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LindaU: Is there a url for the wiki... sorry... I've not participated in your discussion before.

MichaelM: My name is Michael Misovec and am the founder of HelpingStudents.org education wikis.

MichaelM: http://www.K12.BZ

LindaU: gracias

MichaelM: si

MichaelM: no much habla espanol

DavidW smiles

MichaelM: This wiki is organized by geographies.

LindaU: mi tambien.

LindaU: Okay, I'm in.

MichaelM: great

MichaelM: There are some pictures files under featured items

MichaelM: The sandbox is the best place to practice editing or adding new pages

MichaelM: This wiki is organized by geographies. Teachers may also create new wiki web pages and allow their students to create new wiki pages.

JanetJG joined the room.

MichaelM: Welcome Janet

JanetJG: thanks Michael

MichaelM: Each page may be protected from viewing, editing, or attaching images and

files. For instance, a student may create a their own page or group page with teacher oversight

DavidW: Janet, we are looking at:

DavidW: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/

JanetJG: thanks

LindaU: How do schools sign up to use this wiki?

BJB2: whew! You did it!

MichaelM: You may all login with your own username or use

MichaelM: Teacher1

MichaelM: mypass

TeresaS joined the room.

MichaelM: Welcome Teresa

TeresaS: Thank you!

MichaelM: The wiki we are discussing is here http://HelpingStudents.org/JSPWiki

LindaU browses for NC schools

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=BradleyUniversityETE653   is a perfect example of an effective project that required collaboration

LindaU is always looking for good resources for collaborative projects

TeresaS: ok, got the wiki

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

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 over 12000 pages in this wiki with links to dept of education areas for each state

TeresaS: sounds good

MichaelM: There are to many features available to discuss them all. Once you have your own login, you can practice editing, organize your own pages and set up viewing and editing permissions for each of your pages.

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

MichaelM: or call 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: We do not allow anyone on the Internet to create an account like blogs many other wikis. Only teachers or education industry professionals may receive membership login. Your shared contributions enable others to learn from your examples.

MichaelM: Does anyone have any questions or need assistance logging in to try editing?

AllisonGr joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Allison

AllisonGr: Hi!

MichaelM: Welcome Allison!

MichaelM: We are discussing education wikis at http://HelpingStudents.org/JSPWiki

MichaelM: or

MichaelM: http://www.K12.BZ

AllisonGr: Thanks!

MichaelM: temp login Teacher1

MichaelM: mypass

SusanR joined the room.

MichaelM: Hi Susan!

MichaelM: We do not allow anyone on the Internet to create an account like blogs many other wikis. Only teachers or education industry professionals may receive membership

login. Your shared contributions enable others to learn from your examples.

MichaelM: For example, a middle school teacher and graduate student at Bradley University led his entire class

MichaelM: to use this wiki as part of class assignment.

DavidW: What was the project between the middle school teacher and the grad student, Michael?

MichaelM: The middle school teacher happens to also be a grad student in education

DavidW smiles

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Students

DavidW . o O (be careful where you click Allison - certain links take you out of this room)

MichaelM: The link above demonstrates a general link for students with links to some cool games

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 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

SusanR: A wiki is a website or similar online resource which allows users to add and edit content collectively

MichaelM: This wiki allows each of your pages to have view, edit and attachments.

MichaelM: That is, separate permissions depending on the nature of your wiki page

MichaelM: You can also create multiple left menus (depending on page content or needs)

MichaelM: Has anyone tried to edit or add a page?

TeresaS: No, I haven't - I don't want to break anything ;)

MichaelM: Please try it and I'll wait .

MichaelM: All pages can be restored to any previous version.

MichaelM: Please Don't Worry about breaking anything

TeresaS: Oooo, html. *shiver*

MichaelM: No html

MichaelM: Just click Edit page, type something and scroll down and click the save button

MichaelM: This wiki does not use or allow HTML

MichaelM: Examples:

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=WikiWizard

TeresaS: Ah, look - I switched it to the Wiki Wizard, MUCH better!

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Help

MichaelM: Very good.

MichaelM: Please take some time to look around and try some editing

MichaelM: Try [NewWikiPageName]

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

MichaelM: The link above is a great place to practice

DavidW: Michael, I wanted to ask you something for a future discussion

MichaelM: Sure

DavidW: Could we build something for Tapped In using your wiki software so we would have something that might support TI in some way

MichaelM: Sure

DavidW: I'm not being very clear, but I was thinking it might help if we had something we could all build

MichaelM: That would be great!

JanetJG: Sounds like fun!

MichaelM: You can build here and copy to your own server at anytime.

DavidW: From something as simple as a TI wish list (new discussions/topics, future guests, etc.)

MichaelM: Or we can start another from scratch http://www.jspwiki.org/wiki/JSPWikiDownload

SusanR: sounds great, David

DavidW: I guess I am still struggling with the range of web-based tools available currently and coming up with an appropriate project that takes advantage of a wiki

TeresaS: Michael - what would you say is the main purpose of this wiki?

MichaelM: Parent, teacher, student collaboration

JanetJG: how would parents use a wiki?

MichaelM: This wiki is a nonprofit exclusive for education and is mostly organized by states

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

MichaelM: If teachers give their student a login, the students are able to add pages for their community

TeresaS: So, is it designed specifically as a site to organize other educator wikis? Or for other educators to communicate?

MichaelM: For example High school football results

MichaelM: Each wiki may be protected among a group so it may serve both purposes.

DavidW: Are people doing that, Michael?

MichaelM: For example this is a college info page for parents

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=CollegeWikis

MichaelM: Where this is a group project

MichaelM:
http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=BradleyUniversityETE653

MichaelM: You may also create protected pages for administration (personal use)

MichaelM: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Groups

BJB2: The next K12 Teachers Wiki discussion will be on November 29. Everyone bring their wiki projects to the meeting so we can share what is being done!

BJB2: and the next GPBL discussion is also on November 29

MichaelM: I'll stick around in case there are any editing or use questions.

SusanR: Thanks Michael

BJB2 wonders if a GPBL Wiki would be feasible

MichaelM: Thank you all for coming.

DavidW: Linda, do you know any PBL projects using wikis?

TeresaS: Thanks Michael!

TeresaS left the room (signed off).

BJB2 waves goodnight. Thanks, Michael

MichaelM: In the works http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Continents