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What is wiki?

- A type of website created and edited collaboratively by using a web-based program
- A Hawaiian word means "quick" or "fast"
- First wiki in 1995 by Ward Cunningham

Why wikis are becoming popular?

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- A good match between educational learning objectives and the nature of wiki
 - learning objectives: active and collaborative learners
 - nature of wiki: collaborative authoring
 - Advantages of wiki:
 - affordability: no special software needed
 - flexibility: public, semi-public, private
 - accessibility: sharing and editing by anyone

How does wiki encourage active and collaborative learning?

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- Ownership
 - Motivating students
 - Challenging students
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Class wiki examples


- Cultural Anthropology Class:

<http://ksuanth.wetpaint.com> |

- High School History Fair Project:

<http://victoriaaurorahistoryfairproject.wetpaint.com>

Free applications for creating wikis

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- Wet paint
 - Project forum
 - PBworks (free 30 days trial)
 - Wikispaces
 - Wikia

Tips for Successful Learning Experience with Wiki

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- Scaffolding
 - Facilitation
 - Communication
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