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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 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

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

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