

# What is a wiki and how can I use one

## What is a wiki?

Wikis provide a simple, intuitive way of creating group-authored webpages, such as Wikipedia-style repositories of knowledge.

They are useful for collaborative projects and make it easy to share information.

You can view changes made by different users or rollback to previous versions.

The UCL Wiki is not just one wiki - the Confluence software has the capability of creating many "wiki spaces" for groups of UCL users.

Additionally, both staff and student users have the ability to set up their own "personal space" on the UCL Wiki.

See also the



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## How can I use a wiki?

Here are some ideas:

- You want to create structures of articles on subjects à la Wikipedia;
- You want to build a knowledge-base for a course, research group or project;
- You want to create simple, flexible group-authored Web pages;
- You want to increase student-engagement using a safe, online wiki;
- You want a to showcase your students' work online and their peers read their work;
- You want a central place for your group to collaborate;
- You want a shared area for research groups to put documents under discussion etc.;
- You want to encourage any kind of collaborative work in learning and teaching;
- You want to store committee agendas, minutes, papers and comments in a shared area;
- You want a shared area for a project-related to do lists, minutes etc.;
- You want to share technical notes in a small group;
- Please add anything we've missed here!



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### See Also

#### Use of wikis in various subject areas

[Using a wiki in language classes](#)

#### Interesting Links

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