

**Title of Session:** A K-12 Teacher Wiki

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**BJB2:** Welcome to today's A K12 Teacher Wiki special discussion

**BJB2:** Michael, want to start with introductions?

**MichaelM:** Sure

**MichaelM:** My name is Michael Misovec and I am one of the founders of helpingstudents.org. Thank you all for coming.

**FredK:** I am a literacy tutor in SE Oklahoma

**BJB2:** I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania

**DavidWe:** I'm in New Jersey, near New York City. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers and I lead a math education discussion

**WilliamBi:** I am a Spanish Teacher in Alabama...

**MichaelM:** Some of you may be familiar with Wikis

**MichaelM:** What is a Wiki?

**MichaelM:** Wiki is a Hawaiian term meaning "fast". The first such software to be called a wiki, WikiWikiWeb, was named by Ward Cunningham. In 1995. There are many Wikis. The most widely known is Wikipedia which is a free on online encyclopedia that anyone may edit.

**MichaelM:** Can anyone view or edit my Wiki? Yes or No. You may restrict access to any of your Wiki pages. You may also limit editing or any other function to members of your user group.

**MichaelM:** Any questions yet?

**MichaelM:** Ok

**MichaelM:** What is "A K12 Teacher Wiki"? "A K12 Teacher Wiki" is a group at [tappedin.org](http://tappedin.org) to discuss how to use Wikis for educational purposes. The actual Wiki is a free public service provided by Helping Students Education Corp., a non profit 501 ( c )

(3) organization. Teachers may add unlimited Wiki pages to share in their community or create a public or private Wikis for class projects.

**MichaelM:** What is the difference in a Blog and a Wiki? A blog is simply short for web log. A blog provides information in sequential format. Wikis offer sequential and relational indexed entries.

**BJB2** reads

**DavidWe** nods

**WilliamBi:** ok

**MichaelM:** Why use Wikis?

**MichaelM:** 2. You can monitor all changes in real time

**MichaelM:** 3. If you make a mistake, the Wiki allows you to restore any previous page versions

**MichaelM:** 4 A collaborative group may always find the latest info

**WilliamBi:** Drum roll

**DavidWe** gets ready for the rim shot

**MichaelM:** If you share editing access to a page, you may select content and easily paste to your Wiki in seconds

**MichaelM:** May I add pictures, files, audio or video? Yes. You may add pictures, power point presentations, files, audio video links, etc..

**MichaelM:** May I add or edit the State or school communities? Yes. Each State Wiki has a link to their Department of Education. Every school district and school in the United States has a Wiki available. We encourage teachers to add content to these areas. If you have access to edit a page, please feel free to make improvements. For example, if your state has standardized testing resources, it would be an improvement to add these valuable resource for parents.

**WilliamBi:** Cool

**MichaelM:** Virginia Standards of Learning Resources:  
<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=SOL>

**MichaelM:** Public School Wiki Example:  
<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=WesternBranchHighSchool>

**MichaelM:** Thank you

**MichaelM:** Take a minute to review the links. If no questions, we'll move on to editing

**BJB2:** nice example, Michael.

**MichaelM:** Thank you. I'm from VA and used examples of VA standards

**WilliamBi:** I like the trail...Nice feature...

**MichaelM:** There are 11 usernames created for this Demo Usernames: School1, Teacher1, Teacher2, Teacher3 and so on. The password for this demo is: pass

**MichaelM:** Let's try it out. I need a few volunteers to try editing. Please go to <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Demo> and login using the tab at the top right.

**MichaelM:** The usernames are also listed on the whiteboard

**DavidWe** will login as School1

**MichaelM:** Thanks David

**DavidWe** got a funny error message about privileges

**DavidWe:** I think I'm logged in

**WilliamBi:** I'm in...

**WilliamBi:** I think I'm in

**DavidWe** has G'day "School Administrator" to the left of the running horse

**BJB2:** not letting me in

**DavidWe:** username is case-sensitive

**WilliamBi:** It looks the same but now I can edit it...

**WilliamBi:** I'm in...I think...I can edit

**MichaelM:** The usernames are case sensitive

**MichaelM:** Try editing William

**BJB2** nods. Used a cap T

**MichaelM:** Yes

**MichaelM:** I'm going to add a couple things to the demo page

**WilliamBi:** Yeap I'm in...

**DavidWe:** Where do I go to add things?

**WilliamBi:** In the demo area to the right...

**MichaelM:** Add to the Demo page

**BJB2:** I see your g'day, David

**MichaelM:** or your username page

**DavidWe:** And what do I click FIRST, Michael, to add something?

**WilliamBi:** The part that has add, it is in pink and text.

**DavidWe** looks

**WilliamBi:** I added a comment BELOW Mike's

**WilliamBi:** Maybe you're not in David???

**DavidWe** isn't sure

**FredK:** I'm in now

**WilliamBi:** Go to the demo section and click on login...

**MichaelM:** Refresh your page. Does everyone see a horse now.

**DavidWe:** I logged in...got the running horse...says, "G'day School Administrator (in red) (authenticated)

**BJB2** sees the horse

**DavidWe:** Thanks, Michael. Got it, now

**FredK:** me too

**MichaelM:** Great.

**MichaelM:** Lets everyone move to the Teachers

**DavidWe** added something

**DavidWe** . o O ( on the Demo page )

**BJB2** cheers for David

**MichaelM:** I'm going to paste a real time editing info from another page

**DavidWe** bows humbly

**WilliamBi:** Anyone see my comment on the teachers page?

**BJB2:** you're teacher5, William?

**DavidWe** saw Teacher5 comment

**MichaelM:** I see it!!

**WilliamBi:** cool

**DavidWe** . o O ( "William is here" )

**WilliamBi:** great

**MichaelM:** Does everyone see the real time monitoring

**DavidWe:** What do you mean, Michael?

**WilliamBi:** NO!

**MichaelM:** Refresh your Demo page and you will see

**FredK:** no

**WilliamBi:** we are on the teacher page

**WilliamBi:** Do I need to go back

**BJB2:** I see that Teacher 8 was blocked?

**DavidWe** went back to the Demo page to look for "real time monitoring"

**WilliamBi:** I'm just a teacher David...no fair...

**MichaelM:** oops. Ok it's there now

**DavidWe .** o O ( no fair? what's no fair? )

**BJB2** nods...no locks currently

**WilliamBi:** I see that on the demo page

**WilliamBi:** you're an administrator

**DavidWe:** I was TOLD to be an administrator

**DavidWe** smiles

**MichaelM:** Refresh and you will see I'm editing another page

**WilliamBi:** I'm teasing you David

**DavidWe** smiles

**BJB2:** Michael, if we see that someone is editing a page we want to edit, do we wait until the edit expires?

**WilliamBi:** Ok, what am I missing?

**MichaelM:** You can restore pages so it does not matter. Go for it

**BJB2:** refresh your demo page, William

**WilliamBi:** Thanks.

**MichaelM:** Ok now you have a link to every college in the country. Pretty cool

**MichaelM:** Refresh of course

**MichaelM:** Ok. Does anyone have a question?

**WilliamBi:** They don't work...

**MichaelM:** What's not working?

**MichaelM:** Which page

**WilliamBi:** I get a better luck next time...demo page

**BJB2** nods...me too

**MichaelM:** Try editing Teacher8

**WilliamBi:** Sorry, but you are not allowed to do that message

**MichaelM:** Some pages have restrictions

**MichaelM:** Which page are you in William?

**WilliamBi:** A-Z does not link on the demo page

**WilliamBi:** My bad it's just A

**MichaelM:** It links to colleges

**BJB2:** not for me

**BJB2:** takes me to an error page

**WilliamBi:** G works fine

**BJB2** agrees

**WilliamBi:** A-D is dead

**BJB2:** D is ok

**WilliamBi:** My bad A-C

**MichaelM:** Try again. I was editing

**BJB2:** nope

**FredK:** "O" works

**WilliamBi:** a-c is dead... I want my school...SMILE

**WilliamBi:** The others work great. Cool

**FredK:** What are the little red arrows?

**BJB2:** quite a comprehensive list of schools when the link works, Michael!

**WilliamBi:** Links external

**WilliamBi:** ???

**BJB2:** has flash?

**MichaelM:** The problem is that you do not yet have permissions to all schools

**WilliamBi:** Thanks

**BJB2:** Fred asked what the red arrow indicates, Michael

**WilliamBi:** External links!

**MichaelM:** External link

**BJB2** nods

**MichaelM:** Ok To add a new page type

**MichaelM:** [A New Page Name] in brackets

**WilliamBi:** Where?

**MichaelM:** If you want an external link type [<http://www.tappedin.org>]

**MichaelM:** After you click edit on a page you have access

**BJB2:** <http://www.tappedin.org>

**MichaelM:** Put in brackets

**MichaelM:** [<http://www.externallink.com>]

**WilliamBi:** I got more than just a new page I got a list

**WilliamBi:** My bad...I didn't follow directions

**MichaelM:** That means the page name may already be in use. Try [BJB.Newpage]

**MichaelM:** Everyone may want to check out the help link in the top left menu

**MichaelM:** Is anyone still having problems or have questions?

**MichaelM:** Good job Teacher5 who ever you are. I see you making new Wiki pages!!

**WilliamBi:** COOL

**MichaelM:** Great job everyone!

**MichaelM:** Thank you. That's a boat load of info for now. I'm going to stop and answer questions

**MichaelM:** If you do not already have a real username. Just send an email to [accounts@helpingstudents.org](mailto:accounts@helpingstudents.org)

**BJB2:** before we run out of time, would you like to do a repeat session in late January, Michael?

**MichaelM:** Sure. Thank you.

**WilliamBi:** This is great...no problems...

**MichaelM:** I'm going to stick around for awhile in case anyone has questions

**BJB2:** thanks, Michael

**WilliamBi:** I linked to all of my blogs, wikis, and websites

**MichaelM:** You're welcome. Thank you all for your bravery

**WilliamBi:** Thanks, Gracias

**MichaelM** smiles

**DavidWe:** Good job, Michael

**DavidWe:** Thanks for leading the discussion

**WilliamBi:** Great Job...

**MichaelM:** Thank you for coming David.

**SusanR:** Thank you!!

**FredK:** Thanks

**MichaelM:** Please include your username pref unless you want to be called Teacher#

**DavidWe** waves goodnight

**MichaelM:** Ha HA

**MichaelM:** Thank you Fred

**MichaelM:** Susan, Do you have any questions?

**WilliamBi:** Can we set up a login at the site

**MichaelM:** We need to ensure only teachers. I already sent you a username William

**MichaelM:** Would you like me to re-send?

**WilliamBi:** Thanks where did you send it?

**FredK:** please

**MichaelM:** your email I think

**WilliamBi:** Okay, Thanks

**BJB2:** how long will the demo page be available with the usernames and password?

**MichaelM:** Please send an email to [accounts@helpingstudents.org](mailto:accounts@helpingstudents.org)

**MichaelM:** I'll keep it up for 3 days

**FredK:** I hope my tutoring classifies me as a teacher

**BJB2** nods. Thanks

**MichaelM:** After that, people should request their own username at the email

**MichaelM:** Your ok Fred. Just include your contact info

**BJB2:** gotcha. I'll include that in the transcript

**FredK:** ok

**BJB2** waves goodnight. I'll be in touch about a January session, Michael

**FredK:** thanks again

**MichaelM:** Ok Thank you and Big Hugs for your help:)

**WilliamBi:** I got an email from Jeff...

**BJB2** smiles and hugs right back