

What's a Wiki anyway? Which Should I Choose?



“Tech Tools with Tine” Webinar Series Presents:

Wikis

Collaborate on Your Documents /
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Why a Wiki?

- Website for collaborative content creation
- Used for:
 - Knowledge Management
 - Documentation
 - Note-taking
 - Planning



Which ones for today?

Wiki	URL	List of Sites using the Wiki
MediaWiki	http://www.mediawiki.com	http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Sites_using_MediaWiki/en
TikiWiki	http://info.tiki.org/	http://info.tiki.org/Featured+Tikis
Wikia	http://www.wikia.com/Wikia	http://www.wikia.com/Wikia
PBWiki	http://pbworks.com/	http://pbworks.com/case-studies



Let's look at



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Welcome to MediaWiki.org

MediaWiki is a [free software](#) [open source](#) [wiki](#) package written in [PHP](#), originally for use on [Wikipedia](#). It is now also used by several other projects of the non-profit [Wikimedia Foundation](#) and by many other wikis, including this website, the home of MediaWiki.

Use the links below to explore the site contents. You'll find some content translated into other languages, but the primary documentation language is English.

For general questions about MediaWiki see the [communication page](#) or ask at the [support desk](#).

[About this site](#) | [About MediaWiki](#) | [Download](#) | [Help and support](#) | [Contribute](#)

Using MediaWiki



What is a wiki?

- Learn [how to navigate](#)
- Learn [how to edit a page](#)
- [Get more help](#)

System Administration



Install & configure MediaWiki

- [Upgrade](#) an existing MediaWiki installation
- Add features with [third-party extensions](#)
- [Get more sysadmin help](#)

Developing & Extending



Become a MediaWiki hacker

- Learn to use the [API](#) and [write extensions](#)
- Browse the [developer docs](#) and [class reference](#)
- Already a hacker? Visit the [developer hub](#)

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Highlights for MediaWiki

- Originally developed for Wikipedia
- In-house solution
- Database based (PHP used to manipulate)
- Has versioning control
- Typically does well in a large server farm
- Editing Cheatsheet available
- Demo available
- Open Source / FREE



Requirements

- Web Server (living on Linux, Windows, Mac)
- PHP
- Database server

- Download comes with Apache, PHP, MySQL for easy quick installation
- Compatible with other web servers and database software



How easy is it?

- Readers
 - Familiar layout
 - Most will have existing Wikipedia knowledge
- Editors
 - No XHTML or PHP needed
 - No CSS needed
- Administrators
 - Need someone to manage it, do patches, and security updates
 - Need moderator to accept / reject changes



Up Next...



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The Free and Open Source Web Application with the most built-in features

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"Software made the wiki way"

Featured Tiki



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Tiki News

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What is Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware?

Tiki is the [Free and Open Source Web Application with the most built-in features](#). So whatever feature you can imagine running in your browser window, chances are Tiki does it.

- **Knowledge base:** Wiki, FAQs, File gallery, Photo Album, Tags, Search, Kaltura video management integration, etc.
- **Collaboration/Project Management:** Wiki, Forums, Tasks, Permissions, Timeline, Proposals/Votes, Blog, Categories, Watch, etc.
- **Publishing/web site:** News articles, Blog, RSS, Newsletter, Maps, Themes, Banners, WYSIWYG, SEO, etc.
- **Commerce:** Shopping Cart, Payment, Membership, Credits, Accounting, etc.
- **Social networking/Community:** Friends, Maps, Inter-user messages, Surveys, Polls, Chat, Share link, Comments, Calendar, etc.
- **CRM / Help Desk:** User database, membership, Bug & issue trackers, polls, etc.
- **Office suite:** Wiki, Spreadsheet, Slideshow, Drawings, Database (trackers) and Reports, etc.
- **Personal Information Management (PIM):** Calendar, Webmail, Address book, Notepad, Time Sheet, etc.
- **E-learning:** Quizzes, Slideshow, BigBlueButton webinar integration, etc.
- **Framework:** App builder (forms & reports), Workflow, Profiles, Advanced wiki syntax, etc.



Current releases: Tiki 10.2, 9.4 LTS or 6.10 LTS

Highlights for TikiWiki

- Been around since 2002, active community
- Complete CMS option – expand beyond Wiki
- Can be hosted
- Has versioning control
- Web-based GUI for setup/configuration
- Demo available -
<http://demo.tiki.org/wysiwyg-wiki/tiki-index.php>
- Open Source / FREE

Requirements

- Existing Web Server or Hosting Service
- Database server – mySQL only!
- PHP

- cPanel or ftp available for Hosted solutions;
root not needed
- Manual installation available



How easy is it?

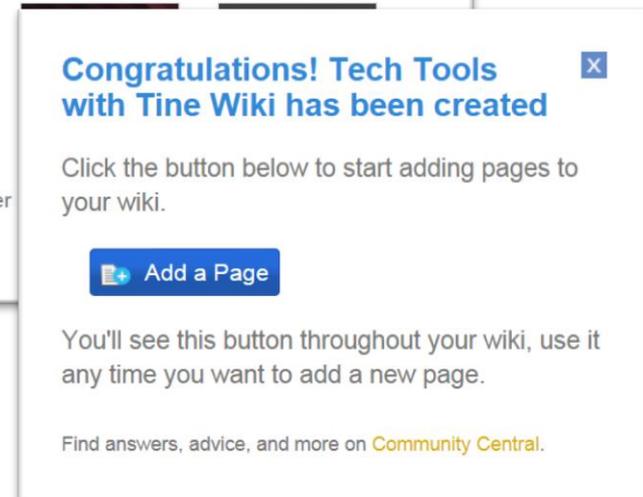
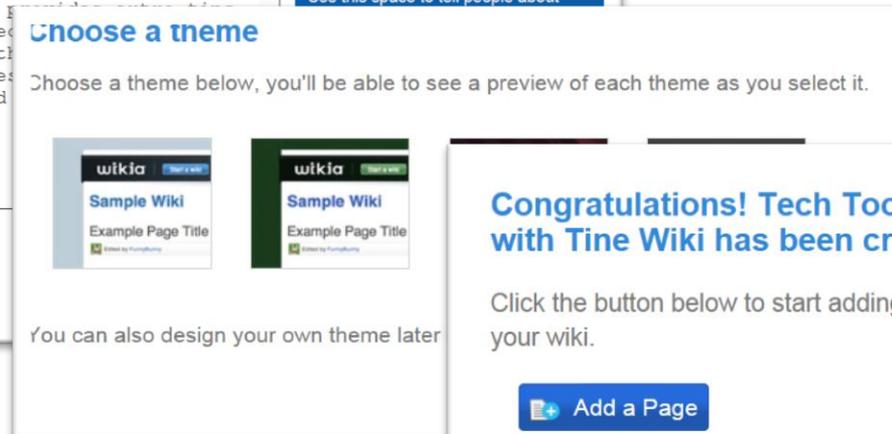
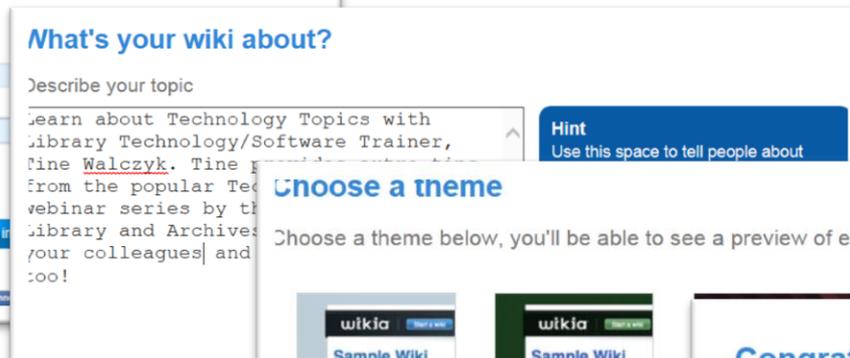
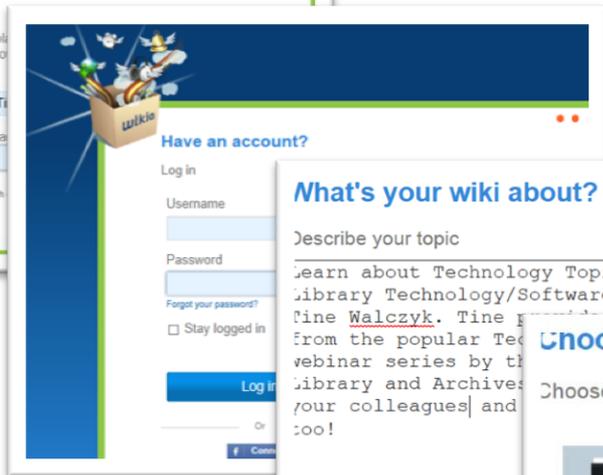
- Readers
 - Graphical interface
- Editors
 - Graphical interface
- Administrators
 - Installation process is intense if not using the cPanel (in-house)
 - Need someone to manage it, do patches, and security updates
 - All features installed by default, just need to configure the appropriate pieces



Wiki in the Cloud... Wikia

5 easy steps and you are live!

It's all online!



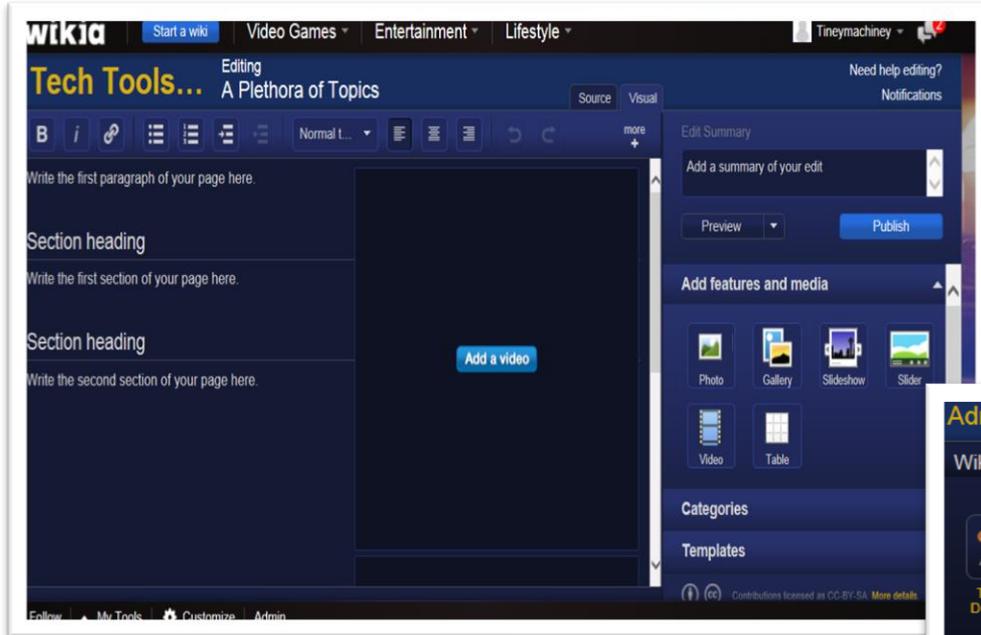
Highlights of Wikia

- Developed in 2006, idea of Wikipedia creators for more popular culture topics.
- iPhone and Android App available for Reading
- FREE

- Library Example -
[http://ourbrant.wikia.com/wiki/Our Brant](http://ourbrant.wikia.com/wiki/Our_Brant)
- [http://konohalibrary.wikia.com/wiki/Konoha Library Wiki](http://konohalibrary.wikia.com/wiki/Konoha_Library_Wiki)
- Terms of Use - [http://www.wikia.com/Terms of Use](http://www.wikia.com/Terms_of_Use)
- Privacy Policy -
[http://community.wikia.com/wiki/Community Central:Privacy Policy](http://community.wikia.com/wiki/Community_Central:Privacy_Policy)



How easy is it?



Editors –
EASY and Graphical interface

Administrators –
EASY and Graphical interface



Easy as a Peanut Butter Sandwich?

PBWiki

Step 1

Sign up

Choose your address

There were errors on the form – please correct them to continue.

This address is already in use – please try a different one.

http:// .pbworks.com

Agree to non-commercial use
Need the Business Edition?

What is this space for?

For individuals
Personal use, groups, clubs

For education
Classrooms, libraries, schools, universities

I agree that this workspace is for non-commercial use only

Step 2

Welcome to
techtoolswithtine.pbworks.com

Choose your workspace's security settings
You can change these later by going to Settings.

Who can view this workspace?

Anyone

Only people I invite or approve

Accept PBworks Terms of Service

I agree to the PBworks [terms of service](#).

Take me to my workspace

Done!

Highlights of PBWiki

- Started in 2003
- All online (in the cloud)
- FREE Basic Account
- Quick start for small project
- Have educator, business, legal, agency versions

- Library Related Example - <http://informationliteracywactc.pbworks.com/w/page/19923193/FrontPage>
- Terms of Use - <http://pbworks.com/content/termsofservice>
- Privacy Policy - http://pbworks.com/privacy-policy?utm_campaign=wiki-link



Versions for Librarians/Libraries

- <http://pbworks.com/librarians>
- Basic – FREE, up to 100 users, multimedia plugins, version control, make wiki public or private, creation of users w/o email
- Classroom - \$99/year, 100 users, all of basic and can make pieces of wiki private, more control of collaborators, branding, 40GB space
- Campus - \$799/year, all of classroom and unlimited workspaces, 1000 users, work with your IT to setup, custom dashboard



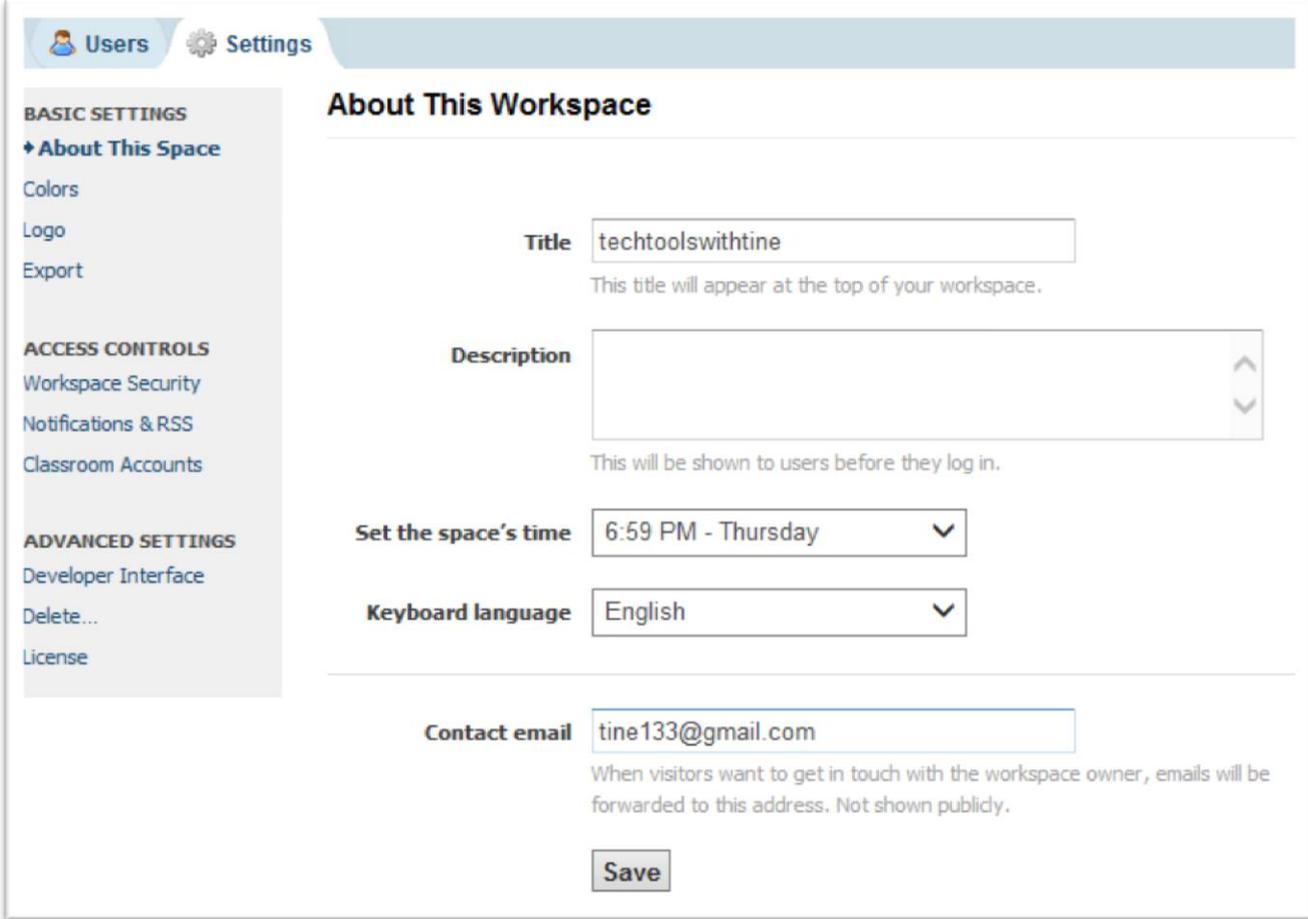
How easy is it?

Editors – Point and Click, Mainly Textual, Lots of setup

The screenshot displays the PBworks workspace interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Wiki', 'Pages & Files', 'Users', and 'Settings', along with a search bar labeled 'Search this workspace'. The main content area is titled 'FrontPage' and includes a 'VIEW' and 'EDIT' toggle. Below the title, it shows 'last edited by PBworks 1 minute ago' and a 'Page history' link. The main text area contains a welcome message: 'Welcome to PBworks. This is a real workspace! Please edit this page, create new pages, and invite others to use this workspace with you.' It also features a section for 'Get Great Ideas!' with a link to the 'PBworks educator community' and a 'Need Help? We're here for you:' section with links to 'The PBworks Manual' and a 'click the help link' instruction. A comments section is visible with 'Add a comment' and a text input field. On the right side, there is a sidebar with options like 'Create a page', 'Upload files', 'Invite more people', 'Share this page', 'Put this page in a folder', 'Add Tags', 'Control access to this page', 'Copy this page', and 'Check for plagiarism'. Below this is a 'Navigator' section showing a list of pages including 'Starred Pages and Files', 'Activity Tracking', 'Assignments', 'Blank Page', 'Course', and 'FrontPage'. At the bottom, there is a 'Printable version' link and a footer with 'PBWORKS PBworks Release #588 / Help About this workspace'.

How easy is it?

Administrators – Point and Click, Mainly Textual, User maintenance



The screenshot displays a web-based settings interface for a workspace. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Users' (with a person icon) and 'Settings' (with a gear icon). The 'Settings' tab is active. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with three sections: 'BASIC SETTINGS' (containing 'About This Space', 'Colors', 'Logo', and 'Export'), 'ACCESS CONTROLS' (containing 'Workspace Security', 'Notifications & RSS', and 'Classroom Accounts'), and 'ADVANCED SETTINGS' (containing 'Developer Interface', 'Delete...', and 'License'). The main content area is titled 'About This Workspace'. It contains several form fields: 'Title' (text input with 'techtoolswithtine'), 'Description' (text area), 'Set the space's time' (dropdown menu with '6:59 PM - Thursday'), and 'Keyboard language' (dropdown menu with 'English'). Below these is a 'Contact email' field with 'tine133@gmail.com'. Each field has a brief explanatory text below it. At the bottom of the form is a 'Save' button.

Users **Settings**

BASIC SETTINGS

- ➔ About This Space
- Colors
- Logo
- Export

ACCESS CONTROLS

- Workspace Security
- Notifications & RSS
- Classroom Accounts

ADVANCED SETTINGS

- Developer Interface
- Delete...
- License

About This Workspace

Title
This title will appear at the top of your workspace.

Description
This will be shown to users before they log in.

Set the space's time

Keyboard language

Contact email
When visitors want to get in touch with the workspace owner, emails will be forwarded to this address. Not shown publicly.

Save



More about Wikis...

- How to get started with Wikis - http://webtrends.about.com/od/wiki/a/getstarted_wiki.htm
- Top 10 Sites for Creating a Wiki - <http://cyberkap.blogspot.com/2011/05/top-10-sites-for-creating-wiki.html>
- Compare Wikis - <http://www.wikimatrix.org/>
- MediaWiki Manual - <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help:Contents>
- TikiWiki Manual - <http://tikiforsmarties.com/HomePage>



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