=blogpostendborder></div>
</div> <!--blogpost-->

<!--#if condition="! msg.replies.length"-->
<!--#else-->
  <!--#msgreplies template="KiwiRepliesTemplate"-->
  <div class=blogpostendborder></div>
<!--#endif-->

```

## KiwiMainPageTemplate

### Requirements

Change the author, keyword and description meta tags to suit your personal site.

Message Number 383: Footer Text

Message Number 384: Logo Definition (image or text)

Message Number 385: Main Menu Links

KiwiNavigation Template

### Code

```

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html>
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html;
      charset=iso-8859-1" />
    <meta name="author" content="Mike Black" />
    <meta name="keywords" content="technology, travel, web,
opinion, blog, personal, ireland, dublin" />
    <meta name="description" content="Varied personal blog with
insights on travel, technology and some splashes of humour." />
    <meta name="robots" content="all" />
    <title><!--#pagetitle--></title>
    <!--#weblogRSDLinkTag-->
    <!--#stylesheetTag-->
    <!--#javascript embed="false"-->
  </head>
  <!--#bodytag-->

  <div id="mainbox" class="clearfix">
    <div id="logo">
      <!--#msgBody msgNum="384"-->
    </div>

    <div id="mainmenu">
      <!--#msgBody msgNum="385"-->
    </div>

    <div id="navigation">
      <!--#insertTemplate name="KiwiNavigation"-->
    </div> <!--navigation-->

    <div id="content">
      <!--#pageContent-->
      <!--#adminBox-->
    </div> <!-- content -->
  </div> <!-- mainbox -->
  <div id="footer">
    <!--#msgBody msgNum="383"-->
  </div>
</body>
</html>

```

## KiwiLogonSignup

### Requirements

KiwiLogonForm Template

KiwiSignupForm Template

### Code

```

<div id="msg">
  <div id="logonbox">
    <h3>Logon</h3>
    <p>Fill out the form below to logon to this site, or sign up
    below.</p>

```

```

<!--#logonForm template="KiwiLogonForm"-->
</div>

<div id="signupbox">
<h3>Signup</h3>
<p>Fill out the form below to join as a member of this site. </p>
<!--#signupForm template="KiwiSignupForm"-->
</div>
</div>

```

## KiwiNavigation

Note that not all the messages specified here are required, you can either remove some of them or else add more of your own to modify the left hand navigation bar. The format is quite self explanatory.

### Requirements

Message Number 178: Categories List

Message Number 180: Better Posts

Message Number 179: Archive List

Message Number 7: RSS List

Message Number 193: Currently

Message Number 6: Blogroll

Message Number 181: Badges

### Code

```

<!--Categories-->
<div class="navmenu">
  <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="178"--></h3>
    <!--#msgBody msgNum="178"-->
  </div></div></div></div>
  <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--Better Posts-->
<div class="navmenu">
  <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="180"--></h3>
    <!--#msgBody msgNum="180"-->
  </div></div></div></div>
  <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--Archive-->
<div class="navmenu">
  <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="179"--></h3>
    <!--#msgBody msgNum="179"-->
  </div></div></div></div>
  <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--RSS Links-->
<div class="navmenu">
  <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="7"--></h3>

```

```

        <!--#msgBody msgNum="7"-->
    </div></div></div></div>
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--Currently-->
<div class="navmenu">
    <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="193"--></h3>
        <!--#msgBody msgNum="193"-->
    </div></div></div></div>
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--#if condition="requestPageType=='Weblog II'"-->
<!--Blogroll-->
<div class="navmenu">
    <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="6"--></h3>
        <!--#msgBody msgNum="6"-->
    </div></div></div></div>
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--Badges-->
<div class="navmenu">
    <div class="bl"><div class="br"><div class="tl"><div class="tr">
    <h3><!--#msgSubject msgNum="181"--></h3>
        <!--#msgBody msgNum="181"-->
    </div></div></div></div>
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<!--#endif-->

```

## Stylesheet

There are two stylesheets used in this pattern; kiwistyle for display and kiwiprint for printing. The kiwistyle sheet is the most important file of this pattern, and it is defined in the folder properties stylesheet property.

In the stylesheet there are references to some image files as described in the upload image section. These are described here if you need to change the image location or the image.

```

#mainmenu {
    background: url("2/enclosure/menubackground.jpg") no-repeat;
}

.navmenu ul li {
    list-style-image: url("2/enclosure/bullet.gif");
}

.br {background: url("2/enclosure/br.gif") 100% 100% no-repeat}

.tl {background: url("2/enclosure/tl.gif") 0 0 no-repeat}

```



			</ul>
193	Currently	Navigation	<pre> &lt;p&gt;Reading...&lt;br/&gt; &lt;a href="http://www.amazon.com/sushi"&gt;&lt;img src="&lt;!--#siteUrl--&gt;10/enclosure/sushi.jpg" alt="Sushi for beginners" border="0" height="160" width="106"/&gt;&lt;/a&gt; &lt;br/&gt; Listening...&lt;/br&gt; &lt;a href="http://www.amazon.com/pinkfloyd"&gt;&lt;img src="&lt;!--#siteUrl--&gt;10/enclosure/floyd.jpg" height="110" width="74" alt="Pink Floyd" border="0"/&gt;&lt;/br&gt;&lt;/a&gt; &lt;/p&gt; </pre>
6	Blogroll	Navigation	<pre> &lt;ul&gt; &lt;li&gt; &lt;a target="_" href="http://www.jonwatson.ca/blog/"&gt; Tales from the motherboard&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt; &lt;li&gt; &lt;a target="_" href="http://www.truerwords.net/"&gt; Truer words&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt; &lt;li&gt; &lt;a target="_" href="http://orangepulp.blogspot.com/"&gt; Orangepulp&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt; &lt;/ul&gt; </pre>
181	Badges	Navigation	<pre> &lt;ul&gt; &lt;li class="nobullet"&gt; &lt;a href="http://www.blogexplosion.com/"&gt; &lt;img src="&lt;!--#siteUrl--&gt;10/enclosure/blogexplosion.jpg" alt="blogexplosion.gif" border="0" height="15" width="80"/&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt; &lt;li class="nobullet"&gt; &lt;a href="http://www.blogwise.com/bloginfo?uid=59870" target="_blank"&gt; &lt;img src="&lt;!--#siteUrl--&gt;10/enclosure/blogwise.jpg" alt="Blogwise - blog directory" border="0" height="15" width="80"/&gt; &lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt; &lt;/ul&gt; </pre>