

Wikis

A wiki is a collection of collaboratively authored web documents. Basically, a wiki page is a web page everyone in your class can create together, right in the browser, without needing to know HTML. A wiki starts with one front page. Each author can add other pages to the wiki by simply creating a link to a page that doesn't exist yet.

Wikis get their name from the Hawaiian term "wiki wiki," which means "very fast." A wiki is indeed a fast method for creating content as a group. It's a hugely popular format on the Web for creating documents as a group. There is usually no central editor of a wiki, no single person who has final editorial control. Instead, the community edits and develops its own content. Consensus views emerge from the work of many people on a document.

Your instructor will indicate exactly how they wish for you to use the Wiki feature. It might be used for group lecture notes, brainstorming, or project management for group work. The First Page

The first page acts like a table of contents, or home page for the Wiki. Additional pages can be created from the main page and everyone can edit the main page.

Creating New Pages

To create a new page when editing a Wiki page, enter the name of the new page in square brackets [like this]. The text inside the square brackets becomes the name of the new page and a link is created. For Example, to create a new page called **Topic 2 Notes** off the main wiki page you would type:

[Topic 2 Notes]

If the new page doesn't yet exist, then Moodle will turn your text into a temporary link. If the page does already exist, then your text will simply link to the existing page.

Each of the newly created page links will appear with a ? next to them when you save the current page. The ? means a new page was created, but it has not content yet. Click the ? to be taken to the new page and begin editing it. Once the new page is created the ? will disappear and be replaced with a link to the new page.

History of Changes

All changes to the page are logged, including who made the change, what the change was, and the time the change was made.