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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> |

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- 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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