

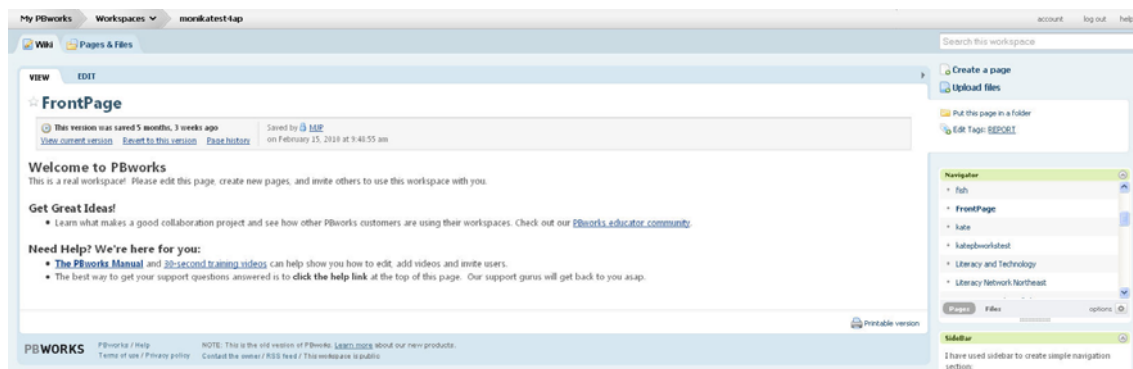
WIKIS

A wiki is a web space that allows easy creation and editing of any number of interlinked Web pages, using a simplified language or text editor, within the browser.

Wikis are typically powered by wiki software. PBworks or Wetpaint are types of wiki software.

Wikis are often used to create collaborative websites, to power community websites, for personal note taking, to share ideas, in corporate intranets, and in knowledge management systems.

A wiki is essentially a database for creating, browsing, and searching through information in one centralized location. Wikis eliminate the need to resend the documents/files from one person to another.



Features

- Can be private or public
- Web page features - images, links, plus control of content
- Users can edit any page or create new pages
- Allows for easy linking between different pages, files, and external sites
- Involves users in an ongoing process of creation and collaboration that constantly changes the Web site landscape
- Tracks changes (allowing to revert to older version and see who made the changes)
- Provides revision history
- Allows to create pages with indexes and table of contents
- Some wikis allow for "backlink" feature displaying all pages that link to a given page
- Offers search features

Terms

Wiki - is a Hawaiian word for "fast"

Wiki has been backronymed by some to "What I Know Is"

Wiki page - A single page in a wiki website

The Wiki - the entire collection of pages usually interconnected by hyperlinks and other pages

Wiki farm - a company offering server(s) space to host wiki software services

Wiki examples

(there are many private wikis in the field that we can't provide access to, but below are examples of public wikis you can access)

<http://newliteracy.wikispaces.com/>
http://wiki.literacytent.org/index.php/Main_Page
<http://wikisineducation.wetpaint.com/>
<http://meblog.pbworks.com/>
<http://www.elearnspace.org/enabling/wiki.htm>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
<http://123digitalcitizenship.wikispaces.com/>
<http://chriscraft.pbworks.com/>
<http://disruptiveinnovators.wikispaces.com/>
<http://theconnectedclassroom.wikispaces.com/>
<http://davidwarlick.com/wiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.HomePage>
<http://educationalwikis.wikispaces.com/>
<http://edubloggerworld.wikispaces.com/>
<http://digitales.wikispaces.com/>
<http://pedagogytools.pbworks.com/>

Popular wiki software (some hosted/other need to be installed):

<http://pbworks.com/>
<http://www.wikispaces.com/>
<http://www.wetpaint.com/page/about>
<http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/MediaWiki>
<http://info.tikiwiki.org/tiki-index.php>
<http://www.pmwiki.org/>
<http://www.centraldesktop.com/>
<http://www.dokuwiki.org/dokuwiki>

Useful resources

Overview

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/featured-technology/130.html>

Wikis at Literacy Link South Central (LLSC)

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/spotlight/136.html>

PBworks user manual file

<http://usermanual.pbworks.com/>

Wikis in Plain English - video on YouTube file

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnL00TdmLY>

Wetpaint Wikis in Plain English - video on YouTube file

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7BAU2XX5Ws>

How to use wikis in class <http://wikisineducation.wetpaint.com/page/How+we+use+wikis+in+class?t=anon>