Wikis

"Speak to your site visitors and gather their feedback on your team or division"

What is a wiki?

A wiki site is a collaboratively edited web site: a collection of interlinked documents and files accessible and editable by web browser.

Wikis are essentially web sites that can be developed, modified and maintained by their readers.

The most well known Wiki is Wikipedia. Wikipedia is an online encyclopaedia where entries are both created and modified by its readers. Every page in the Wikipedia has an "edit this page" link. Using this link, the readers of Wikipedia are able to correct errors and add details to encyclopaedia articles.

The Wikis offered at the University are powered by an application called Confluence. This application allows authors with minimal technical experience to create and edit web pages.

What can I use a Wiki for?

Wikis provide a shared space that can be quickly editing by a number of people. This format means that people can typically use Wikis to share and collaborate on information with an area of shared interest. Here are some uses:

- Web site for community of practice. Allow members to add to a shared body of knowledge
- Technical documentation and standards. U these wiki to allow people to edit the support materials.
- Lists. Students and researchers working together to create an annotated bibliography.
- Resource sharing. Team sharing useful links and other online resources.
- Project and committee collaboration. A common use of Wikis is for project support, providing a way of sharing ideas, resources and schedules.
- Conference and events. Wikis are often used to plan meetings or events.

What alternatives are there to a wiki?

***A Content Management System B4*:** A content management system, or CMS, is an online application used to create, maintain and control a web site. It is different to a wiki in that only certain users are able to edit web pages in the site.

How much will a University wiki cost me?

The cost of the Wiki will depend on the degree of customisation you require. A representative from the Web Design team will come and discuss your Wiki needs and requirements. A fixed time fixed price quote will then be provided before any works begin.require.

Service	What do I get?	Cost
Standard University Wiki	▪ Fully featured University of Melbourne templated Wiki ▪ Business hours (0900-1700, Monday to Friday) telephone and email support ▪ 1Gb of disk space / web hosting ▪ 1 hour of training	$200 per annum Additional template and image customisation: $80 / hour

OK, so how do I get a University Wiki?

For more information, please contact

➡ webdesign-team@unimelb.edu.au

The cost and time varies depending on your needs – a full quote and plan will be sent to you within business 3 days.

The fineprint . . .

University Wikis under the unimelb.edu.au domain must follow university web publishing guidelines as given in

Staff Use of the University's Internet, E-mail and Electronic Communications Policy
➡ www.unimelb.edu.au/ppp/docs/10.html#10.11

Wikis that contravene this policy may be removed.