

Content / Collaboration

UBC Wiki, WordPress, & Library Integration

UbcWiki



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"There is no better time, with all the challenges we are facing, to promote the concept of collaboration in libraries. We don't want competition to be stronger than collaboration."

-[Camila Aire, President of the ALA]

How do we collaborate not only with people but also with information and information systems?

- What is a Wiki
- The history, current status, and potential of the **UBC Wiki**
- Library Namespace
- Why Use Wiki
- When to Use Wiki
- WordPress Integration
- Demo

A wiki is a tool for distributed collaboration

[a wiki is not the same thing as Wikipedia]

Wikipedia before the Wiki

[Question]: Suppose scholars the world over were to learn of a serious online encyclopedia effort in which the results were not proprietary to the encyclopedists, but were freely distributable...in virtually any desired medium.

How quickly would that encyclopedia grow?

[Answer]: Not very quickly

[WARD CUNNINGHAM]:

Groups of people who want
to collaborate also tend to
trust one another

WikiWikiWeb - Mozilla

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Search

 **WikiWikiWeb**

A [WikiWikiWeb](#) is a site where everyone can collaborate on the content. The most well-known and widely used Wiki is the Portland Pattern Repository at <http://c2.com/cgi-bin/wiki?WikiWikiWeb>.

I found these statements there particularly relevant:

The point is to make the [EditText](#) form simple and the [FindPage](#) search fast.

In addition to being quick, this site also aspires to Zen ideals generally labeled [WabiSabi](#). Zen finds beauty in the imperfect and ephemeral. When it comes down to it, that's all you need.

You can say hello on [RecentVisitors](#), or read about [HowToUseWiki](#) and [AddingPages](#). Go ahead, join the discussion, play with it, and have fun!

—[SteveWainstead](#)

[EditText](#) of this page (last edited November 6, 2000) [[info](#)] [[diff](#)])
[FindPage](#) by browsing or searching

5 best incoming links: [HowToUseWiki](#) (13), [FrontPage](#) (9), [SteveWainstead](#) (9), [RecentChanges](#) (6), [MoreAboutMechanics](#) (4)

5 best outgoing links: [AddingPages](#) (15), [HowToUseWiki](#) (13), [RecentVisitors](#) (11), [WabiSabi](#) (10), [SteveWainstead](#) (9)

5 most popular nearby: [FrontPage](#) (5), [FindPage](#) (1), [MoreAboutMechanics](#) (1), [RecentChanges](#) (1)

CUNNINGHAM'S MODEL

A user editable website

- Every page has a link saying "edit text"
- Whenever a user edited a page, the wiki records the change and saves the previous version

THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF A WIKI

Read

Write

Save

Undo

THE UBC WIKI

The screenshot shows the UBC Wiki main page in a browser window. The browser's address bar displays http://wiki.ubc.ca/Main_Page. The page features a navigation menu on the left with sections for navigation, wiki spaces, search, and toolbox. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the UBC Wiki" and includes a description of the wiki's purpose and a list of 7,323 articles in 188 categories. Below this, there are several informational boxes: "How to use this Wiki" with a table of content spaces (Main, Course, Documentation, Sandbox), "Featured Article" about David Korten's book "Agenda for a New Economy", "Teaching and Learning" resources, "UBC Wiki News" updates, and "UBC Photo Gallery" featuring a photo of the "Day of the Longboat" event.

UbcWiki

page discussion view source history

Welcome to the **UBC Wiki**
a shared space for UBC students, staff, and faculty created by UBC students, staff and faculty.

The UBC Wiki is a collaborative space for creating and sharing resources, be it for teaching and learning, research, or community engagement. We reserve the right to delete pornography, hate speech or other content that violates UBC's acceptable use policies. [Learn more...](#)

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Overview - Editing - Questions - Help

Contents - Categories - Collections

How to use this Wiki

Pages on the UBC wiki are grouped into different collections to accommodate different needs:

Main	Course	Documentation	Sandbox
The root of the wiki is open space reserved for articles relating to UBC. It is primarily a community area for knowledge sharing about all aspects of the University.	Course-based content or activities should go into the Course space. See Using the UBC Wiki for Course Work for more information on how to add pages to this space.	The Documentation space is provided for documentation, support guides, technical manuals, and other similar content. Here is an example of how it can be used.	The Sandbox is a place to play, experiment, or to work using the UBC Wiki. The Sandbox is your own notebook and playground; use it how you wish.

Featured Article

David Korten
Creating a Real Wealth Economy for a Just and Sustainable Future

David Korten is the author of *The Last Thing We Progress to Earth Community: When Corporations Rule the World* and the first Canadian World Life After Capitalism. His most recent book, *Agenda for a New Economy*, outlines an agenda to liberate the latent entrepreneurial energies of Main Street from Wall Street's deadly grip and bring into being a new economy – locally based, community-oriented, and devoted to creating a better life for all. This session was recorded Wednesday on Sept 29th, 2010, in the Victoria Learning Theatre in the Irving K Barber Learning Centre.

Listen to the Presentation

To download the audio file... [\(Read More\)](#)

Teaching and Learning

- About This Wiki
- Getting Started
- General Help Topics
- UBC Wiki Spaces
- Using the UBC Wiki for Course Work
- Contributing
- Support
- FAQs
- UBC Wiki Policies
- Create a Book
- New User Welcome Page

UBC Wiki News

- Testers Needed for New Wiki Embed Plug-in
- Upcoming UBC Wiki Support Session on October 7th
- UBC Wiki Homepage Receives 1,000,000 Page View

UBC Photo Gallery

Day of the Longboat

AliceLinWonderland has added a photo to the pool:

A FEW STATISTICS

The UBC Wiki went live in July 2009

In that time, it has received **2,180,841** page views.

It has **8,025** pages,
which were created by 2,055 users.

The UBC Wiki is a **collaborative space** for **creating and sharing** resources, be it for teaching and learning, research, or community engagement.

IDENTIFIED PURPOSES:

- It is a tool for creating and storing course related information
- It is a personal and collaborative work space
- It is a centralized space for documentation collaboration, editing, and storage
- An informational repository for everything and anything UBC
- It is a content management system for websites

ORGANIZATION

We all become important

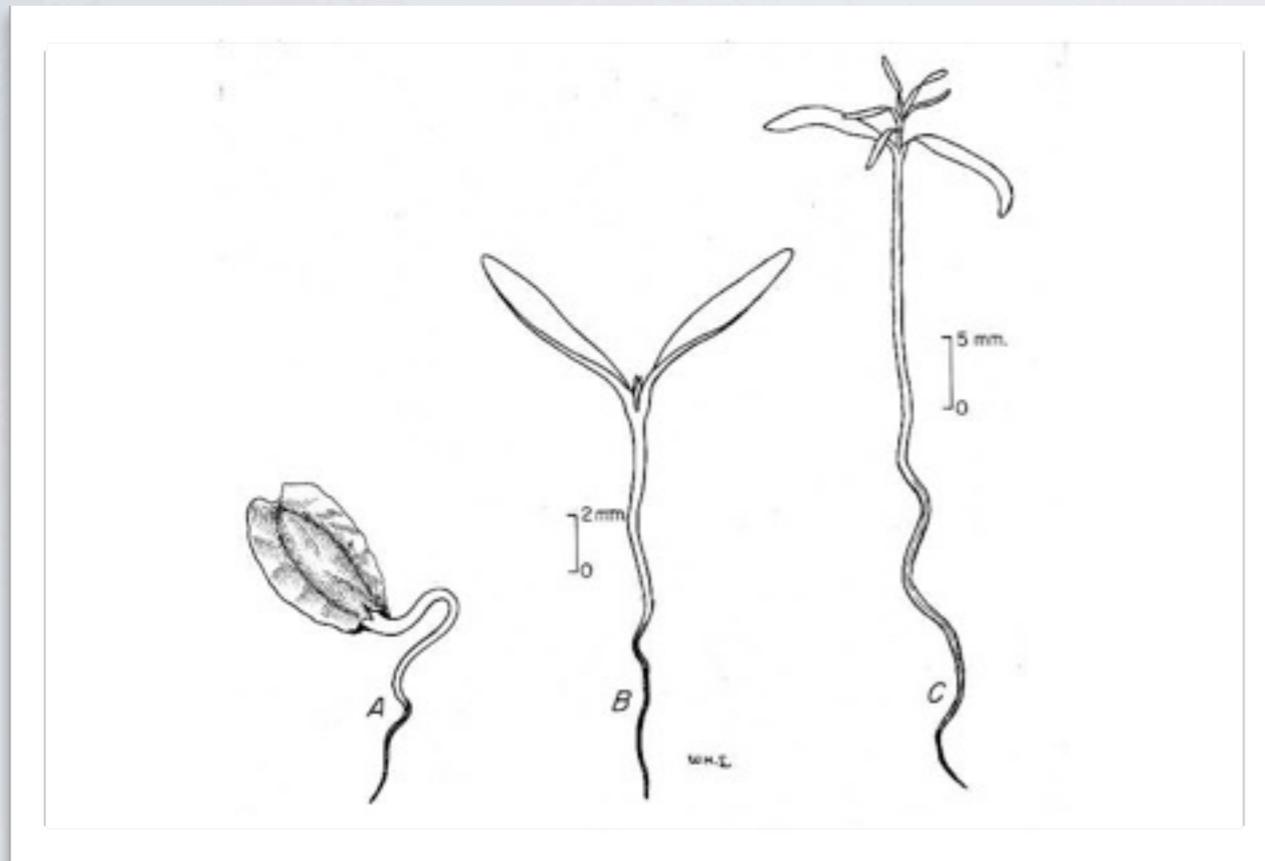
when we realize our goal

should be to figure out our role

within the context of the whole

-[Kimya Dawson of the Moldy Peaches]

GARDENING THE WIKI



Goals

- Making the wiki grow and flourish
- Providing organizational structure
- Not stifling use

NAMESPACES

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Library

THE SANDBOX

Sandbox

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DOCUMENTATION

Documentation:Faculty Resource Guide/Contents - UBC Wiki

http://wiki.ubc.ca/Documentation:Faculty_Resource_Guide/Contents

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Documentation:Faculty Resource Guide

[Home](#) • [Quick Contacts](#) • [About This Guide](#) • [How to Get Started](#) • [Resources](#) • [Organizations](#) • [Events and Opportunities](#) • [What e-Learning Tools Can I Use?](#) • [Distance Learning Help and Support for Students and TA's](#)

The 2009 Faculty e-Learning Resource Guide is now available! You can view the pdf version of the resource guide [here](#).

The Faculty Resource Guide contains a list of

- quick contacts and related services
- information about this guide
- how to get started using technology at UBC
- resources
- organizations
- events and communities of practice and open education opportunities
- what e-learning tools you can use at UBC
- distance learning
- help and support for students and TA's.

Don't forget to fill out the online feedback form, which let's us know which information was useful and how we can improve future editions of the Faculty e-Learning Resource Guide. You can find the feedback form [here](#).

UBC FACULTY e-LEARNING RESOURCE GUIDE

Categories: [Documentation:Faculty Resource Guide](#) | [Faculty e-Learning Resource Guide](#)

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COURSE

Course:MATH110/003 - UBC Wiki

http://wiki.ubc.ca/Course:MATH110/003

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Course:MATH110/003

< Course:MATH110

Welcome to the course's wiki for the academic year 2010/2011.

Math 110 is a two-term course in differential calculus with additional material designed to strengthen understanding of essential pre-calculus topics. In addition to regular lectures, students in MATH 110 are assigned to workshop sections which meet weekly under the guidance of graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants.

Basic Informations

- Course: Math 110, section 003 - Differentiable Calculus
- Instructor: [David Kohler](#)
- Email: david.kohler@math.ubc.ca
- Office: AA 120
- Office hours: Mondays 2:00pm-3:00pm. Or by appointment.
- Class schedule: Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:00 am to 8:50 am
- Classroom: IBLC 261
- Textbook: A custom edition of *Calculus: Early Transcendentals, Single Variable* by Briggs and Cochran is the required textbook. (The custom edition is simply an abbreviated version of the regular edition.) The accompanying custom Student Solutions Manual is also required, as is a supplementary text, the 3rd edition of *Just-in-Time Algebra and Trigonometry for Calculus* by Mueller and Brent. All of these resources may be purchased as a package from the UBC Bookstore.
- Clickers: This course will make use of [iClickers](#). A lot of various courses at UBC make use of this technology. You can get your iClicker at the UBC Bookstore. Have a look at the [Clickers documentation](#) page on this wiki for more details.

What you will find in this wiki

So far, the following pages have been created.

- If you are a new student who just enrolled in this course, please read the [Getting Started](#) page.
- Most administrative issues such as grading schemes, important dates and the course outline are discussed and described on the [Administration](#) page.
- Daily reading assignments will be described on the [Reading Assignment](#) page.
- There will be a assigned homework almost every week. The [Homework Assignment](#) page will contain all the relevant information.
- The [Math Forum](#) page offers the possibility to ask and answer mathematical questions related to the course. This is mainly meant for students to ask questions related to the homework, the reading assignments or the topics explored in the course in general.
- The [Course policies](#) page contains all the rules that have been agreed on by the class.
- The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page highlights common questions and provides tips and answers.

List of all subpages of this wiki

- [MATH110/003/Administration](#)
- [MATH110/003/Basic Skills](#)
- [MATH110/003/Class List](#)
- [MATH110/003/Groups/Group 15](#)
- [MATH110/003/Groups/Group 15/Homework 3](#)
- [MATH110/003/Groups/Group 15/Homework 4](#)



MAIN [UBCpedia]

- Information goes across university boundaries, such as departments, campuses, individuals, classes, etc.
- Information is centralized in a long lasting location

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- What's the difference between my housing and the one I want to live in?
- Where is the closest place on campus to get a beer?

[Question]: How do wikis protect an author's work?

[Answer]: They don't.

Philosophical Ownership

- **[Main space]**: No ownership of articles
- **[Documentation, Sandbox, and Course]**: Implied ownership
- **[Library]**: Explicit Ownership

CONTENT REPUBLISHING

Information published on the
UBC Wiki does not have to
stay on the UBC Wiki

LIBRARY NAMESPACE

- A section of UBC Wiki for Library Use
- Editing Restricted to Library Staff
- Viewing is Public

WHY USE UBC WIKI

- Collaboration Tool
- Shared Ownership & Maintenance
- Good Templating Tool
- Multiple Site Usage

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- Can combine WordPress content and wiki content if necessary

QUESTIONS?

The UBC Wiki is a Tool Measured in Potential Energy

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[It's most valuable asset is you]

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