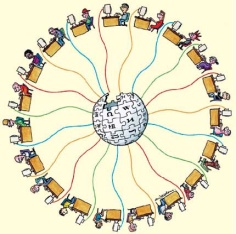
**Lesson #3**



**Wiki**

**What is a wiki?**

A *wiki* is a piece of server software where you can find information. It acts as a website and it can be accessed through a web address. It has the features that encourage collaboration. Those who are given permission can add new content, correct errors or inaccuracies, and add their own comments, among other things.

**Where can I view more information on wikis?**

* For the definition of a wiki and an explanation of how it works, listen to [Wikis In Plain English by Commoncraft.](file:///C:\Documents%20and%20Settings\Ardelle%20Pate\My%20Documents\Ardelle's%20Data%20Files\Education\Dominican%20Unversity\EDU_560_INTEGRATING%20TECHNOLOGY\Wiki,%20Blogs,%20and%20other%20stuff\%3cobject%20width=%22500%22%20height=%22405%22%3e%3cparam%20name=%22movie%22%20value=%22http:\www.youtube.com\v\-dnL00TdmLY&hl=en&fs=1&border=1%22%3e%3c\param%3e%3cparam%20name=%22allowFullScreen%22%20value=%22true%22%3e%3c\param%3e%3cparam%20name=%22allowscriptaccess%22%20value=%22always%22%3e%3c\param%3e%3cembed%20src=%22http:\www.youtube.com\v\-dnL00TdmLY&hl=en&fs=1&border=1%22%20type=%22application\x-sho)
* To understand how WetPaint works, go to the video entitled [Wetpaint: In Plain English.](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7BAU2XX5Ws)
* [How to create a wiki](http://www.slideshare.net/suesbent/how-to-create-a-wiki)
* [Starting and running a wiki website (from wikibooks)](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Starting_and_Running_a_Wiki_Website)

**What is the difference between a blog and a wiki?**

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| A blog is website that appears in the form of a journal (or newsletter) that is frequently updated and intended for general public use. | **A wiki is a collaborative website which can be directly edited by anyone who is given access to it. You can invite people to be editors of your wiki.** |
| Blogs and wikis generally represent the personality of the author or the website. | |
| A user can add comments but he cannot edit comments or content. | **A user can add comments and edit content (if he is invited to do so).** |
| Blogs and wikis gives everyone an audience for their own version of news | |
| Blog is organized by blog posts. Each blog post is similar to an individual news story or editorial . | **A wiki is organized like a mini-website or discussion board.** |
| Anyone with a new idea (thread) can start a blog or a wiki. | |
| Entries are commonly displayed in reverse-chronological order. | **The discussion board portion of the wiki has entries in reverse order. However, the other parts of the wiki look like a website. There are places for posting and storing documents.** |
| Blogs and wikis encourage collaboration. | |
| Over time, the blog becomes a collection of posts, all archived. | **The wiki changes as the users access it and use the edit, write, and save process.** |

**Where do I go to create a wiki or to find out more information?**

* [PBWorks](http://pbworks.com/) (formerly PBWiki)
* [WetPaint](http://www.wetpaint.com/)
* Use [WikiMatrix](http://www.wikimatrix.org/) to compare the components of different wikis.
* [WikiSpaces](http://www.wikispaces.com/user/my/ardellepate)