



Student Engagement - Wikis

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Wikis

Wikis are used to create a collaborative space within the course where all students can view, contribute, and edit content. Wikis can also be used as a resources for students to view information and content relevant to their courses.

Creating a Wiki

To create a wiki click on **Wikis** in the **Course Tools** area of the **Control Panel**.

Click on **Create Wiki** and the Wiki information screen will be displayed.

Enter a name for the wiki and any instructions for the students.

Select **Yes** to make the wiki available and set the date and time parameters as needed. When dates are provided, the wiki will be available only as the parameters allow.

There are two types of access for wikis created through the control panel -- closed to editing and open to editing.

- **Closed to Editing:** Select when the Instructor will be the only one contributing pages or to disallow further page editing by students, such as when the Wiki pages are set to be graded.
- **Open to Editing:** Allows students to modify any Wiki page. In a Group Wiki, a user must be a member of the Group to edit a Wiki page.

At any time, the **Student Access** can be changed.

Wiki Settings

Enable grading of the Wiki: Select **Grade** and type the number of **Points possible**.

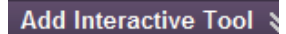
Once a Wiki is set to be graded, a column will be created for it in the Grade Center. It is permanently gradable and cannot be set to **No grading**.

Making a Wiki Available to Students

Once a wiki is created it will be available based on the parameters set from the **Tools** area. You can also link to the wiki from a content area or from the course menu.

Creating a link from a Content Area

Go to the content area where the link will be presented and click on **Wiki** from the **Add Interactive Tool** menu.



Links can be created to a wiki page or to a specific wiki.

If a link is to a specific wiki the list of wikis will be displayed -- select one of the wikis.

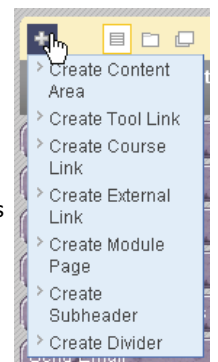
If no wiki is available to link a new wiki can be created by clicking on **Create New Wiki**. Click on **Next** to continue.

Creating a link from the course menu

Click on the + (add button) symbol and select **Create Tool Link** from the options listed.

Provide a name for the button, select **Wikis** from the drop down list of tools and make the button available to students.

Click **Submit** to create the button.



Reviewing Wiki Entries

A wiki consists of entries posted by students and comments from instructors. You can access wikis from the menu (if a button was created) or by selecting **Wikis** from the **Course Tools Area** of the **Control Panel**.

Wikis

A Wiki is a collaborative tool that allows students to contribute and modify one or more pages of Course related materials. [More Help](#)

Create Wiki

Name	Type	Student Access	Last Modified Date
New Issues	Course	Open to Editing	6/12/10 11:51 AM

Each wiki is listed along with the last date it was modified and the type of access permitted. Click on the name of the wiki to open it.

The wiki will open and the home page will be displayed. Contents of the wiki can be edited or comments can be added.

Details about the wiki are displayed on the right. Click on **Participation and Grading** to view the participation summary for the wiki.

New Issues

Create Wiki Page

My Wiki

Created By Gayle Strode on Saturday, June 12, 2010 11:51:11 AM CDT

This is the home page for my wiki.

Comments: 0

Participation and Grading

About This Wiki

- Number of Wiki Pages: 1
- Number of Comments: 0
- Creation Date: 6/12/10 11:31 AM

New Issues

- My Wiki

Participation Summary

Each user's contributions to the Wiki are represented by Words Modified and Page Saves. If the wiki is gradable, the participant can be graded by clicking on the **Grade** button.

Name	Words Modified (Number Count)	Words Modified (Percentage)	Page Saves (Number Count)	Page Saves (Percentage)
Gayle Strode	9	100%	1	100%

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The participation summary shows a list of students that have contributed to the wiki. Click on an individual student's name to see the details of that student's work.

The **Page Version** column displays all pages created and edited by the user. A new version is created each time a page is edited. When versions are compared, the differences between any version and its previous version are shown on the **Page Comparison** page. A legend is available to explain the changes.

Words Modified encompass any word added, deleted, or edited. A Page Save refers to any time **Submit** is clicked on the **Edit Wiki** page, regardless of whether or content has been changed.

Participant's Contribution: Gayle Strode

All pages and versions that you have modified are listed. To see your specific changes, choose to compare versions under **User's Modifications**. Click version without annotated changes. [More Help](#)

Page Version	User's Modifications	Created On	Words Modified
My Wiki (1)		6/12/10 11:51 AM	9

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Grade

Grade for: Gayle Strode

Grade: -- out of 10.0

Grade Date: --

Feedback: --

Grading Notes: --

Edit Grade

Grading Wikis

If a wiki was set up to be graded when it was created the option to grade it will be available when looking at an individual student's participation. Click on **Edit Grade** to open a window to for grading. Enter the grade for the student in the box provided. Enter feedback and grading notes as desired.

Remember, the student will see the comments in the feedback section but will NOT see the grading notes.

Grade

Current Grade Value

out of 10.0

Feedback:

Grading Notes:

Cancel Save Grade

Tips for using Wikis

- Use a wiki when you want all of the students in the course to be able to create a document collaboratively.
- Use a wiki for group projects to allow students to gather and edit information for a presentation.
- Use a wiki for students to create a draft of document and to track revisions.