

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://hoffmancommapaol.com/wikis/>*

Wrap up

What next?

- ~ Get your own*
- ~ The Wiki Way*
- ~ Go forth and wiki!*