Introduction to Wikis

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What is a Wiki?

❖ A wiki is a website designed for collaboration.

❖ In a wiki everyone can edit, update and add pages without having to know html language.

❖ Wikis can be either publicly accessible or privately secure.

What is a wiki?

❖ http://www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english

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How can a wiki be used in higher education?

Group authoring

- ❖ Often groups collaborate on a document by emailing a file that each person edits individually.
- ❖ Some attempt is made to coordinate the edits so all of the efforts are equally represented in the final document.
- ❖ Using a wiki brings the group members together to build and edit the document on a wiki page.
- ❖ This strengthens the community within the group and allows group members with similar ideas to collaboratively build on each other's work.
- ❖ It also allows all group members immediate, equal access to the most recent version of the document.
- ❖ Further, group members can take advantage of the automatic revision history that saves a version of the document each time they makes changes.

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Track a group project

❖ A wiki is very useful for tracking and completing group projects.

❖ It allows group members to track their progress from anywhere with internet access.

❖ It helps them save time by seeing what others have already done.

❖ It then gives them a central place to collectively prepare the final product.

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Create simple websites

❖ When students are asked to create websites for an assignment, they have to rely on someone in the group knowing how to make a website.

❖ The wiki eliminates this problem because it provides a ready to use site with a simple user interface plus the ability to easily add pages and simple navigation.

❖ This allows students to spend more time developing the content of the site, instead of trying to learn how to make one.

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Other examples

❖Presentations

❖Feedback

❖Data collection

❖Podcasts

What will this session cover?

An introduction to:

❖Creating a wiki page

❖Editing a wiki page

❖Adding attachments to wiki pages

❖Adding images

❖Creating links

❖Adding comments

❖Adding news items

Over to you…

❖ The session format:
- ➤ Demonstration of each task
- ➤ Opportunity to try it for yourself
- ➤ Questions

❖ Use Firefox as your browser

❖ https://wiki.brookes.ac.uk/dashboard.action

❖ Login to dashboard with p number and PIP password