Wikis are collaborative tools that allow students to share their work, edit each other’s content, and make comments. A well known example of a large-scale wiki is Wikipedia.

This quick guide reviews how you can contribute to wikis in Blackboard and track your participation.

**Getting Started**

**Create a Home Page**
When you first enter your wiki, you may be asked to create a home page if your instructor has not created one for you.

Think of this homepage just like the main page of any website. It should provide an introduction to your project.

Give this page a name or title, begin adding content, and then click **Submit**.
Creating and Editing Content

**Create New Pages**
You can create new pages as needed for your assignments.

The pages you create will show up as links on the right side of the screen.

**Wiki Tips**
- Avoid copying and pasting content from Microsoft Word into the wiki. It can cause formatting problems. Use text editors like Notepad (Windows) or TextEdit (Mac) to compose your text and then copy it into Blackboard.
- Use the Blackboard text editor to add formatting, images, and links to your wiki.

**Add Comments**
Use the comments tool to provide feedback on the wiki or let others know what changes you made.

**Edit Your Wiki Content**
Any student that has access to the wiki can edit any page using this button.

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Tracking Participation

My Contribution
Click this button to track your personal contributions to the wiki. Your instructor will use this area to assess your participation. You can also view your grade from here.

Wiki Assignment

Create Wiki Page

My Contribution

All pages and versions that you have modified are listed. To see your specific changes, choose to "Compare to Version 1", if available. Click a link in the "Page Version" column to view the version without modifications.

Display Pages

Compare Versions
Allows you and your instructor to track what specific additions and changes you made to the wiki.

Participation Summary
Tracks how many words you modified and how many times you submitted new content to the wiki.

Wiki Grade
If the wiki assignment is graded in Blackboard, you will be able to view your grade here.

Need help? Contact the Helpdesk.
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