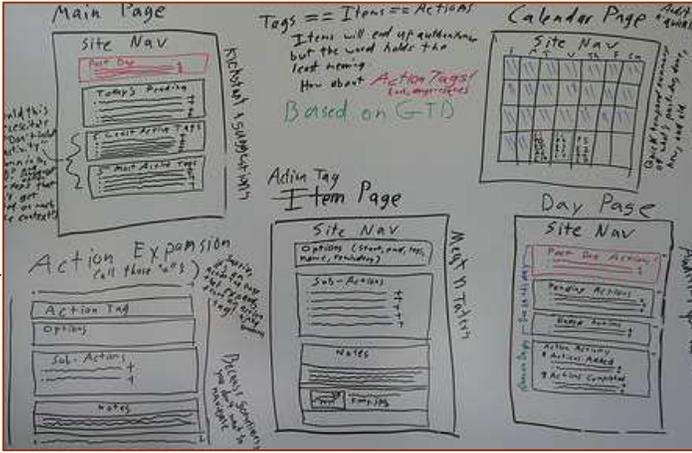


# Introducing wikis

“Wiki wiki” means quick in Hawaiian. A wiki is a website that can be quickly edited by visitors – creating a collaborative, organically developed, online resource”

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A **wiki page** is a bit like a whiteboard. All you need is a marker pen and you can change the content of the whiteboard. On a wiki page, just search for the edit link and **you can change the page contents** directly from your web browser.

Unlike a whiteboard, however, a wiki will store a **history of page changes** so you can see how a page has changed over time, and can bring back an old version if you want to.

A **wiki website** is build up of **interlinked wiki pages**. It is easy to create new pages.

Wiki pages are usually created in plain text with **special ‘markup’ to indicate links and formatting**.

## Getting started: Wikipedia

Probably the best known example of a wiki is Wikipedia – a collaborative encyclopedia covering a wealth of topics.

1. Visit [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com) in your language and use the search feature to **find an article of interest to you**.
2. If you think you can add something to this page (perhaps just by suggesting a new reference or tidying up the information that is already there) then **click the ‘edit this page’ link** at the top of the screen. (If you don’t think you can add anything, find another article.)

article   discussion   **edit this page**   history

3. **Update the page text** taking care to keep the special wiki markup intact. To make a word into a link to another Wikipedia entry, place the word in **[[double square brackets]]**.
4. You can view a **preview** of your changes, and when you are happy with them, **save the page**.
5. The changes you have made are **instantly available** for the benefit of other wikipedia users.
6. You can see the changes other have made (and revert the page to an older version) using the **‘history’** link at the top of the page.

You can **get your own free wiki** from [wikispaces.com](http://wikispaces.com) or [pbwiki.com](http://pbwiki.com). Just **sign up** and start using it.

You might use a wiki to **share information, to draft a document, to organize an event** or to **collaborate with team members** across the world.

### Join Now!

1. Pick a username

2. Set your password

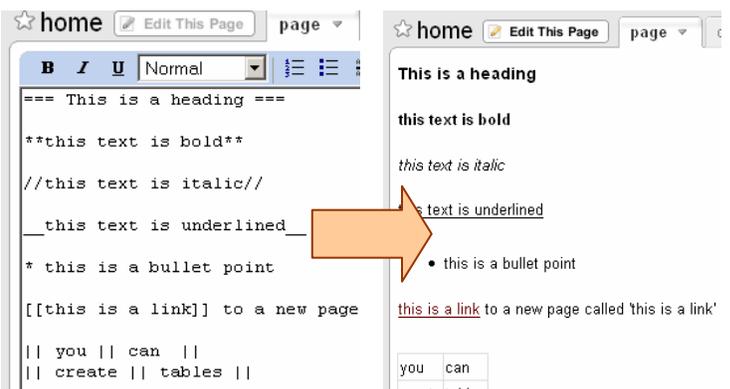
3. Enter your email address

We don't spam or share your email address.

4. Space name (optional)

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**Wiki markup makes it easy to create formatted pages**



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