

PBWiki...now PBWorks! (pbworks.com)

So..what is a wiki, anyway?

A wiki is a very simple collaborative database designed so that anyone with access can contribute or modify content. The word “wiki” is a Hawaiian word for “quick.” Some users also refer to wikis as “What I Know Is.” A wiki is not a carefully crafted site for casual visitors. Instead, it seeks to involve the visitor in an ongoing process of creation and collaboration.

What’s PBWorks?

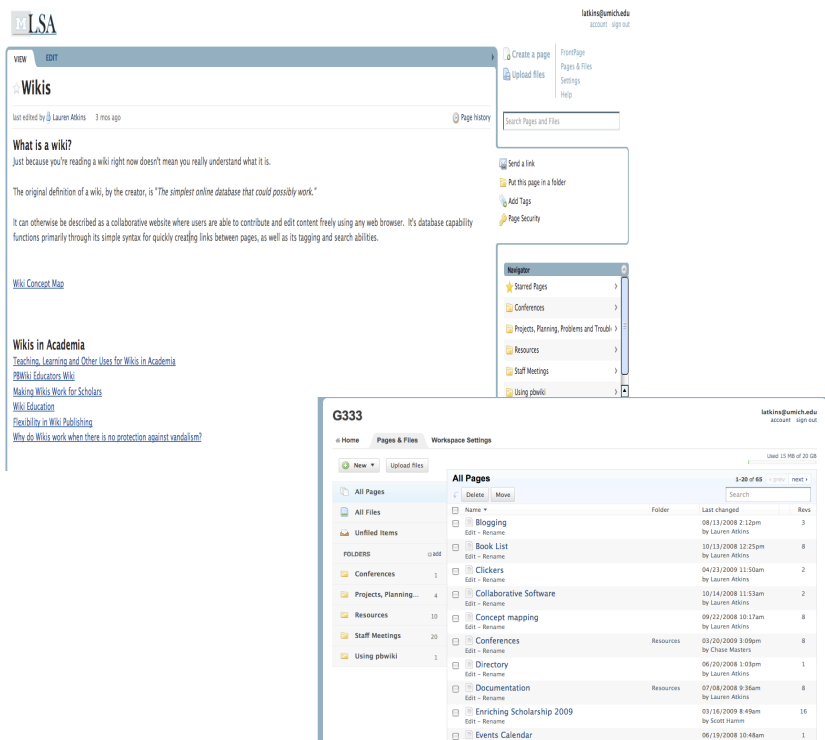
PBWorks is a private wiki hosting service that specializes in business and academic wikis. PBWorks offers a sliding scale of wiki services, ranging from a basic free wiki to a more feature-rich academic version for \$100 a year.

Why PBWorks?

PBWorks is a very easy-to-use service that also comes with a lot of great features. While it is not a solution for everyone, it is a great option to consider particularly if you or your users are not the most tech-savvy. One of the most useful features is the ability to set different security statuses for individual pages or folders, and to give different levels of read-and-write access to individual users.

Features

- *Easy set-up
- *Collaborative page editing
- *Document and file management
- *Version history and comparisons
- *Commenting functions
- *Attach, manage files
- *RSS feeds
- *Google Gadgets and other plug-ins
- *Customize security and access settings
- *Tag pages
- *Automatic backups of data (for paid wikis)
- *Customizable template



Other Wiki Options

Ctools Wiki: ctools.umich.edu
Mediawiki, through ITCS:
<http://webservices.itcs.umich.edu/>
WetPaint: wetpaint.com
Socialtext: socialtext.com
Doku: dokuwiki.org

Example Wikis

LSA ISS Instructional Consulting Wiki: g333.pbworks.com
Wikipedia: www.wikipedia.org
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A La Maison French Wiki: <http://alamaison.pbworks.com/>

More questions about setting up a wiki?

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