What is a Wiki?

Wiki is a piece of server software that allows users to freely create and edit Web page content using any Web browser. Wiki supports hyperlinks and has a simple text syntax for creating new pages and crosslinks between internal pages on the fly.

Wiki is unusual among group communication mechanisms in that it allows the organization of contributions to be edited in addition to the content itself.

Like many simple concepts, "open editing" has some profound and subtle effects on Wiki usage. Allowing everyday users to create and edit any page in a Web site is exciting in that it encourages democratic use of the Web and promotes content composition by nontechnical users.


Google Sites Wiki How To Guide

- The Blogs and Wikis How To Research Guide is available at [http://libguides.cofc.edu/blogswikis](http://libguides.cofc.edu/blogswikis). The guide provides tutorials and resources for creating your own Google Sites wiki or editing an existing wiki.

Get Your Own!

- Go to [http://sites.google.com](http://sites.google.com) and login with your College of Charleston Google username and password.
- You can also access Google Sites through the "More" menu of Google Apps.

Create a Site

- Visit Google’s Help Pages to learn how to "Create a Site" at:

Sample Google Sites Wiki

- A sample class wiki is available at [https://sites.google.com/a/cofc.edu/visualculturedefinitionwiki/](https://sites.google.com/a/cofc.edu/visualculturedefinitionwiki/)

Add Content

- Visit “Working with Google Sites” to learn how to create pages and more! Available at: [https://sites.google.com/site/amslerclassroom/creating-a](https://sites.google.com/site/amslerclassroom/creating-a)
- Visit Stony Brook University’s “Basic Editing of a Google Site” to learn how to edit a page of a Google Site available at: [https://it.stonybrook.edu/help/kb/basic-editing-of-a-google-site](https://it.stonybrook.edu/help/kb/basic-editing-of-a-google-site)