



Not Just for Videogames and Encyclopedias: Building an Academic Wiki

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What is a Wiki anyway?

Just a website – but any user can modify or add content

Any structure is possible, the typical Wikipedia format is not compulsory

As a site owner, you have less control but more variety of content

Why would I want to build one?

Time savings!

Reference documents

Many hands, light work



I'm in, where do I start?

Many free resources to develop your wiki

Wikidot – Free, academic upgrade for up to 25GB of storage and a private option.
Syntax somewhat different from other wiki sites

Wikia – Free, ad supported, easily customizable graphics

Wikispaces – Free educator upgrade, you can only have one site

Referata – Ad free public wikis, only 100MB of storage

Starting your Wiki build

Decide on a name

Register for the site you have chosen

Pre-creation design

Make a page!

Syntax to get you started

[[gallery]] – Picture Thumbnails!

[[[local file or page]]] – web link

Can be local or outside web link

Page edit toolbar – will insert needed code for you!



Why do I want this, and how much of it?

Some examples of purpose: student handbook, rotation objectives, clinical protocols, checklists

Narrow scope: One or two topics, a few pages, easier for one person to maintain (one division/educational interest)

Broad scope: As many topics as you want, you will probably not run out of room

Choosing Users

Open: Anyone can see/edit/upload

Closed: Anyone can see, only members can edit/upload

Private: Only approved users can view the site, admin chooses who can edit/upload

Templates and Themes

Templates and forms set the default appearance of a page

Themes set the overall design of the site

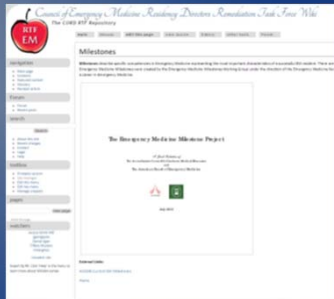


Documents and Media

You can add files to your wiki easily

View as lists, icons, or in the page

It is easy to embed multimedia or pictures



But I can't code!

There's help out there...

Syntax does not mean programming

I want it to be easier!

Questions?

Obligatory Presenter Child Photos



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