

## Blackboard 9.1 Wiki

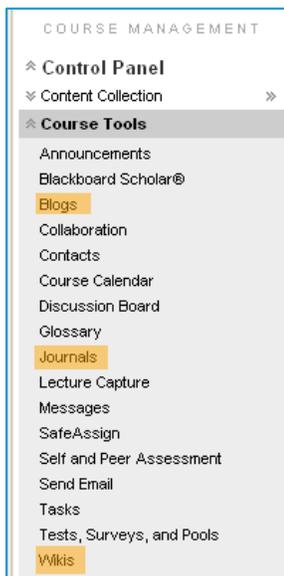
### What is a Wiki?

A Wiki is a Web page(s) where people can work collaboratively. The most common example is Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia that allows anyone in the world to contribute content to it. What makes a wiki unique is that multiple participants can edit the same page, and everyone can view it. The instructor can access the Wiki content and collaborate, too.

### Why use a Blackboard Wiki?

- Allow groups to coordinate projects easily without the usual scheduling hassles of meeting in person.
- Let the whole class create/complete a study guide for the next test.
- When the Wiki is embedded in Blackboard, participants can find it easily and the grades are automatically entered into the Bb Grade Center. It is also shielded from the outside world, which can be considered both a plus and a minus.

### How do I get started?



From inside your Blackboard course, expand the **Course Tools** area of the new **Control Panel** and choose **Wiki**.

Then click on the **Create Wiki** button.

The image shows a screenshot of the Blackboard Wikis page. At the top, there is a teal header with the word 'Wikis' and a sub-header: 'A Wiki is a collaborative tool that allows students to contribute and modify one or more pages of Course related materials. [More Help](#)'. Below the header is a 'Create Wiki' button with a black arrow pointing to it. Underneath is a table with columns for 'Name', 'Type', 'Student Access', and 'Last Modified Date'. The table contains three rows of existing wikis. At the bottom right, there is a pagination control showing 'Displaying 1 to 3 of 3 items' and buttons for 'Show All' and 'Edit Paging...'.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Student Access	Last Modified Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	It was a dark and stormy afternoon	Course	Open to Editing	5/21/10 4:20 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	It was a dark and stormy morning!	Course	Open to Editing	5/21/10 4:19 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test Story	Course	Open to Editing	5/21/10 4:20 PM

With the Create Wiki window, give the Wiki a name and optional instructions using the boxes provided.

You can also set the following options:

- **Wiki Availability** – Yes / No, and optional Display After and Until Dates.
- **Student Access** – Closed to editing / Open to editing.
- **Grade Wiki** – No grading / Grade with Points possible setting
- Then **Submit** your settings.

The first person to enter the Wiki must create the home page. The instructor could use this requirement as a way to get the students started by making suggestions in the Wiki Page Content area. Then when the students start collaborating in the Wiki page, they can replace your suggestions with their work.

No Pages exist for this Wiki. Please create the home page.

**Create Wiki Page**

Appears the first time the Wiki is visited.

**Instructions**  
Co-write a story with members of your group.  
\* Indicates a required field.

Cancel Submit

1. **WIKI PAGE CONTENT**

\* Name

A name for the Wiki home page is required.

Content

Visual Editor is: ON

The instructor can optionally add suggestions to the students on how to get started here.

This is the student's view of the wiki. The student chooses **Tools** from the menu and then finds Wiki in the list of tools. The student sees a list of course wikis. To enter a wiki, just click on its name.

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- Home Page
- Information
- Groups
- Tools
- Help
- Class Blog
- Class Wiki
- My Journal

**Wikis**

A Wiki is a collaborative tool that allows you to contribute and modify one or more pages of related material. Follow the instructions to each specific Wiki as to how it should be used with your course.

**Group 1 Test Assignment**

Type: Group  
Last Modified Date: 6/21/10 1:39 PM

**Storytelling Wiki**

Type: Course  
Last Modified Date: 6/23/10 4:57 PM

Here is an example of the main Wiki window. You can create a new page, link to an existing page and edit.

**Storytelling Wiki**

**Create Wiki Page** ← Add a new page here.

My Contribution

**Instructions**  
Co-write a story with members of your group.

**Group 1's Story** Edit Wiki Content  
Created By Nancy Lilleberg on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:57:21 PM CDT

Click here to add to the existing page.

Comments: 0 Click here to comment on the page. Or view existing comments. Comment

List of subpages

**About This Wiki**  
Number of Wiki Pages: 1  
Number of Comments: 0  
Creation Date: 6/23/10 4:45 PM

**Storytelling Wiki**  
Group 1's Story

When you edit wiki content, you'll see the usual editing tools you're used to in simple word processors. Add your content and then submit it with the Submit button.

\* Indicates a required field.

Cancel Submit

**1. Wiki Page Content**

Name Story 1

When finished editing, SUBMIT!

Content

Visual Editor is: ON

Usual Editing Tools

Type here to start the story. The next group continues on where the previous one left off.

And so the Wiki grows as participants edit existing pages, add new pages, and comment on the progress. This concludes "Getting Started with Bb Wikis."