

AFFORDANCES OF SUNLEARN WIKIS

The wiki activity in SUNLearn is a space where students can create online reports, record information etc. Wikipedia is an example of one of the largest existing wikis.

Here are some things to consider when contemplating the use of wikis in teaching and learning.

AFFORDANCES

- Students can work collaboratively or individually.
- Lecturers can comment on students' input and allow for modification of reports.
- It can be used as a space to work on group projects.
- It can be used to collaboratively create class notes.
- It can be used to brainstorm about a specified topic.
- No programming skills are required to create a wiki.
- Anything that is edited can be easily tracked and reversed if needed.
- There are no paper-based reports that can get lost.
- Lecturers do not have large quantities of reports that need to be handed back to students.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

- Wikis cannot be graded in SUNLearn. Grading needs to be done manually.
- There is a slight learning curve to creating wikis.

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