Wikis

A Hands-on Workshop

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Welcome

Welcome

Who we are

- *~ Mimi*
- *~ Paul*
- *~ David*

Welcome

Handouts

Goals

Goals

1. **What's it all about**

    ~ *What wikis are*

    ~ *How they can be used*

Goals

2. Basic functions

~ *Edit pages*

~ *Create links*

~ *Create new pages*

~ *Basic formatting*

Goals

3. Getting started

~ *Set up a new wiki*

~ *Keep it going*

Goals

4. Be one with Wiki

~ *The Wiki Way*

~ *Don't fear the wiki!*

Today

Today

What we'll do

~ Paul talks

~ David gets you started

~ Paul talks

~ Free play

Intro

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Terminology

~ *Wiki vs. wiki-wiki*

~ *Wiki syntax*

Intro

What is a wiki?

~ *A web site anyone can edit*

~ *Built by its users*

~ *Community collaboration*

~ *Personal scratchpad*

~ *Simple database*

Intro

What is a wiki?

~ *Whatever you want!*

Intro

Where does it come from?

~ *Ward Cunningham, 1995*

~ *Ideas*

~ *People*

~ *Projects*

~ *HyperCard!?*

Intro

How does it work?

~ *Write as you use*

~ *Make links as you write*

~ *Put in stubs*

~ *Build on stubs*

Intro

Linking conventions

~ *CamelCase*

~ *[[Free links]]*

Intro

Wiki principles

~ *Open*

~ *Incremental*

~ *Organic*

~ *Mundane*

~ *Universal*

Intro

Wiki principles

- ~ *Unified*

- ~ *Precise*

- ~ *Tolerant*

- ~ *Observable*

- ~ *Convergent*

Hands on

More...

More...

Terminology

~ *Pages · Topics · Articles · Nodes*

~ *Webs · Namespaces · Subnodes*

~ *Interwiki*

More...

Wiki etiquette

~ *Common space*

~ *Play nice*

~ *Acknowledge controversy*

~ *Do fix obvious mistakes*

~ *Don't be afraid to break it*

More...

What are wikis good for?

~ *Personal notetaking*

~ *Bookmarks*

~ *Piecemeal site development*

~ *Collaboration!*

More...

What are wikis bad for?

~ *Big data*

~ *Tightly controlled sites*

More...

Kinds of wikis

~ *Home page*

~ *Blog*

~ *Group project*

~ *Knowledge repository*

More...

Kinds of pages

~ *Definitional*

~ *Encyclopedic*

~ *Discussion ('thread mode')*

~ *Table of contents*

~ *Guide*

More...

Kinds of pages

~ *User page*

~ *Special*

~ *Categories*

More...

What makes a wiki succeed?

~ *Not the technology*

~ *Not the number of users*

More...

What makes a wiki succeed?

~ *Common interests*

~ *Common goals*

~ *Relevance*

~ *Barn raising*

More...

What makes a wiki fail?

~ *Not controversy*

~ *Not bad writing*

~ *Not users who don't contribute*

~ *Not difference in opinion on details*

~ *Not spam*

More...

What makes a wiki fail?

~ *Lack of focus*

~ *Bickering*

~ *Mismatched expectations*

~ *Edit wars*

~ *People just lose interest*

More...

Case studies

More...

Wikis, wikis everywhere

~ *TiddlyWiki*

~ *Wiki matrix*

Play time

Wrap up

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Obligatory URLs

~ *http://gslis.simmons.edu/mw/sandbox/*

~ *http://hoffmancommapaul.com/wikis/*

Wrap up

What next?

~ *Get your own*

~ *The Wiki Way*

~ *Go forth and wiki!*