



Podcasting and Wikis

Solving Communication Wethers

Why Podcasting and Wikis Rock

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Agenda

Wikis

- Benefits
- Alignment with Adult learning Theory
- Common features
- Case Study
- Tips and Tricks

Podcasting:

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Summary, questions



Commonalities

Wikis

Instant editing
Multiple editors/
Contributors
Fluid content
Content is king
Collaborative

Pull environment
Capture expertise
Knowledge sharing
Global reach
Casual & polished look
Engagement/Innovation
spark

Podcasting

Permanent content Emotional tie-in Diverse voices Personality is king Non-collaborative



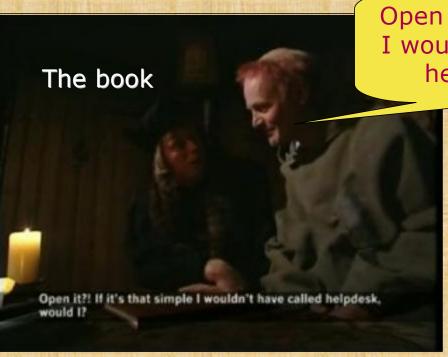




Wikis

Living Knowledge Banks

Internet use: Today's End User :: Books :: to Audience used to Oral Tradition



Open it? If it's that simple I wouldn't have called the helpdesk, would I?

Before books oral history and communication were common sources of communication/info

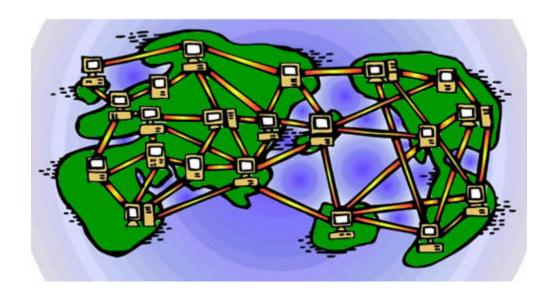
Yesterday... books, print, radio, media → ideas
Today...internet → promotes live active collaboration





Wiki Definition

A wiki is a web site that is fully editable from any web browser... by **anyone** with access.



... but it's much more than just that





Wiki - Levels of Application

Large Scale



Encyclopedia

Massive number of contributors to (near unlimited) great body of content

Medium Scale



Team or Organization

Immediate team/organization can contribute. Can include satellite/ or ancillary contributors

Small Scale



SME/Designer

One/one collaboration.
Text/visual content can be shared asynchronously

Ex: Wikipedia

Ex: Department Wiki



Large Scale - Wikipedia



"King of the Mountain", "Babooshka", "The Man with the Child in His Eyes",

and "Don't Give Up". During her tour of 1979, the only tour of her career, she

became the first ever singer to use a wireless headset radio microphone on

Search



A Palestinian medical intern and five Bulgarian nurses

with the European Union

sentenced to death in the HIV trial in Libva on charges of

causing an outbreak of HIV are freed after a deal is reached

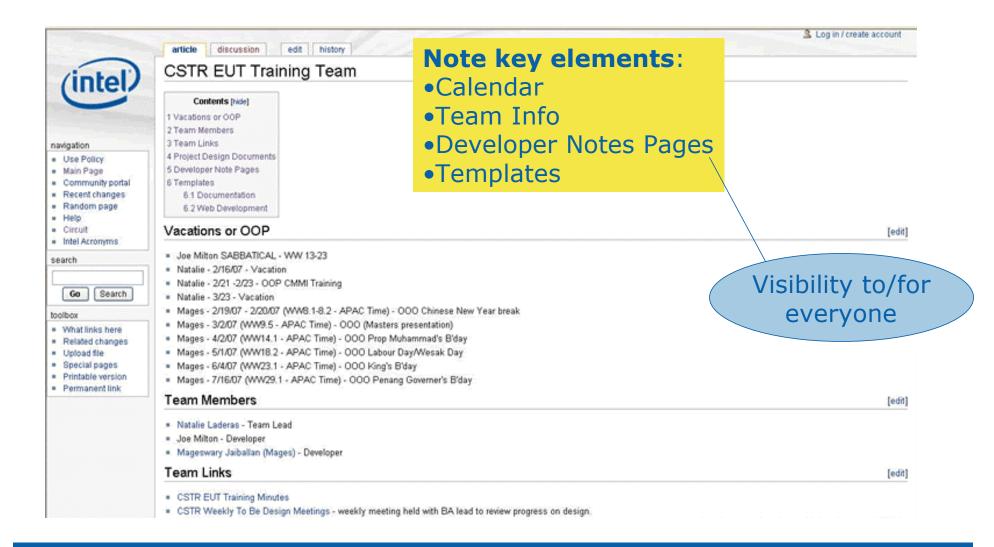
Sign in / create account

Society

Technology

All portals

Medium Scale - Organization/Team





Wiki Profile Page Example

Natalie Laderas

Contents [hide]

1 STATS

- 1.1 Current Group
- 1.2 Current Projects
- 1.3 Past Projects

2 PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INFO

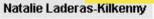
- 2.1 Portfolio Links
- 2.2 Professional Interests
- 2.3 Technical Software (expertise)
- 2.4 Intel History
- 2.5 Education

3 Fun Stuff

- 3.1 About me
- 3.2 My favorite blogs
- 4 WIKI CONTRIBUTIONS

Note key elements:

- Group information
- History
- Expertise
- •Informal information



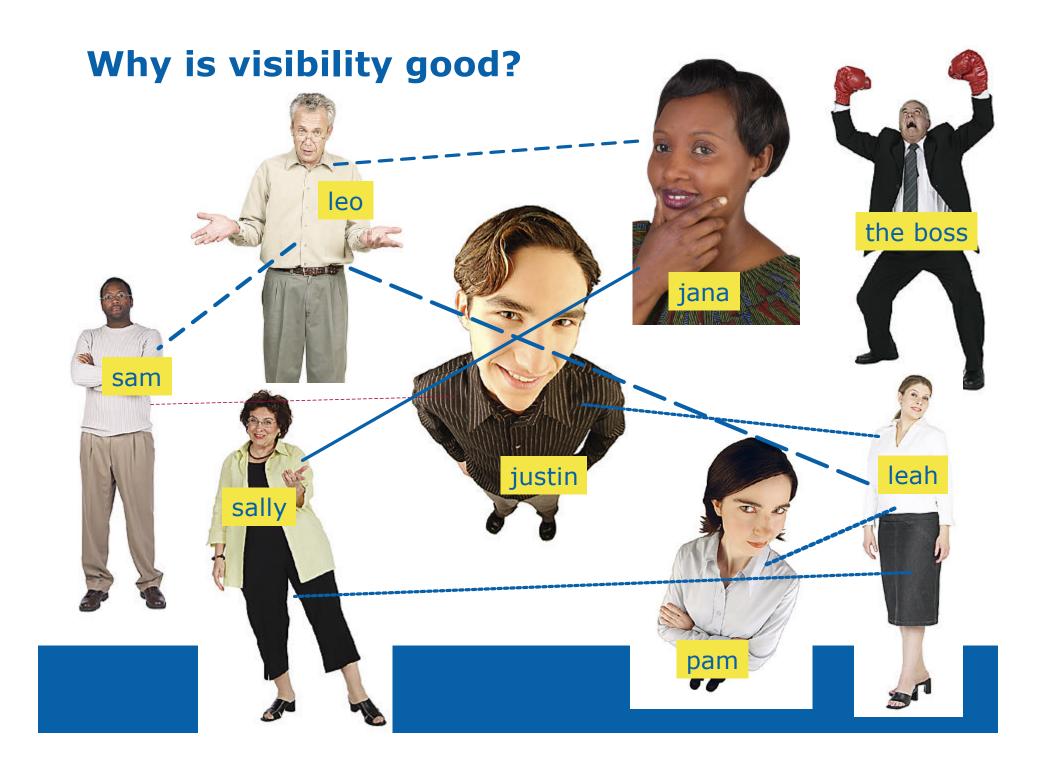


Instructional Designer
Intelpedia Contributions
Intelpedia Edit Requests
Intelpedia References

Organization Tree 🗗

Visibility to everyone





Without a knowledge network* you get...



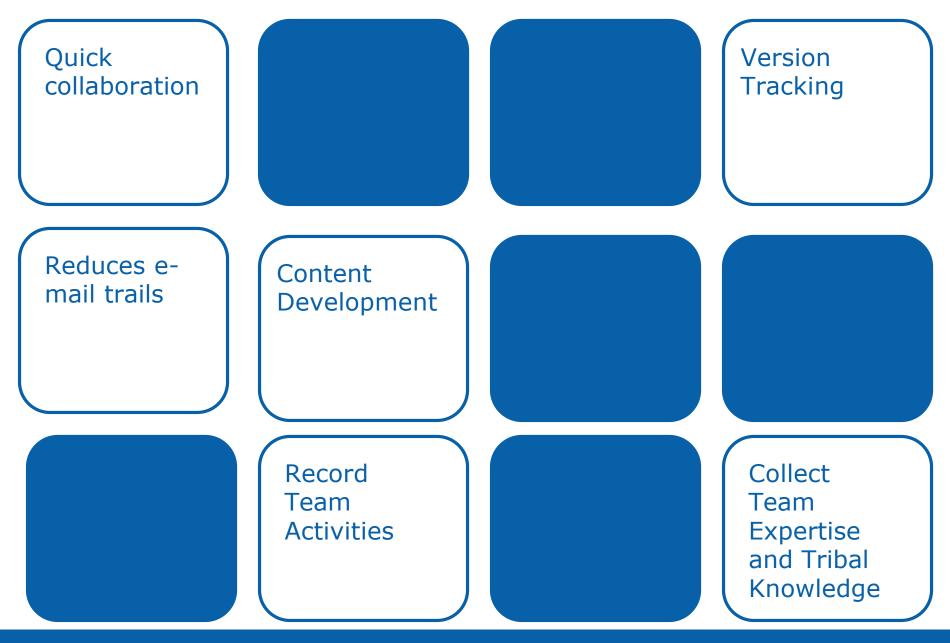












Common Benefits and Features of Wikis



Are you Wiki-ready?

Wiki adopters need to:

- Be open to a way of life built around collaboration
- Understand and appreciate dynamics and benefits of group-think
- Rethink Individualistic Collaboration vs. Group Collaboration
- Make the assumption that everyone's an expert (or has expertise in some areas)
- All or most members of the team must buy in to the wiki philosophy



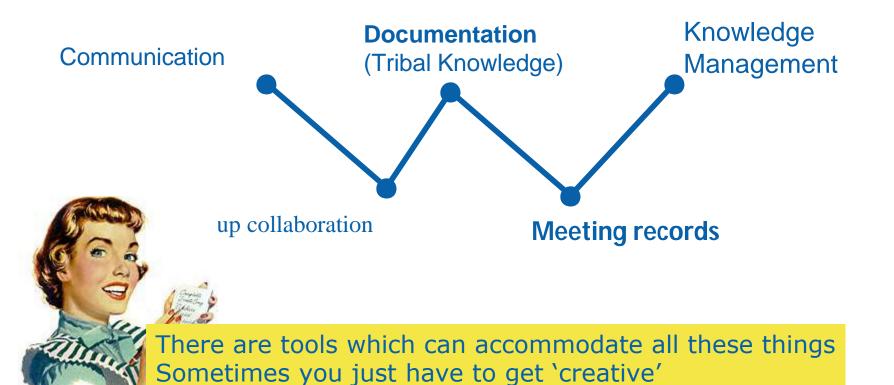
Sometimes you have to give up all the fancy widgets and features



Question

Ask yourself what you want to use the wiki for?

What is your group's tech comfort zone





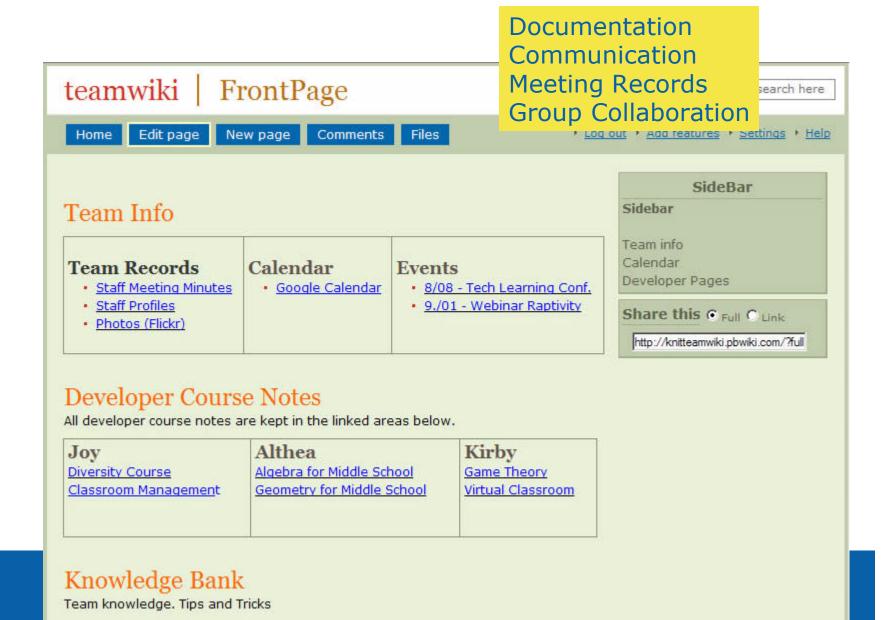
Additional tips and tricks...

- •Be flexible
- Train your group and partners
- •Every gardener prunes





Structuring your wiki



Structure continued...

Knowledge Bank

Team knowledge. Tips and Tricks

Team Business Process (Workflow)

Developers Checklist

Knowledge management

В	Blackboard • Templates • Discussion • Assignments • Gradebook • Evaluation • Getting Started	Captivate	File Standards • HTML Templates • Structure • Naming Conventions • Course Shell • Navigation Files • How to use HTML templates
F	lash Templates Resources Tips and Tricks	Revisions • Service Level Agreement • How to use revision tracker	Technical Tips and Tricks • Audio • Video/Streaming
	Occuments Objectives Course Outline Storyboard	SME (Working With) • Roles (ID/SME) • Tips and methods	Writing Templates • Word documents • Powerpoint

Conclusions

Everyone playing must buy into collaboration culture Team Business Process (Workflow) Adopt simple naming conventions Captivate File Standards Blackboard HTML Templates Keep levels of information transparent and visible Course Shell. Gradebook Navigation Files How to use HTML templates. Prune and update when necessary Revisions Technical Tips and Tricks Don't be stuck on your format/content Audio Video/Streaming Tips and Tricks Respect other's work SME (Working With) Writing Templates Documents Word documents Roles (ID/SME) Objectives Powerpoint Tips and methods Have fun Course Outline Storyboard



Podcasting





Why I Like It

- Allows me to reach global audience
- Fosters sharing of U.S. based experience with junior international sites
- Increases network of business group employees
- Provide multiple viewpoints of one issue/problem
- Guidance from senior leaders/managers
- Exposure to external viewpoints
- Capture intellectual property/harnessing information for incoming generations of workers w/out fear of brain drain
- Technical knowledge development
- Requires minimal development time
- No camera shyness
- It's got the trifecta: quick, easy and cheap!
- It's got that 'cool' factor





Why I Use It

(and continue to get funding for it)

Podcasting meets fundamental learning theories for adults (Malcolm Knowles):

<u>Element #1</u> Adults need to be **involved** in the planning and evaluation of their instruction

- ✓ On-demand, offering maximum learner control
- ✓ Commenting allowed with author response "I have more questions about this."

<u>Element #2</u> **Experience** (including mistakes) provides the basis for learning activities

✓ Sharing of tribal knowledge – "How did 25 year employee deal with this issue?"

<u>Element #3</u> Adults are most interested in learning subjects that have immediate **relevance** to their job or personal life

✓ Interest driven engagement – "How did you get to be so successful?"

Element #4 Adult learning is **problem-centered** rather than content-oriented

✓ Immediate access to current issues and resolutions from internal leaders - "Oh, 5 people are talking about the way they handled this same problem."











How I Use It

- Technical Leadership Development
- Management Leadership Development
- Technical training
- Short technical training/tool/application updates
- External industry news/videos
- Conference keynotes and interviews
- Lectures









What I've Learned the Hard Way

- ⇒ No one wants to listen to a 45 minute podcast
- ⇒ Spend the money for high quality microphone

Figure Out:

- ⇒ What is your business need?
- ⇒ What is your focus/theme?
- ⇒ How/will you measure the effectiveness of your project?
- ⇒ Do you have the development time?
- ⇒ Do you have plenty of interested interview candidates?
- ⇒ Do you have the server storage space?
- ⇒ Do you have the technology for phone recording?
- ⇒ How do you want this to be broadcasted and advertised?
- ⇒ Do you need to protect secret information from being leaked?
- ⇒ How will you maintain the momentum? For yourself and audience?
- ⇒ How will know if you are any good at this personally?
- ⇒ Who can help you if you run into trouble?







If you're Really Into It

i.e. you're the next Robert Scoble

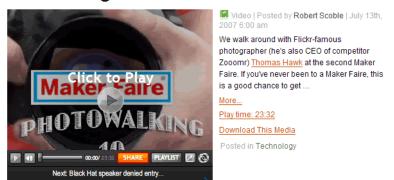
Vidcasting (10:1 development time, not so easy to edit)

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Getting more great content on your cell phone

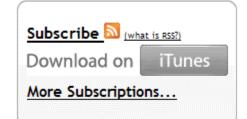
 Add a synchronous sync up / face to face meeting or online live chat forums or discussion groups

Photowalking 10: Maker Faire



Audience can listen (view) from their desktop browser





Audience can subscribe and listen (view) podcast later from their mp3 player



Summary and QnA

Wikis...

Podcasting is easy and you can do it!

Make a plan and jump in





Additional Information

References and Resources



Audacity: http://audacity.sourceforge.net/



Podpress: http://www.podpress.org/

Wikipedia on Podcasting: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcasting

MediaWiki.org: http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/MediaWiki

pbWiki: http://pbwiki.com/

Wikispaces: http://www.wikispaces.com/

Wikipedia: http://wikipedia.org/

Informal Learning Jay Cross on Why Wiki?: http://informl.com/?p=668



Tips and Tricks - Selecting Wiki Tools

What is your group's tech comfort zone?

