The Wiki Method

All the promises of Web 2.0 for minimal fuss

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Introduction:

CONTENTdm and DSpace wouldn’t work for some collections
Evil plans
The Search For the Perfect System

{ No such thing }
Who is this difficult for?
The Solution?
Developing a prototype

Step 1: “wiki on a stick”
http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Manual:Wiki_on_a_stick

Step 2: Desktop computer

Step 3: Two servers
The Test
Results

2000% increase in views
900% increase in actual use of the collection
76.93% Breadth of usage (2797 items used out of 3636)
Concerns you might have

1. People will associate this with Wikipedia. Won’t they think it’s not trustworthy?

2. How are you suppose to preserve this?

3. What about vandalism? What if people start editing things and changing them to be wrong?
Lessons learned?

Lock down who can edit.

Some stuff just isn’t popular.
The Library System Paradox

Usability vs Utility

Usability
-15 -10 -5 0 5 10 15
Utility
-15 -10 -5 0 5 10 15
Main Page

Click here for The Music Collection

Browse Collections

Feedback
This site is in Beta mode, which means we are just trying it out. We would love to hear some feedback about how you think we could make this better. Please write your feedback in the "Discussion" pages linked to each page in the wiki.

Thank you for helping us make the collection better.

-The Wiki Team
Semantic search

**Query**

**Additional data to display**

(add one property name per line)

[Add sorting condition]

**Format as:** Broad table (default)

**Other options**

- **limit:** 20
- **offset:** 0
- **headers:** show
- **mainlabel:**
- **link:** all
- **intro:**
- **outro:**
- **default:**

Find results
Benefits of Mediawiki:

1. Heavily developed
2. Good “Out of the box”
3. Easy to administer
4. Familiar searching
5. Collaboration opportunities
Benefits of Mediawiki:

6. Knowledge organization
7. Semantic Extension
8. Batch upload possible
9. Each page can be different
Final thoughts

Mediawiki not perfect
Nothing is