

## Wikispaces

### What is it?

Wikispaces is a website where “wikis” can be created. A wiki is a webpage that can be made public, private, or even able to be edited by others. It can be used for pretty much any project in an academic setting. Papers can be submitted, homework assignments or essays as well, special projects utilizing videos, images or links, etc. It even can be created like a website, with links to additional pages, widgets, and images.

### Who’s doing it?

Online and distance education classes, classes targeting technology, etc. will benefit from wikispaces. People may also use wikispaces as a homepage for various organizations, where collaboration on different projects can occur between multiple people, even in various locations via the discussion boards and forums provided.

### How does it work?

Creating a wikispace works similar to a Microsoft Word or word-type program, even similar to blogs, where font, style, etc. can be edited, links can be added, images can be placed, etc. Wikispaces uses a WYSIWYG editor, where “what you see is what you get,” making editing and creating wikispaces very easy, even for beginners!

### Why is it significant?

Wikispaces is significant because it is a valuable learning and educating tool. Teachers can create supplemental materials for students to view at home. Students can collaborate on group projects from various locations and at various times without having to be constricted to time and place to meet with each group member.

### What are the downsides?

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### Where is it going?

Collaborative effort among students can be enhanced with the use of a wiki. Students can easily upload projects in process for classmates to review and provide feedback as they work or allow fellow group members to make changes. Teachers and students can reduce the amount of paper they use by having students submit assignments or drafts via wikispaces.

### What are the implications for teaching and learning?

Teaching and learning can happen nearly anywhere at any time. Ideas can be conveyed and exchanged and modified easily. Group members can collaborate and make progress on their own time to work with each person’s busy schedule. And teachers can supplement their in-class lessons with online wikispaces for students to review at home when they need to.

Can I see an example?  
In progress.