

What's a PBwiki?

A wiki is an easy-to-use web page that multiple people can edit. PBwiki (http://www.pbwiki.com/) is the easiest way to get a wiki for your classroom or for yourself. For example, if you want a classroom web page, you could add your syllabus and handouts right to your PBwiki in 30 seconds.

What else can I do with a PBwiki?

- Let your students collaborate: They can use a PBwiki to do group work or each create their own personal web page.
- Demo your work: Use your PBwiki as an easy portfolio for learning and technology in your classroom. You can create an online slideshow to demo your work with one click.
- **Keep others informed**: Set up a page in your PBwiki to update parents on what your classroom is doing, or to update students on changes to your syllabus. It's live and editable anytime.

What if one of my students posts something that's inappropriate?

You can always go back to an earlier version of the wiki. Because we keep all versions of a page, you can go back and forward in time very easily. And you can see who made each change.

How much does it cost?

Setting up a PBwiki is free. You get 10MB of storage space, unlimited pages, and an unlimited number of visitors. If you'd like more features and storage space, we offer Premium wikis starting at \$10/month.

Is it easy to use?

Yes! It's as easy as making a peanut butter sandwich. It takes 30 seconds to create and you can have a classroom up and running in about 5 minutes. We have lots of templates to get you started, and we're always adding more.

Who controls the content?

Whoever has the password to your wiki can edit it. In other words, you control who gets access to the wiki, but once they're logged in, they can edit the wiki.

Our Premium plans offer advanced features like access controls, which let you designate certain people as Readers and others as Contributors. You can also lock certain pages (like your syllabus) and hide others. You can upgrade any time right from your wiki.

Can I make my wiki public or private?

Yes, you can make your wiki public or private. And no matter what you choose, a password is always required to edit your wiki--meaning only your trusted group can make changes to your wiki.

Can you show me some sample wikis?

- http://mrlindsay.pbwiki.com/ is Mr. Lindsay's beautiful classroom wiki, where he demos his students' work with book reviews, poems, stories, and tons of other resources. It's a wiki run "by the students, for the students."
- http://cas100b.pbwiki.com/ is another excellent educational wiki. Notice how it has class notes, project proposals, and different sections for different classes.
- http://epochewiki.pbwiki.com/ is Penn State's English 15 wiki, which is required for every freshman student.

Can I attach pictures or video clips?

Yes. In fact, you can attach any type of file to any page in your wiki. Just click the "Files" button.

Can I monitor what goes up on the wiki?

Yes, you can get notified by email of every change that's made to your wiki.

Is my data safe? Can I back up my pages?

Your data is safe. We back up our data hourly, and you can get 1-click backups right from your wiki. Our job is to keep our users' data secure, so we're fanatical about safety and security.

Who are the people behind PBwiki?

We're real people. There are 3 of us: David Weekly, Ramit Sethi, and Nathan Schmidt. We're all Stanford graduates. Contact us any time at support@pbwiki.com.

What other educators are saying about PBwiki

"'Incredible. Awesome. Why didn't I know about this sooner?" These comments are from some of the people to whom I've previewed the presentation "What's a Wiki?" that will feature the pbwiki site. Your group has put together an easy-to-use, easy-to-access site, and you have my compliments and my gratitude for making this available for educational use."

Susan Dupre, NBCT, Technology Facilitator, St. Mary Parish School Board

"The interface is easy to use. I made my wiki in less than 15 minutes."

Paula M. Storm, Assistant Professor & Science Technology Librarian, Eastern Michigan University

Special note: All educational wikis are now ad-free.



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