

Blackboard 9.1 Using Wikis

A Wiki (from Hawaiian *wiki-wiki*, “very quick”) is a collaborative tool that allows students to contribute and modify one or more pages of course-related materials. Instructors can make Wikis available to all users within a course, and Groups can have their own private Wikis.

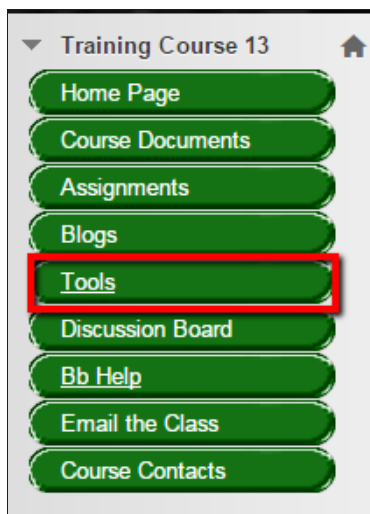
Each entry in a Wiki is called a Wiki Page. On these pages, users can comment on and edit each other’s content. Instructors may change the properties of a Wiki to discontinue editing and commenting at any time. An Instructor may also set up a Wiki as a graded assessment.

This tutorial explores the following Wiki-related activities for students:

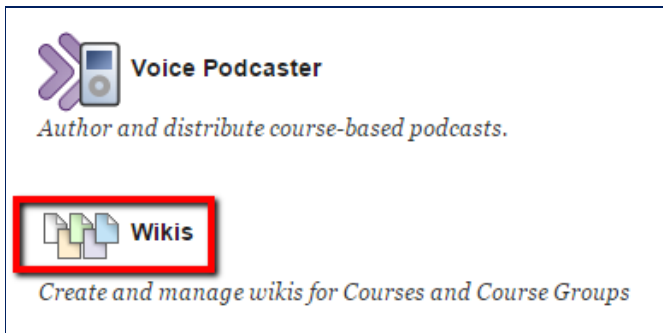
- Creating a Wiki Page
- Editing Wiki Content
- Linking to other Wiki Pages
- Adding Comments
- Viewing the My Contributions page

Creating a Wiki Page

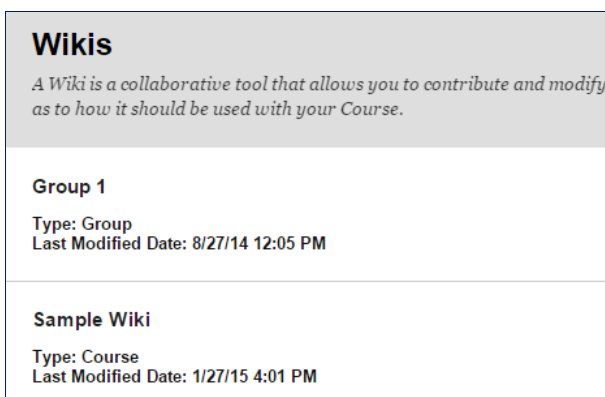
1. Click **Tools** or a similar link on the Course Menu. Your instructor may add a link directly to Wikis on the menu.



2. Click **Wikis** in the Tools Area.



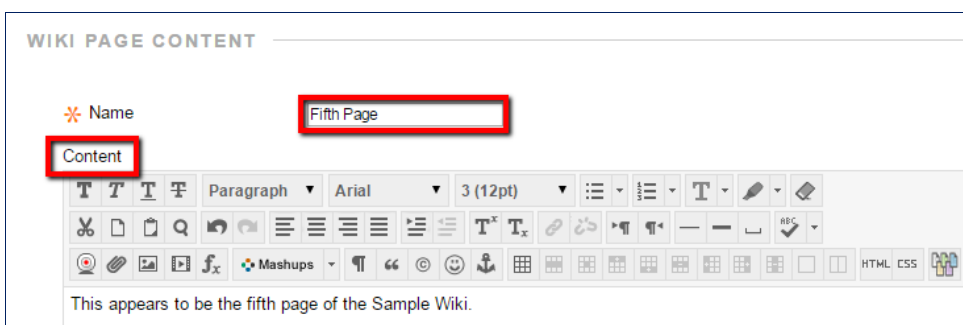
3. Click the link to a Wiki to open it.



4. Click **Create Wiki Page**.



5. Provide a Name for the page, and enter Content in the Text Editor. You may include rich-text formatting, graphics, hyperlinks, Mashups, and other features.



6. Click **Submit** to post the Page.

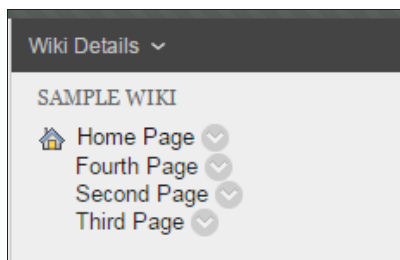


Blackboard will navigate back to the main page for the current Wiki.

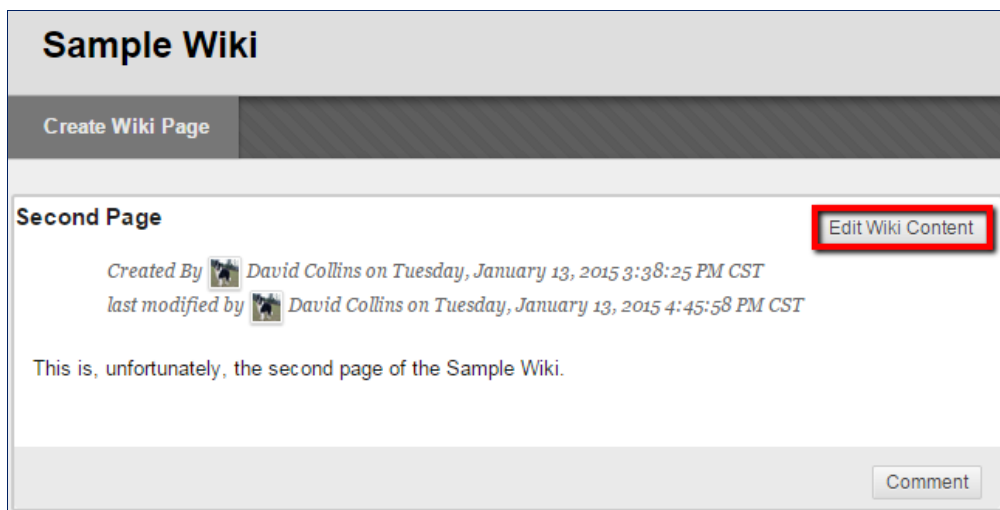
Editing Wiki Content

Wikis allow users to edit their own and each other's posted Pages.

1. Navigate to Wikis, and access the Wiki with a Page that you would like to edit.
2. A Wiki's Pages are listed on the index pane in alphabetical order, except the initial page (Home Page), which appears at the top of the list. Click the link for the Page you wish to edit.



3. On the Wiki Page, click the **Edit Wiki Content** button.



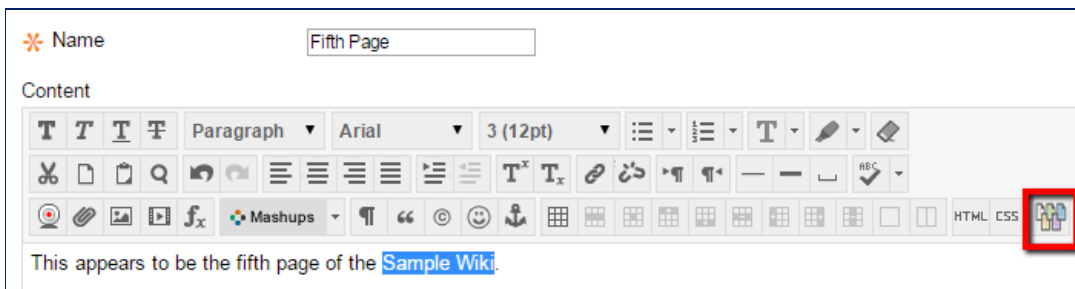
4. Make your edits in the Text Editor. You may also make changes in the Name field.
5. Click **Submit** to save your work.



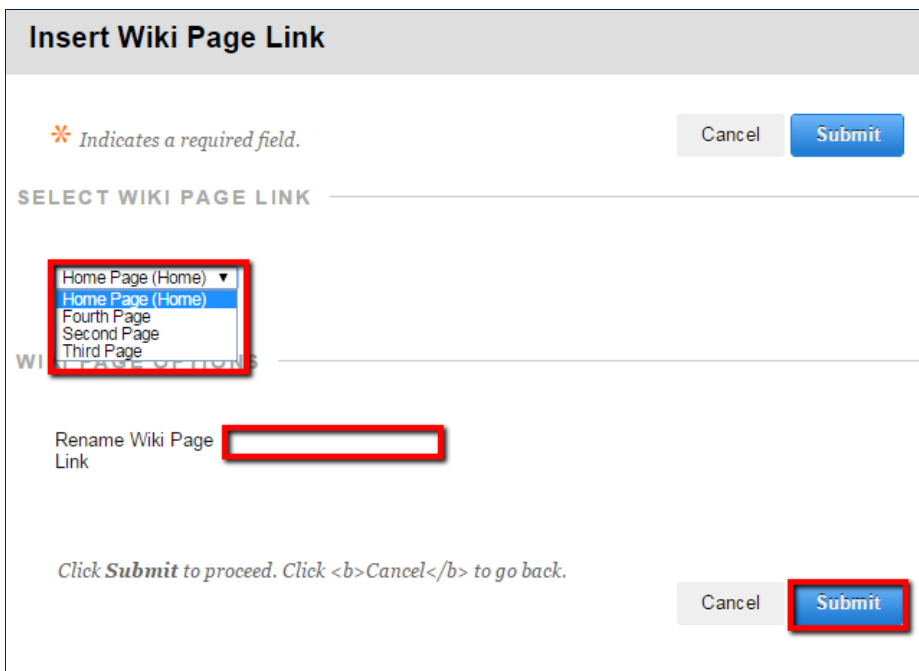
Linking to Other Wiki Pages

When creating or editing a Wiki Page, users may create links to other Pages in the same Wiki. The **Link to Wiki Page** icon appears on the bottom toolbar of the Text Editor for the Content field.

1. Begin creating or editing a Wiki Page.
2. With or without text selected, click the **Link to Wiki Page** icon on the toolbar.

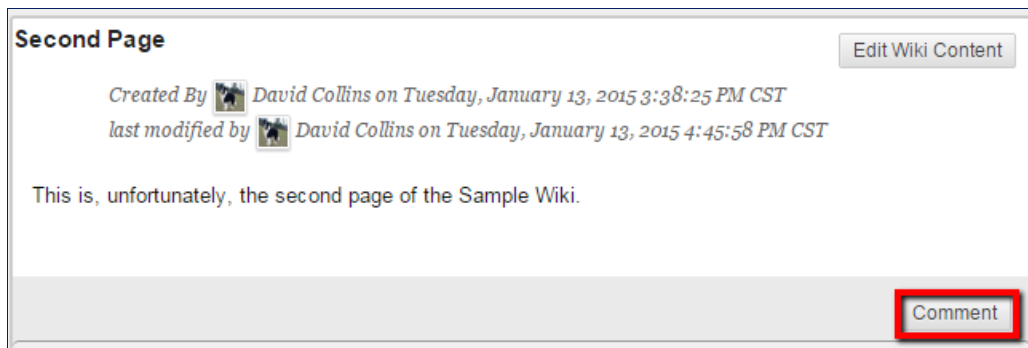


3. In the Insert Wiki Page Link window, select the correct Page from the drop-down list. The list provides only the names of Pages within the current Wiki. If you have not selected any text to apply the link, type some text in the **Rename Wiki Page Link** field. Click **Submit** to finish inserting the link.

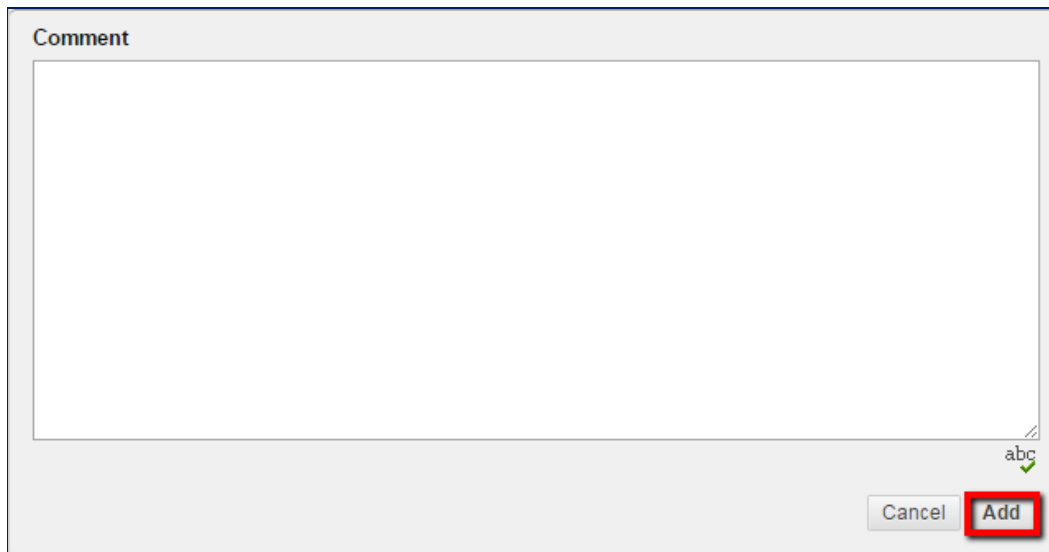



Commenting on Wiki Pages

To add comments on a Wiki Page, navigate to the Page, and click the **Comment** button at the bottom.



This will reveal the Comment field, where you can leave a plain-text comment. Click the spell-check icon if desired, and click **Add** to complete the process.



Users may delete their own comments by clicking the  icon. Instructors may delete students' comments that are off-topic, potentially objectionable, or abusive.

My Contribution

The My Contribution page displays not just Pages you have created, but also a history of edits you make on others' pages. After you have added or modified a Page, the **My Contribution** button appears on the right end of the action bar. Click the button to see a sortable table of your contributions.

My Contribution

All pages and versions that you have modified are listed. To see your specific changes, choose to compare to a previous version. Click a link in the **Page Version** column to view the version without annotated changes.

Display Pages:

Wiki Instructions

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Page Version	User's Modifications	Created On	Words Modified
Home Page (4)	Compare to Version 3	1/27/15 4:01 PM	0
Fifth Page (1)	Compare to Version 1	1/27/15 4:17 PM	15

Displaying 1 to 2 of 2 items

To see more details regarding specific edits you have made, click the link in the User's Modifications column. This opens a separate window with a side-by-side comparison of your version and the preceding version of that Page.

Page Comparison

Use the Legend tab to understand how one version was changed in comparison to the other version of this Wiki page.

Comparison Details Legend

Version: 3

Page Title: Home Page

Created On: 1/13/15 3:36 PM

Author: David Collins

Size: 1 KB

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Version: 4

Page Title: Home Page

Created On: 1/27/15 4:01 PM

Author: Test Student

Size: 1 KB

Home Page

This is the first page of the Sample Wiki.

On the My Contribution page, you can also use the **Display Pages** drop-down list to filter the table and show only edits for a particular Page. Select the Page you want, and click the **Go** button.

Display Pages

Other useful information on the My Contribution page includes:

- **Page Version:** To see your specific changes, click a link in the Page Version column to view the version without annotated changes.
- **Words Modified:** Keeps a count of how many words you have added, deleted, or edited.
- **Total Page Saves:** A page save refers to any time **Submit** is clicked on the Edit Wiki page, regardless of whether any content has been changed.

My Contribution

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PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Modified By: Test Student

Words Modified: 15 (22%)

Total Page Saves: 2 (18%)