How to create your own PBwiki in 5 minutes

Step 1 – Creating your PBwiki

Go to: **http://www.pbwiki.com**

1. Pick a wiki name
2. Insert your e-mail address
3. Click on the **Create My Wiki** button

After you click "Create My Wiki" you will receive a confirmation e-mail. Click the link in the e-mail. The e-mail will contain an activation link which will allow you to finish creating your wiki.

Public or private?

You'll be asked whether you'd like a public or private wiki.

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- Private wikis require a password in order to login and view the content.
- Public wikis allow anyone able to view your content (recommended).

Will your wiki be public or private?

☑ Make my wiki public — strongly encouraged. Public wikis make it easy to collaborate, and a password is **always** required to change your wiki.

No matter which option you choose, don't worry about outsiders editing your content: A password is always required to edit your wiki.

Step 2 – Logging into your PBwiki

After creating and activating your PBwiki, you can now log in. Your PBwiki address will contain the site name you used to create your wiki.

For example:

- If you named your PBwiki **myenglishclass** your PBwiki address will be: **http://myenglishclass.pbwiki.com**
- If you named your PBwiki **medialibrarycenter** your PBwiki address will be: **http://medialibrarycenter.pbwiki.com**

1. Go to your PBwiki by typing your PBwiki address into your web browser

   Example:
   http://darrenstestwiki.pbwiki.com/

2. If you marked your wiki **Public** you'll be taken directly to your wiki. To log in, click "Log in" at the top-right corner of your screen. Just enter your wiki's password and click on the **Login** button. Adding your name and e-mail is optional, but recommended, as it will allow you to understand who has changed the wiki, and when.

Example:

darrenstestwiki: Log in

Please enter the wiki password.

Password: ******
This is the wiki-wide password.

Optional
Let those in your group know who made the changes!

Your Name: Darren Allarde
Your Email: darren@pbwiki.com
☑ *Notify me of changes*[?]

[Log in]

Step 3 - Editing your PBwiki and saving your work

After logging in, you will be taken to the **FrontPage** of your PBwiki. Think of the **FrontPage** as the home page for your PBwiki.
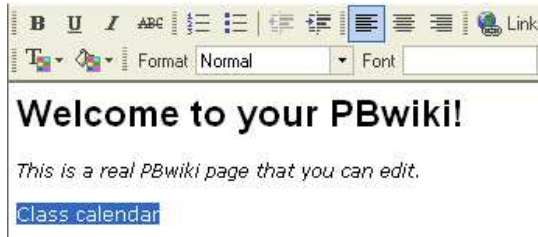
darrenstestwiki | FrontPage   search here

Home | Edit page | New page | Comments | Files   ▸ Log out ▸ Add features ▸ Settings ▸ Help

Welcome to your PBwiki!   QuickStart   Recent Activity   SideBar

This is a real PBwiki page that you can edit.   Create a new page
                                                        Create a classroom
Get started now. To see how easy PBwiki is: Create a syllabus
1. Click "Edit Page" at the top of this page   Create a group project
2. Type something   Use another template
3. Click Save!

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Video: 4 easy steps to get started   http://darrenstestwiki.pbwiki.com/?full_access

Editing your PBwiki is extremely easy to do. Just click **Edit Page!**   Edit page

Remember - the best way to use PBwiki is to simply play around. Don't worry about accidentally deleting text or images; anytime a page is saved it creates a revision which allows you to revert back to an older version of the page at any time.

Step 4 - Creating links

1. Login to your PBwiki.

2. Click the **Edit Page** button.   Edit page

3. Type a word and highlight it.

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4. Click **Link** button in the toolbar.

5. Click **OK**.

6. Click the **Save** button.

7. Finished! Click on the link to your new page and begin editing it.

Note: Additionally, you can create a link to an external website (Google, Yahoo, eBay) by simply typing the web address. Example: http://www.google.com, http://www.yahoo.com, http://www.ebay.com

Step 5 - Further things to experiment with

PBwiki has a ton of exciting and useful plugins that you can put directly on your wiki.

Let's try playing around with a few of them:

1. Login to your PBwiki.

2. Click the **Edit Page** button.

3. Click on **Insert Plugin**

4. Now mouse over **Productivity.** From here you can add a **Calendar, Spreadsheet,** or any existing **Google Gadget**.

5. You can even add a chat room and a walkie talkie widget that will allow up to 20 people to talk over your PBwiki. Mouse over **Chat** and you'll see a **chat room** and **YackPack voice chat** available.

Don't be afraid! Click around and add whatever plugin you feel like experimenting with.

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