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BjB: Michael is scheduled to start this month's discussion in about 10 minutes

TeresaR: I am not sure what I am doing. newbie

BjB: nods...but you're doing it very well ;-)

BjB: how did you learn about Tapped In, Teresa?

TeresaR: K-12 online conference website

BjB: ahhh, cool!

BjB: have you looked at the calendar of events?

TeresaR: Just briefly

BjB: click on the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen...

BjB: then click on Calendar in the blue menu bar

BjB: all the times on your calendar are in your time

TeresaR: Found it

BjB: and all the events are real time text chats.

TeresaR: That's nice I struggle with converting GMT lol

BjB: I suggest that you participate in one of the Tips and Tricks discussions...

MichaelM joined the room.

TeresaR: Thank you

BjB: tips are tours of the main features of Tapped In

BjB: Hi, Michael! I was worried you might be getting storms

MichaelM: Hi !!

TeresaR: Should I not do this one until I have done the Tips and Tricks?

BjB: you will enjoy this discussion, Teresa

TeresaR: ok

BjB: you're techie enough to be just fine ;-)

TeresaR: I just don't want to be an idiot lurking :-)

MichaelM: Welcome Teresa.

TeresaR: Thank you

MichaelM: You'll be just fine Teresa. We are mostly checking out new links tonight.

TeresaR: ok

BeverleyC joined the room.

BjB: Hi, Beverley. Welcome

SusanR joined the room.

MichaelM: Welcome Beverley

MichaelM: Hi Susan!

SusanR: Hi Michael

BeverleyC: Hi Michael

TeresaR: Is there audio?

MichaelM: Not currently. Maybe in the future.

TeresaR: ok

BjB: we usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions. Please let Michael, our discussion leader, know where you are located and what you teach

BjB: I teach communication in Pennsylvania

TeresaR: District Technology Coordinator, Kansas

MichaelM: My name is Michael Misovec and I am leading the tour and Program Administrator of HelpingStudents.org teacher wikis and "A K12 Teacher Wiki" group and also occasionally host Tapped In tips and tricks.

BeverleyC: I am a consultant and taught English and English as a Second Language in CA.

MichaelM: Welcome to tonight's "A K12 Teacher Wiki" group discussion.

MichaelM: Helping Students Education Corp. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) technology education

MichaelM: services company.

MichaelM: Tapped In is a professional education industry forum that enables our group to

MichaelM: discuss new ideas, recruit members, and chat about how to utilize

MichaelM: this teacher wiki to provide resources and promote education and communication

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MichaelM: <http://HelpingStudents.org/JSPWiki>

MichaelM: or

MichaelM: <http://www.K12.BZ>

DavidW joined the room.

DavidW waves to Michael

MichaelM: During this tour I'll be taking you on a virtual field trip of the of HelpingStudents.org free teacher wikis

MichaelM: Hi David

DavidW: Hi

SherylM joined the room.

MichaelM: Welcome back Sheryl!

MichaelM: My objective for this tour is to help you feel more comfortable navigating teacher wikis.

SherylM: thanks

SherylM: super

MichaelM: A transcript will be emailed to all of you, so don't try to visit all the links unless we are demonstrating a page or concept.

MichaelM: There are too many features available to discuss them all. Once you have your own login, you can practice editing,

MichaelM: Please stop me if you have a question at any point during the discussion.

MichaelM: In the following days after the discussion we encouraged everyone to email accounts@helpingstudents.org

MichaelM: or call [757-513-8989](tel:757-513-8989) to help you get started editing Wiki (Quick) :)

MichaelM: I'm working from a dial up connection this evening. If I'm temporarily disconnected, please stay put and I'll be back in a wiki flash.

MichaelM: Each member of Tapped In and teacher wikis are valued member of the community and has something to contribute...

MichaelM: One of our strengths is also our weakness. Since this wiki and supporting processes is designed for schools and teachers, we must verify member teaching status. We do not allow anyone on the Internet to create an account like most other wikis. Only teachers or education industry professionals may receive a membership. This provides a safe wiki, but also inhibits members. Most people using the Web 2.0

MichaelM: or wikis expect instant gratification. We are a nonprofit supporting technology for schools, teachers and their students.

MichaelM: What is a wiki? Can anyone help me?

TeresaR: Collaboration on the fly?

MichaelM: That's right. That is probably one of the reason's schools are slow to adapt

SusanR: A wiki is a collaborative website which can be directly edited by anyone with access to it.

MichaelM: Planning and processes for school compliance should be considered

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 wiki is Wikipedia: which is a free on online encyclopedia that a group of people may edit. An increasing number of Fortune 500 companies are using wikis group collaboration.

MichaelM: The "Gartner Group, a research firm in Stamford, Conn., predicts that by 2009, wikis will be installed on half of all corporate networks." – Dahl

MichaelM: Inc. Magazine published an article written by Darren Dahl in the February 2006 issue. The cover was titled "E-mail Overload? Time To Get A Wiki" and the article described inherent problems of using email and benefits of Wikis.

MichaelM: "Which document is the current version? Who has made changes? Who still needs to weigh in? For managers, keeping track of it all had become a time consuming nightmare." - Dahl

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MichaelM: What is a Wiki? <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Wikis>

MichaelM: As you can see. I'm copying and pasting a little. Please forgive me

MichaelM: I would like everyone to check out the Featured Items links and let me know if you have comments or questions. I'll be quiet for a few minutes and let you all type your comments.

MichaelM: Please also click on the Files to see pictures of editing examples.

MichaelM: Does anyone have any comments suggestions, or questions?

DavidW: not me, Michael

BjB . o O (quiet group)

DavidW smiles

SusanR: Is there any way to eliminate the Google ads

MichaelM: There is a lot of content. Sorry

MichaelM: All recent and real time wiki page changes are available at <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=RecentChanges>

TeresaR: The image link has to be done by html tags?

MichaelM: No. You simply attach an image file to your wiki page. Then you can insert it

TeresaR: Can you determine where it is placed?

MichaelM: We recommend you put images on a separate page and refer to it

MichaelM: Yes.

MichaelM: Let me find an example for you

MichaelM: You can all login with Teacher1 as a username. The password for everyone is mypass

MichaelM: I will put a picture in the Sandbox page in just a second so you can see

DavidW nods

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Sandbox>

BeverleyC: Can you suggest schools/teachers who are using Wikis as part of the curriculum?

MichaelM: Wikis are fairly new to schools, but here is an example <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=WesternBranchHighSchool>

SherylM: So did you put that computer pic in the wiki?

MichaelM: Yes

SherylM: Mmmhmm, that's cool

TeresaR: So looking in the edit page tab, It looks like it was done by clicking link.

MichaelM: Here is where Helping Students stores the pics

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Images>

DavidW just added a comment below the graphic in the Sandbox

MichaelM: You can do the same like <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=MySchoolPics>

SherylM . o O (good work)

MichaelM: You can also use the WikiWizard

SherylM: yes, I was looking at that

MichaelM:

http://tappedin.org/tappedin/do/FileAction?ROOM_ID=18817&FILE_ID=42828&state=doDownloadFile

SherylM: I think I should use the wizard...I can see the link and image download buttons...it is pretty clear

MichaelM: Yes. The plain text editor is nice if you want to copy alot of data fast (Wiki :) from another page.

MichaelM: Watch how fast I can add every college in the country.

TeresaR: How are comments different from edit page?

MichaelM: Done

TeresaR: As the kids would say, "Sweet"

DavidW smiles

MichaelM: Not much different. Just a comment. This may be where you would justify or comment about why you changed the page

TeresaR: Can you create a link so it opens in a new tab instead of the same window?

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Sandbox> now has every college simply by copying and pasting from <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=CollegeWikis>

TeresaR: Example clicking A opens the page in the parent window rather than a new window.

MichaelM: This is a very powerful concept that demonstrates power of collaboration using JSPWiki

BeverleyC: I am interested in why teachers would set up a Wiki to use with their students as, say, part of an English assignment.

MichaelM: Perhaps that would not be a wiki group project

SherylM: I think any class could use the wiki white board

DavidW: group writing project

DavidW: teams of students composing a document

SherylM: To organize, brainstorm, answer teacher questions

MichaelM: Students can also use the wiki to organize their own notes and only allow their teacher access.

SherylM . o O (oh yes)

TeresaR: Reference links

SherylM nods

MichaelM: Each page can be set up as a group or personal page by the teacher

MichaelM: Teachers may also restore a wiki page to any previous version

MichaelM: This is great for the beginning of a school year.

DavidW: Article about wikis as writing tools:

DavidW: <http://critical.tamucc.edu/wiki/WikiArticle/Home>

MichaelM: Thanks David!

DavidW smiles

DavidW: Beginning of the article:

DavidW: Writing is messy.

DavidW: Writing is a socially collaborative act.

DavidW: Wiki technology is a tool that enables writers to get into the mess and the social nature of writing.

SherylM: Yes, the restore tool is one of the best reasons to use a wiki; you also have documentation of who did the changing if it isn't accidental.

SherylM: or to give kudos

MichaelM: That's right.

MichaelM: And with this wiki, you can copy all your content to a school server

SherylM: Yes, which version of JSPwiki should we download...did you already say that? if so, sorry.

MichaelM: This enables true ownership of your wiki with easy integration

MichaelM: We are using JSPWiki v2.4.56

MichaelM: There are later versions

BeverleyC: Thanks for your help with the writing example.

MichaelM: Downloading is optional.

SherylM: OK

MichaelM: This wiki can serve as a school testing site also

MichaelM: Does anyone have questions about editing?

BjB looks at the clock on the wall

SherylM: We always have our notes to refer to later.

MichaelM: I'll stick around for questions and feedback. Thank you all for coming. I hope to see you all next time.

BeverleyC: Thanks for your help.

SherylM smiles and waves goodbye

BjB waves goodnight. Thanks, Michael

MichaelM waves bye

SusanR: Thanks Michael! I have been away for too long!!

DavidW: Good discussion, Michael

MichaelM: Thanks everyone!