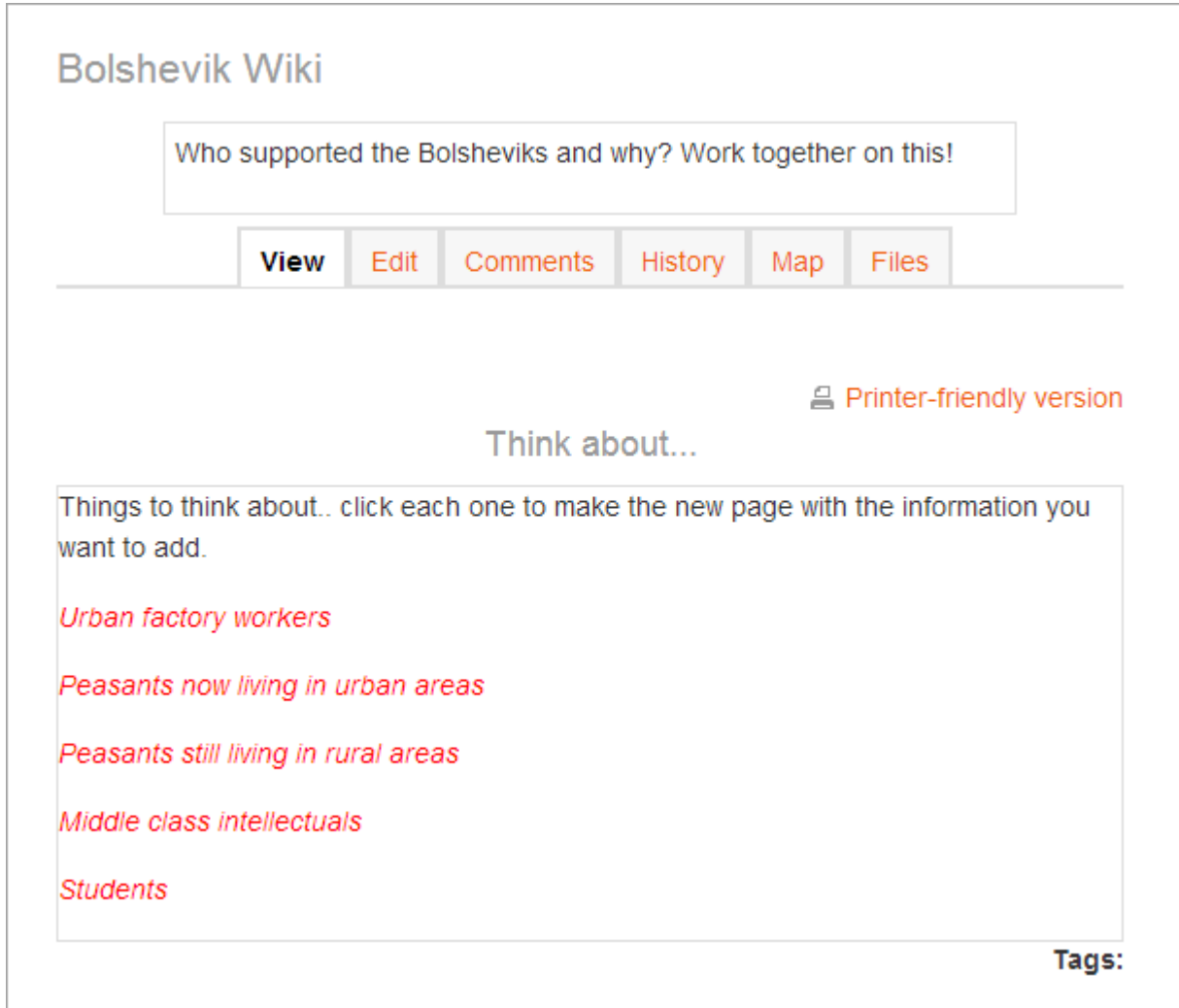


Wiki activity

A wiki is a collection of collaboratively authored web documents. Basically, a wiki page is a web page everyone in your class can create together, right in the browser, without needing to know HTML. A wiki starts with one front page. Each author can add other pages to the wiki by simply creating a link to a page that doesn't exist yet.



The screenshot shows a wiki page titled "Bolshevik Wiki". At the top, there is a text box containing the prompt: "Who supported the Bolsheviks and why? Work together on this!". Below this prompt is a navigation bar with buttons for "View", "Edit", "Comments", "History", "Map", and "Files". To the right of the navigation bar is a link for "Printer-friendly version" with a printer icon. The main content area is titled "Think about..." and contains a text box with the instruction: "Things to think about.. click each one to make the new page with the information you want to add." Below this instruction is a list of five red text links: "Urban factory workers", "Peasants now living in urban areas", "Peasants still living in rural areas", "Middle class intellectuals", and "Students". At the bottom right of the content area, there is a "Tags:" label.

In e-Course System, wikis can be a powerful tool for collaborative work. The entire class can edit a document together, creating a class product, or each student can have their own wiki and work on it with you and their classmates.

Adding a wiki

- With the editing turned on, in the section you wish to add your wiki, click the "Add an activity or resource" link (or, if not present, the "Add an activity" drop down menu) and choose *Wiki*.

- This will take you to the wiki settings page titled "Adding a new wiki". All settings may be expanded by clicking the "Expand all" link top right.

General

The screenshot shows a settings page titled "Adding a new Wiki to Volcanoes". The "General" section is expanded, revealing several input fields and options. At the top right of the section is an "Expand all" link. The fields include:

- Wiki name***: A text input field.
- Description***: A large text area with a "Show editing tools" button above it.
- Display description on course page**: A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Wiki mode**: A dropdown menu currently set to "Collaborative wiki".
- First page name**: A text input field.

General settings expanded by default

Wiki name

- The name you give to your wiki here will appear as the link on the course page for your students to click.

Wiki description

- Explain the purpose of your wiki here (this description may or may not be compulsory depending on your admin's settings).

Display description on course page

If this box is checked, then the description you added above will appear with the wiki link on the course page.

Wiki mode

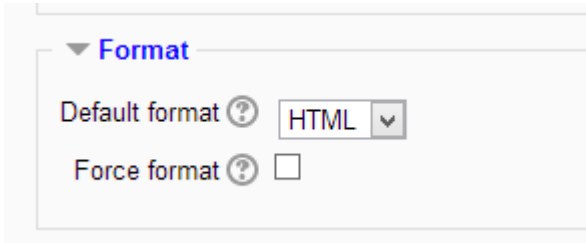
- Choose between "Individual wiki" where each student gets their own, or "Collaborative wiki" where students work together on a single wiki.

First page name

- The name you add here will form the first page of your new wiki. It is a required field and once a name has been entered, it can't be changed.

Format

(These settings are collapsed by default)



Wiki format settings expanded

Default format

- Set the default type of editing your wiki will use. Choose from
 - HTML - editing using the normal text editor
 - Creole - a popular wiki editing language. If this is selected, a small editing toolbar will appear.



- NWiki - a wiki editing language used in the contributed NWiki module.

Force format

If you check this box then students cannot choose their own method of editing the wiki.

Creating the first page

- Once the wiki is set up, a user will click the link and reach the following screen:

Create page

New page title

Format

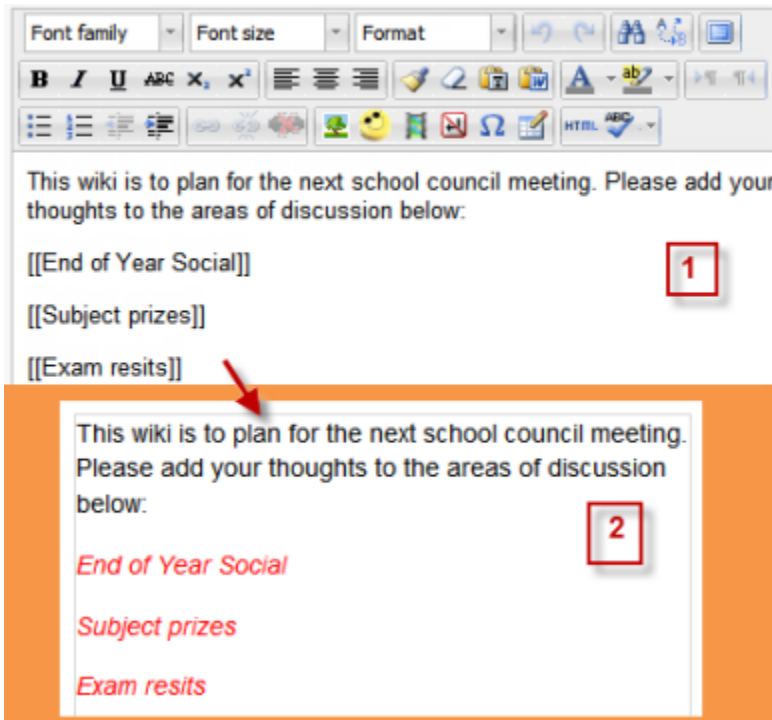
HTML format

Creole format

NWiki format

Adding more pages

- Type the name of your page inside double brackets. (*1* in screenshot below) You can preview it by clicking the "preview" button towards the bottom of the screen.
- Press the "save" button.
- Now click the (red) link for one of the pages (*2* in screenshot below) and you will be prompted to create it in the same way you create the first page:



A page once created has a blue link.

Wiki editing in general

Depending on the type of the wiki, there are several ways to edit your page. But don't worry: The best thing of a wiki is, that nothing is lost. The old version will be there - and if someone changes your version of the page - your version will also be there. Note that the options for editing, commenting viewing history, map and files may all be accessed both from tabs at the top (*1* in screenshot below) and links in the navigation block (*2* in screenshot below):



View

- The **View** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to display and view the wiki page.

Edit

- The **Edit** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to edit the wiki page.



Comments

- The **Comments** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to see and add comments about the wiki.

History


- The **History** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to see what has been altered in the wiki.
- Compare edits by clicking the "Compare Selected" button.
- Click the "Restore" button of the version you wish to restore if the latest edit is unsuitable:

Created: Monday, 12 December 2011, 01:58 PM by Donna Anforth

Diff	Version	User	Modified	
<input type="radio"/>	2	 Matt Baker	02:14 PM 12 December 2011	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1	 Donna Anforth	01:58 PM 12 December 2011	

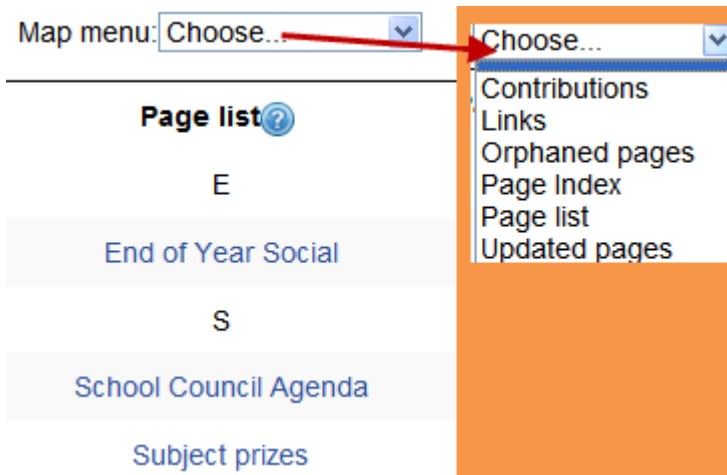
[Compare selected](#)

Comparing version 1 with version 2

Version 1	View	Restore	User	Version 2	View
12 December 2011, 01:58 PM			Donna Anforth	Matt Baker	12 December 2011, 02:14 PM
Suggestions:		Suggestions:			
Pizza night		Pizza night			
Movie and Meal		Movie and Meal			
dont want any of these					

Map

- The **Map** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to view areas of the wiki such as a list of pages (as in the following screenshot), updated or orphaned pages etc.
- To select what you want to see, click the Map menu dropdown box.

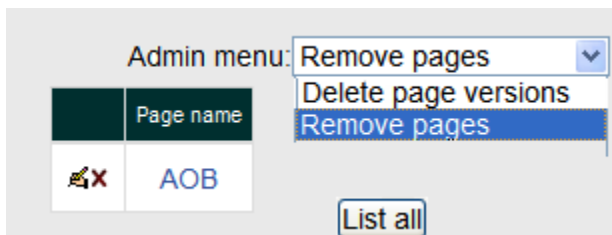


Files

- The **Files** tab at the top or link in the navigation block allows users to access any files which have been added to the wiki.

Administration

- The **Administration** tab at the top or link in the navigation block is allow you delete page versions or selected pages. Clicking the "list all" button will list available pages to delete. The first page of the wiki cannot be deleted.



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