Research-pbwiki

On this page we are each required to make at least three different posts with research and references related to pbWiki. Make sure to include the site you have taken the information from because we want to avoid any plagiarism on our wiki chapter. Remember, these posts are worth 6 out of the 70 points for the project. This means if you fail to make these posts, you will not be eligible for a superior rating. Make the posts directly on the page (not in the comment section) by clicking Edit, and then simply adding your name and post underneath the previous persons. This makes it easy for our TA to keep track of who has completed the assignment. Any additional comments or more posts than the minimum are welcome! We want to get as much information now so it is easier to put our chapter together.

Audie Bobillo: Creating an account

Creating your own pbWiki account is pretty easy. When you are at the pbWiki home page click the "Try it now" button. This will bring you to another page where you choose what type of account would be the best for you. You can choose the Basic, the Professional, or the Professional Plus. The Basic plan is free but the Professional plan is $8.99 per month and the Professional Plus is $11.00 per month. The next part is choosing the url for your wiki. For example, my url is http://abobillo.pbwiki.com. After that you choose what your wiki is about; what it is for (individuals, education, or business), the type of company, and the purpose of the wiki (there are different purposes depending on what your wiki is for). The next step is picking a user name and password. After you have answered all these questions your wiki will be set up and you can start using it. Click next and you are done!

I got this information from https://plans.pbwiki.com/index.php

Julie-

This is a website that gives a list of pbwiki's top competitors with links to each that we can use to learn more about these companies. This will come in handy when we are working on the section about similar applications. This site also gives some general background knowledge on pbwiki.

http://www.tradevibes.com/company/profile/pbwiki

Andy-

My third post deals with business. I was reading Kassie's post and saw that she used pbwiki's blog page and thought that I would check out that page to see what they had there. I looked and sure enough, they had a business blog. It has several examples of satisfied businesses that used the wiki and I think that would be great to throw in our presentation. http://blog.pbwiki.com/2008/03/24/a-business-perspective-on-the-evolution-of-pbwiki/

Andy-

I was re-reading the areas I am responsible for and found this YouTube video that deals with what I want to summarize about the pbwiki in education. I really liked the bit where they talk about a shift in thinking, because I think that is a key to what I'm going to talk about. Hope this helps. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av2yofWSdU0

Andy-

Here is my first post. It's from the the pb site, and covers a lot of what I thought about when I thought about the business section. Enjoy. http://pbwiki.com/business-pm.wiki

Arielle-

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-7497808029203465975 This is a 23 minute video, but it covers a lot of information! There are ideas about using it to increase company efficiency. It also talks about getting started and how to set up your wiki. This would be a good guide to base our explanation of using a wiki on.

Kassie-

This website has testimonials from people that use PBwiki in there schools for lesson plans, homepages, homework and all sorts of other things. I think this will be a good source of information not only for the Lesson plans part, but we can talk about how it can be used in school in different ways, also it talks about how people hope to use PBwiki in there school as well. Here is the website http://blog.pbwiki.com/2007/08/24/15-educators-respond-how-would-you-use-pbwiki-in-your-classroom/

Kassie-

Another interesting website is http://www.besternews.com/related/CNET%20News.com/PBWiki%20goes%20mobile%20on%20iPhone,%20BlackBerry/?ref=tech on this web site it talks about how you can get the PBwiki Application on your Apple Iphone or Black Berry to help people with ease of access to their PBwiki sites. This could be used bu teachers to keep track of there students information, questions and consens of parents as well if they use a PBwiki site for there classroom. Also i think that having an application for apple iphone or black berry available shows that PBwiki is up to date with technology and easy to use.

Kassie-

I also found a sight that has alot of information talking about PBwiki and business. It talks about how PBwiki upgraded to help better lend it's self to businesses for files, accounts and so on. Here is the website http://www.theappgap.com/pbwiki-enhances-its-document-management-capabilities.html . I thought this sight might be used for the how is PBwiki used for business part of the project.
Arielle-

Youtube Videos:

pbWiki- Getting Started: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A204JcGQiY0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A204JcGQiY0), accessed March 11, 2009.


Megan-

On the website [http://pbwiki.com/content/jobs](http://pbwiki.com/content/jobs) it talks about the goals pbwiki have and how it can benefit many people. For instance, it talks about wanting to help businesses and individuals interact with each other and be able to collaborate with one another. It also allows people to join their team to help make pbwiki even better. You may choose any job you want such as designer or editor. It also talks about who uses pbwiki and allows people to try it out for free and if they really enjoy it they can upgrade at any time.

Megan-

Some history about pbwiki include:

Inventors: Mohr Davidow Ventures, Ron Conway, Sippl Investments and Seraph Group. [http://pbwiki.com/content/about](http://pbwiki.com/content/about);

From the website [http://pbwiki.com/content/pressroom](http://pbwiki.com/content/pressroom)

- PBwiki was launched in 2005
- The company is the world’s largest provider of hosted business and educational wikis, ahead of other hosted wiki providers like Wetpaint and Google Sites. The company also competes against on-premise software such as Microsoft SharePoint
- PBwiki hosts more pages of content than the English language version of Wikipedia
- The main target markets are corporate collaboration and education
- The company has thousands of paying customers using PBwiki for partner/client collaboration, project management, intranets, knowledge management, and classroom collaboration
- Notable customers include FedEx, DePaul University, and the FDA

Megan-

I found a lot of information about the purpose of pbwiki on the wiki homepage. If you click on these topics, such as marketing and design, education, consulting, and so on it will explain how wiki is helpful for almost anything. Through each of these topics you can collaborate with clients, students, workers, and many other people very easily. The website is [http://pbwiki.com/](http://pbwiki.com/) and the topics are located at the top right of the screen.

Arielle-

[http://pbwiki.com/academic.wiki](http://pbwiki.com/academic.wiki) This page discusses why pbWiki is a useful academic tool. Teachers are able to quickly and easily set up a wiki, and can be assured that their students’ information will be kept safe. A teacher is also able to see who has made changes to the document and reverse any changes that have been made. A wiki continuously evolves and allows students to add information to the site, even outside of class. There are several levels available to educators that offer different features. A wiki easily connects teachers, students, and parents. PBwiki can be used to post class assignments or host an online discussion.

Julie-

This page is on the pbwiki, [http://pbwiki.com/business-pricing.wiki](http://pbwiki.com/business-pricing.wiki) tells of how much it is to use pbwiki for the purpose of business. Business uses range anywhere from law cases to small business operations. According to this, the business package cost starts a $8/user/month. Up to three users is free, however. Perks that come with this package include collaborating without limits (unlimited storage, folders, revisions, etc.), staying secure (permissions, folder back up, secure log in, etc.), keeping up to date (email notifications, wiki-wide feeds, level feeds, etc), customizing your space (customizable CSS, custom color and logo support, custom domain, customizable favicon), and access to the PBwiki API to extend the product. Also with this package pbwiki gives 24/7 support.

Julie-

[http://pbwiki.com/academic-pricing.wiki](http://pbwiki.com/academic-pricing.wiki)

Another package that pbwiki offers is academic. This package is strictly for students, teachers, and parents for school districts and universities. Within this package there are three options, the basic edition (free), the classroom edition ($99/year), and the campus edition ($799/year). These different packages have different storage spaces, abilities, and number of users.

Audie Bobillo: laguage settings

The default language for pbWiki cannot be in anything but English. It is possible to type in or copy and paste other sources into pbWiki. Also pbWiki does include the ability to use Unicode, which is universal character set. This means that whatever language you are typing on your computer it can be displayed on the wiki. You can also change the settings to read from right to left instead of left to right. But pbWiki is not designed to change its complete default language.

These are some websites and software from pbWiki that may help with language barriers:

[http://www.annoyances.org/exec/show/article02-022](http://www.annoyances.org/exec/show/article02-022)


[http://freewarewiki.com/Accenter](http://freewarewiki.com/Accenter)
Jake -

David Weekly, Founder and Chairman, was unsure of the direction of pbwiki and how popular it would be when it was first introduced. Yet, to his own admitted surprise, he did not expect for pbwiki to be so popular within library sciences and education. He states in an interview with Adrian Bye of Meet Innovators (TM), "Wikis have taken off like wildfire within the library communities where their job is collecting, organizing, and disseminating information. That's precisely what a wiki lets you do in an easy and lightweight fashion."

Weekly also states how since educators and libraries weren't exactly the target consumers he was expecting, he must constantly be morphing pbwiki in order to service their needs. With every new edition and update of pbwiki, Weekly and others on the pbwiki team are molding their product to help its users be successful in whatever particular way that they choose to use it.


Jake -

The developers of this site were 3 graduates of Stanford University by the names of David Weekly, Ramit Sethi, and Nathan Schmidt. Weekly and Schmidt are still with the company and serve as the current chairman and CTO respectively. Sethi left the company and is currently working full time on his own personal finance site entitled IWillTeachYouToBeRich.com.


Jake -

Some information about the company's new CEO, Jim Groff, who has taken over the company from the founder, David Weekly, can be found in a "San Francisco Business Times" article here: http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2008/07/21/daily7.html

Michelle -

pbWiki provides people with a place to collaborate with others. This takes the place of sending emails back and forth to several different people or making phone calls all day trying to get something accomplished. By using pbWiki everyone can go to one page and get everything taken care of at once rather than dealing with the hassle of the phone calls and emails.

source: http://pbwiki.com/features.wiki

Michelle -

There are many different reasons that people use pbWiki. One example is for business reasons. Using pbWiki in your business will help improve coordination, cut down on wasted effort, and free up extra time so that employees can be more productive. pbWiki is also a helpful tool in the classroom. If students have a group project to work on, a wiki is a great place to collaborate that allows them to continue adding work, change work, and even easily undo something that some one changed but shouldn't have. It is also a way to keep students engaged outside of the classroom and provide them with a different kind of school work that they may be more interested in. The other reason that people use pbWiki is for personal use. This gives people an easy way to communicate with friends and especially to organize group outings or get togethers.

sources:
http://pbwiki.com/business.wiki
http://pbwiki.com/academic.wiki
http://pbwiki.com/personal.wiki

Michelle -

pbWiki got its name because setting up an account takes less time than making a peanut butter sandwich. It is also very easy to use and lets its users do things such as insert videos and photos, have chat rooms, voice that, and set up community calendars among many other features.

source: http://www.crunchbase.com/company/pbwiki