pbwiki

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PBWIKI FOR THE PHILOSOPHY CLASSROOM

WHAT A WIKI IS…

- A collection of web pages whose content and organization can be edited by users

- Wikis in Plain English (by CommonCraft)

WHAT GOOD IS A WIKI?

✖ **Blogs** are great for *one-to-many communication*, such as one person writing about the upcoming election

✖ **Forums** are good for *many-to-many communication*, letting many users ask questions and letting many people answer.

WHAT GOOD IS A WIKI?

✖ **Wikis** are excellent for *collaboration*. If you want to let students collaborate, add files, suggest links, and create a document that's comprehensive and up-to-date, use a wiki.

+ increase student engagement and interaction
+ easy to create web pages (links, images, videos)
+ revision history
+ repository for class information and hub for class activity
+ collaborative group projects
+ writing, revision, submission of assignments
+ creating a class text (e.g. encyclopedia, self-help book)
+ student portfolios
+ collaboration among faculty

USE OF WIKIS IN THE PHILOSOPHY CLASS

- Think of a specific philosophy class you're considering using a wiki in

- What are the core student learning outcomes for that class?

- How might you use a wiki site to support those learning outcomes?

WHAT IS "PBWIKI"?

- Free & without ads

- Nothing to install

- Easy to use
  + "canned"
  + WYSIWYG editor (or HTML)

- Only your students can see

- Unlimited number of wikis

- Limited functionality without upgrading

- A bit quirky at times

WHAT DOES PBWIKI COST?

- **Basic** is *free*
  - 10MB of storage space
  - unlimited pages, and
  - unlimited number of visitors

- **Silver** is $9.95/mo. ($99.50/year)
  - 1GB storage space
  - Access controls (wiki, page, folder)
  - Lockable pages
  - Basic customization
  - Full zip backups

- **Gold** is $24.95/mo. ($249.50/year)
  - 2GB storage space
  - Traffic statistics

EXAMPLES

- Faculty committee collaboration
  - http://nkuwomensstudies.pbwiki.com

- Classes
  - http://phi210.pbwiki.com

PBWIKI WORKSHOP

- Create a PBWiki account
- Create and edit a PBWiki site
- Add a new page and link to it
- Create a page template
- Organize pages into folders
- Upload and manage files
- Invite/add users
- Select and insert plugins (inc. YouTube)
- Revert pages to previous versions

CREATE A PBWIKI ACCOUNT & PAGE

- Go to http://pbwiki.com
- Click "sign up" (top, right corner)
- Create your account
- Create your wiki – e.g. Phi210.pbwiki.com
- Scroll down and click "Create my wiki"
- Choose your wiki's security features
  + Select "Only people I invite or approve"
- Scroll down and click "No thanks, just take me to my wiki"

EDIT THE MAIN PAGE

- Top right – click "Settings"
  - Change the title of your page (what appears as the header for every page)
  - Choose a color scheme for your wiki
  - Set notifications about changes

- Click "Home"

- Click the "Edit" tab at the top of the main page
  - Clicking the "Source" button allows you to edit the page's HTML code

ADD A NEW PAGE AND LINK TO IT

- Click "Edit"

- Type the name of a page you would like to link to (e.g. Assignments)

- Select the text and click
  - "Link type" is PBWiki page
  - "Page" is New Page
  - "Page Name" should be the text you highlighted

- Click "Ok"

- Click the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen

- Scroll down and click on the link you just created

- "Create a new page" window opens

CREATE A PAGE TEMPLATE

- ✖ Click "Create a page" in the top right of the screen
- ✖ Enter a name for the page (e.g. Video Clips)
- ✖ Select "Blank Template"
- ✖ Click "Create page" (next to page name field)
- ✖ When done editing the page, enter "template" in the "Tags" field at the bottom of the screen
- ✖ Click the "Save" button
- ✖ The new template now appears at the bottom of the template list

UPLOAD AND MANAGE FILES

- ✖ Click "Upload/view files"
- ✖ Click "Browse" to upload a single file, or "+Add more than one file" to upload up to 5 at a time
- ✖ Select the file(s) you want to upload and click the "Upload" button
- ✖ The list of uploaded files can be
  - + viewed as thumbnails or filenames
  - + Limited to just image files
  - + Limited to non-image files
- ✖ Rename a file by clicking [R] to the right of the filename
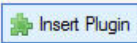- ✖ Delete a file by clicking [×] to the right of the filename
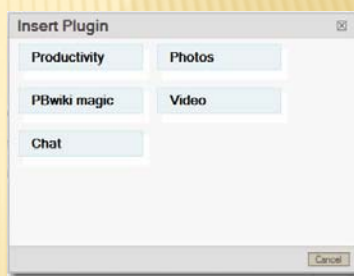
ORGANIZE PAGES INTO FOLDERS

- Use folders to organize:
  - Student group pages
  - Class materials
  - Supplemental information (e.g. external links, tips, faqs)

- In the sidebar in the "Folders" menu on the right, click "Create a folder"

- Click on the folder name to:
  - Create a new page in the folder
  - Delete the folder
  - Rename the folder
  - Set security for the folder

- To add an existing page to a folder, click "Put this page in a folder" (in the right navigation panel)

INVITE/ADD USERS

- One or a few at a time
  - Add writers from any page on your wiki by entering an email address in the window under "Share this wiki"
  - Click "User settings" under "Share this wiki" (or click "Settings" in the top right corner, then select "Users" under "Access Controls")
    - Scroll down and type the user's email address in the window provided
    - Select the user's access level

- Mass subscriptions - have students request access

SELECT AND INSERT PLUGINS

✖ Select a page to edit and click 🧩 Insert Plugin

+ **Productivity** – Calendar, Plan an event, **Any Google Gadget**, Address link, Spreadsheet, Stock chart

+ **PBWiki Magic** – Equation, HTML, Footnote, Recent Changes, Recent Visitors, **Table of Contents**, # of visitors

+ **Chat room**

+ **Photos** – Bubbleshare slideshow or Slide photoshow

+ **Video** – upload a video or insert a YouTube video

Insert Plugin

Productivity	Photos
PBwiki magic	Video
Chat	

Cancel

REVERT PAGES TO PREVIOUS VERSIONS

✖ In the top right corner of the page, click 🔘 Page history

✖ Compare any two versions of the page by selecting the radio buttons next to each then clicking the "Compare" button

✖ Click on the date of the version you wish to revert to

✖ Click "Revert to this version"

EXERCISES FOR STUDENTS

× Getting to Know PBWiki
  + Edit profile, search for info, edit team page, create personal wiki page

× Collaborative writing exercises
  + Team assignment
  + Creative collaborative writing
  + Reflection on process

FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

pbwiki HELP CENTER

http://help.pbwiki.com/helpstart.php

The Daily Peanut
The official blog of PBwiki

http://blog.pbwiki.com/

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