



In a Nutshell....

What's a Wiki?

Wiki = Wikis are an online space for collaboration. People from multiple locations can add to a document, editing and saving as they go along with the added benefit of version control. [Wikipedia](#) is probably the most famous (or infamous!) of the wikis.

What are the benefits of wikis? According to EDUCAUSE ([see article link below](#)), wikis:

- are the easiest web-based collaboration tool available
 - have versioning capability that can show the evolution of thought processes
 - can be used as e-portfolios, illustrating their utility as a tool for collection and reflection
-

Get Started with Wikis!

1) Watch a succinct 3 minute video about wikis and how to use one.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnL00TdmLY&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Epageflakes%2Ecom%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

2) Read a 2-page EDUCAUSE summary of the *7 Things you Need to Know about Wikis* at <http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7004.pdf>

3) Set up your Wiki – Try any of these sites to get started

- a) Google docs - <http://docs.google.com>
- b) PB Wikis - <http://pbwiki.com/>
- c) Wikispaces – <http://wikispaces.com>

Examples of Wikis

Take a look at some working examples:

- a. Learning Communities - <http://psuyork.wikispaces.com/>
- b. ESL support - <http://psuyork.wikispaces.com/ESL>
- c. New Media Consortium Second Life Wiki <http://sl.nmc.org/wiki/ELI072>

The screenshot shows a wiki page titled "ELI072" with the subtitle "Live Sessions from EDUCAUSE Focus Session on Immersive Learning Environments". The page content includes a description of the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative Spring 2007 Focus Session, a plan to meet at the amphitheater on Learning, and a list of sessions for Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28. The sessions listed are:

- 11:00 am - 11:15 am: Welcome, opening remarks
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Generation G and the 21st Century
- 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm: Using Adaptive Interactive Narrative to Guide Discovery Learning
- 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm: Immersion and Engagement in a Virtual Classroom: Using SL for Higher Education
- 5:00 am - 5:45 am: Cognition, Learning, and Literacy in Virtual Worlds

Read more

- Using Wikis in Education - <http://www.ikiw.org/>
- For Teachers New to Wikis <http://writingwiki.org/default.aspx/WritingWiki/For%20Teachers%20New%20to%20Wikis.html>
- Using Wikis in Schools: A Case Study <http://www.futurelab.org.uk/research/discuss/05discuss01.htm>