



Collaborative Activities – 3.2 - Using OU Wikis

Wiki - Overview

Wikis are a simple, flexible tool for collaboration. Basically, a Wiki page is a web page that individuals, groups or everyone in your class can create and edit together, right in the browser. A Wiki starts with one front page, but authors can create additional pages. If properly set up, students can navigate through the Wikis made by other groups as well, commenting on what they observed. It gives you tons

Ideas for Uses:

They can be used for everything from simple lists, to building an encyclopedia. Here are just a few ideas:

- Group lecture notes or exam review
- Group brainstorming
- Project management
- Data collection
- Repository for resources
- Course FAQ
- Individual Journals
- Peer editing/review of paper drafts
- Solving problems – Post a difficult math problem weekly, so the class can collaborate to solve.

Set-up

Wiki setup is very similar to other activities, you must name and describe it, then select the Wiki settings, whether or not to use groups, restrict access or track activity completion. If your students are new to Wikis, use the description area to provide some instructions on how to use the Wiki, such as how to add new pages and edit existing pages. Remember to turn editing on, then go to Add an Activity or Resource. Choose OU Wiki.

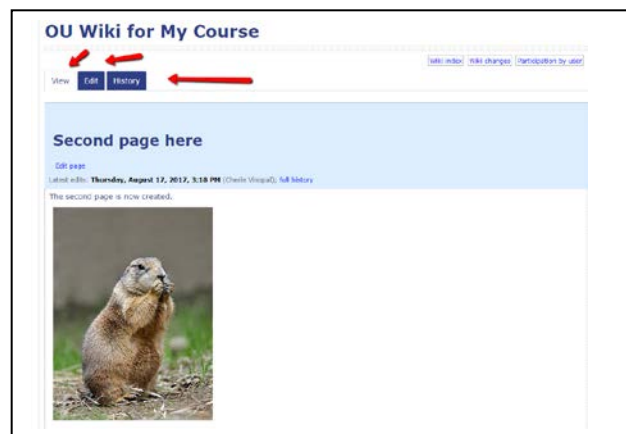
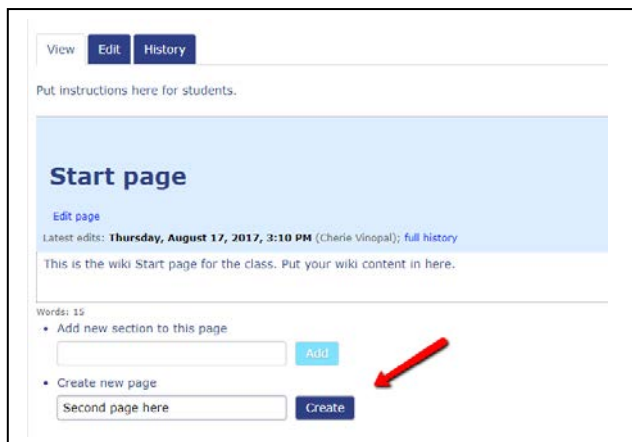
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Adding a new OU wiki to Topic 1". The form is divided into sections: "General" and "Wiki". In the "General" section, there is a "Name" field containing "OU Wiki for My Course" and a "Description" field with a rich text editor. Red arrows point to the "Name" field, the description area, and the "Display description on course page" checkbox. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Save and return to course", "Save and display", and "Cancel".

Once you create the Wiki, students (or you) will click on Wiki Start Page that you name and create from your homepage.

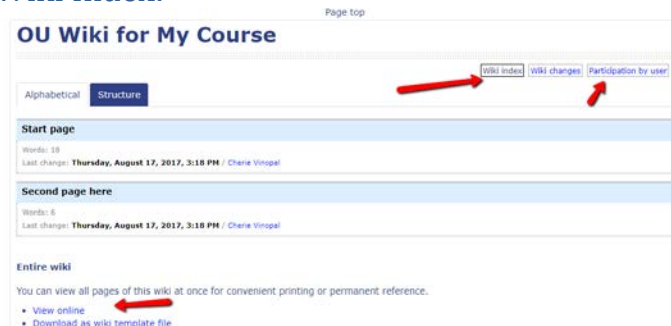


Adding more pages

- Once you have created your first or Start Page, then go down to “create new page”
- Put your name of the page and click “Add”
- Your second page is added and a link to it is automatically put in the Start page.
- You can go to “Wiki Index” on the right to see all your pages and the content. You can even grade students under “Participation by User” in right corner.



Wiki Index:



Wiki Grading and Participation




The best thing about a Wiki is that nothing is ever lost. Older versions will always be there under “Wiki Changes”, and can be compared to the current version and restored to current version. Depending on the type of the Wiki, there are several ways to edit your page. By going to your Start Page and then click on the Edit tab. You can also view the Participation of each user and grade the students’ right on the Participation Page.

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Participation by user Return to: Topic 1 ↗

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User	Pages created	Page edits	Words added	Words deleted	Grades
 Allen Risley	0	0	0	0	No grade ▾
 CCTR Training 01	0	0	0	0	No grade ▾
 CCTR Training 07	0	0	0	0	No grade ▾

drop-down grade here

The grades will go into the gradebook, and a column for that wiki will automatically be created for you - if you gave the wiki points upon creation. This will also show you the number of pages created and added by a student. It will also have the words added or deleted. Under the “Wiki Changes” button you can view the history of the wiki as changes were made and by which student. For questions or help using wikis contact ids@csusm.edu.