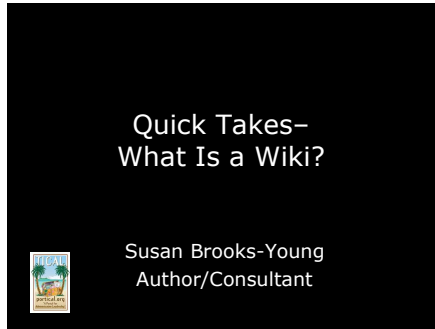
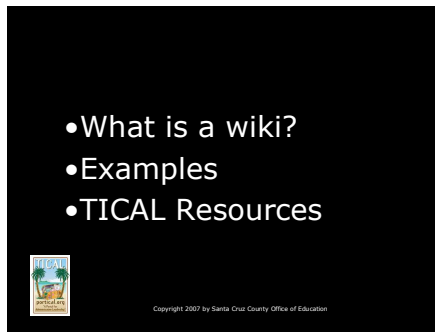


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Hello! My name is Susan Brooks-Young. I spent 23 years working as a teacher and administrator in public and private education. Now I work with educators across the country on various aspects of technology use in schools. This is one of a series of Quick Take presentations that provides a brief overview of one emerging technology along with examples of how educators are using this tool and further information available in the TICAL Resources Database.

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The ability to quickly and easily post and refresh online materials is a signature of Web 2.0 tools. This Quick Take focuses on a tool called a wiki. We will answer the question, "What is a wiki," view examples, and see a listing of wiki resources included in the TICAL Resource Database.

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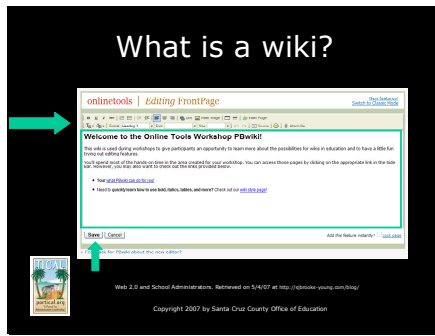
In Hawaiian, the word wiki means 'quick,' and a wiki-wiki is a shuttle bus that offers fast transportation. In technology terms, a wiki is a website that can be easily built and edited by virtually anyone, including visitors to the wiki! A wiki might be initiated by single or multiple authors, but it's ongoing strength relies on contributions made by readers. Some wikis are password protected so that access to editing features is restricted.

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The wiki in this particular example was created using a free web-based tool called PBwiki. The main wiki page is called the FrontPage. As you can see, the wiki page contains text and links, just like any other webpage. It's also possible to add graphics. The links in the Sidebar at the right of the screen are used to navigate the wiki. And, the tool buttons at the top of the screen are used to expand, enhance, or edit the wiki.

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The edit screen looks very much like a word processing document. Information is entered in the text box. Formatting and editing are done using the toolbars. When editing is complete, the user clicks on the Save button to preserve the changes.

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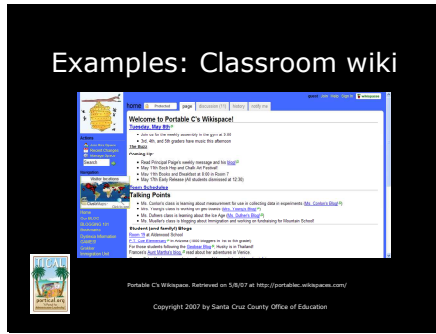
Pros	Cons
Easy to create and edit	Just one person can edit a page at a time
Supports collaboration	May have quality control issues
Safeguards include passwords and history	Must monitor for vandalism

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What are the pros and cons of using a wiki? Wikis make it possible for educators and students to create and edit their own personalized websites in a matter of minutes with no programming skills required. Once a wiki is started, multiple authors can contribute, making collaborative work possible on site and at home. Several wiki tools offer password protection and also notify the wiki owner whenever a change is made. The History feature allows users to revert to an earlier version of the page, if needed.

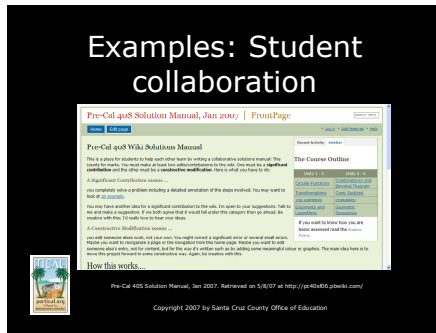
Wikis do present some drawbacks. Just one person can edit a page at a time. This means that teachers and students need to think about how editing will be done when more than one author is present. Multiple authors make it more likely that there will be quality control issues related to spelling, grammar, and posting content. And, someone will need to monitor even password protected wikis to deal immediately with page vandalism.

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Wikis are gaining popularity as tools for building classroom websites. For example, Elise Mueller who is a 5th grade teacher in Bellingham, WA built this wiki for her students and their families.

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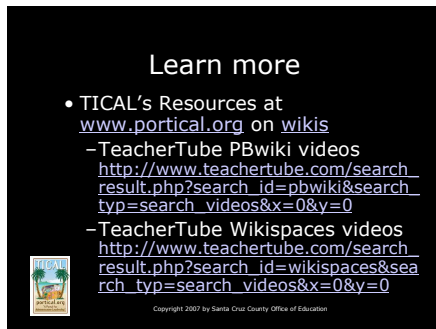
Darren Kuropatwa, a high school teacher in Canada uses wikis to encourage his math students to create support materials for one another. The wiki pages can then be used and edited by students in subsequent classes.

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Malaysian teacher, Kim Cofino, designed this wiki for student use during a special Health/Science project.

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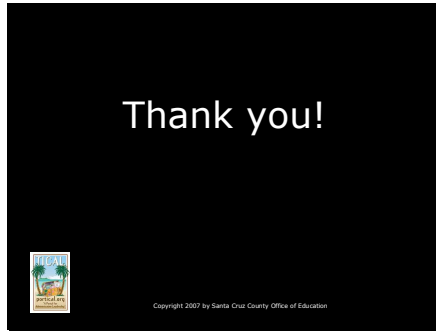
This slide and the next show items found in the TICAL Resources Database that will give you more information about wikis. Here are links for two series of videos created for educators.

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This slide provides links to articles about wikis in education.

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Wikis offer exciting opportunities for educators and students to work collaboratively and share information. I hope this Quick Take inspires you to learn more about Web 2.0 tools.