

1. Setup the iGEM GitLab Repository

- **Access the Repository:** Make sure your team has access to your assigned iGEM GitLab repository (e.g., gitlab.igem.org/2024/your-team-name).
- **Create a Project:** If not already done, create the structure of your project within GitLab. This will include the files for your HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and any other resources you'll need.
- **LICENSE File:** Keep the original LICENSE file untouched. This is mandatory for licensing compliance.

2. Organize Your Content

- **Divide Sections:** Plan and structure the content of your wiki into sections such as:
 - **Project Attribution:** Acknowledge contributions from all team members and collaborators.
 - **Project Description:** Provide a detailed overview of your project, including the goals and outcomes.
 - **Background:** Explain the science behind your project and its relevance.
 - **Methods:** Describe the experimental approaches used and their significance.
 - **Results:** Include figures, charts, and data to showcase your findings.
 - **Future Work:** Outline possible future directions for your project.
- **Referencing and Citations:** Ensure all external work (including images, text, etc.) is properly referenced and cited according to iGEM requirements.

3. Meet Requirements for the Competition

- **Add a GitLab Repository Link:** Ensure that every page of the wiki has a visible link to your team's GitLab repository in the footer (e.g., gitlab.igem.org/2024/your-team-name).
- **Licensing:** Display the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license on every page.
- **Standard URL Pages:** Make sure to use the correct URL format (lowercase letters, with - for spaces and special characters) for pages related to medals and special prizes.
- **Host Content on iGEM Servers:** Upload all images, documents, code, and videos to iGEM's servers using tools like tools.igem.org/uploads for files and video.igem.org for videos.
- **Use of iframes:** Only use iframes for content hosted on iGEM servers or the iGEM Video Universe.

4. Build and Test Early

- **Start Early:** Avoid waiting until the last few days. The wiki freeze happens on October 2 at 08:00 CST, and no further changes can be made afterward.

- **Test Your Wiki:** Frequently test your wiki to ensure all content displays correctly, especially if you're using external software tools or code generators.

5. Use of GitLab Features

- **Version Control:** Use GitLab's version control features (like merge requests and code reviews) to manage the progress of your wiki content.
- **Package Managers:** If you're using libraries (npm, yarn, etc.), ensure they are correctly stored and uploaded to iGEM servers.

6. Monitor for Compliance

- **External Content Check Tool:** Use iGEM's external content check tool to ensure everything is hosted on iGEM servers. Failing this check could disqualify your team from prizes like Best Wiki or Best Software Tool.

7. Focus on Final Edits Before Deadline

- **Final Week Edits:** Limit edits during the last week to minor fixes (e.g., spelling errors, formatting issues). The iGEM platform may experience high traffic, so avoid making major changes last minute.

By following these steps, you'll be able to structure your team wiki effectively and avoid last-minute issues. Start with the content you have already prepared, build your pages incrementally, and ensure everything is compliant with the iGEM rules.