Personal wiki

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A **personal wiki** is a wiki maintained primarily for personal use. Personal wikis allow people to organize information on their desktop or mobile computing devices in a manner similar to community wikis.

Personal wikis can be broadly divided into multi-user wikis with personal editions, and those wiki applications that are designed only for single users, not depending on a database engine and a web server. The first class includes many community wikis such as MoinMoin or TWiki, as these can be installed for standalone use as well. This may require installing additional software, for example a web server, a database management system, or a WAMP/LAMP software bundle. Nevertheless, this does not mean the wiki must be accessible to outside users.

Some individuals use password protected wikis running either on their own webservers or hosted by third parties. This has the advantage that the personal space can be accessed from any web browser, at home, at work, on a PDA, at an internet cafe etc. Edits made on one machine are immediately accessible on the others.

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Multi-user wikis

Multi-user wikis with personal editions:

- MoinMoin has a desktop edition - It is written in Python. It is for Windows, Linux and

Mac users.

- TWiki has TWiki for Windows Personal and Certified TWiki - Written in Perl. Both support Windows users.
- ScrewTurn Wiki Desktop Edition is written in C# for Windows users.
- DokuWiki has Dokuwiki on a Stick and DesktopWiki - It works on plain text files and thus needs no database. Its syntax is similar to the one used by MediaWiki and makes sure the data files remain readable outside the wiki. It's written in PHP and is multi-platform.

Single-user wikis

There are also wikis specifically designed for personal use. Their feature set often differs from traditional wikis; examples are:

ZuluPad Screen Shot, showing links, images, and toolbar

- Dynamic tree views of the wiki (These are useful because wikis built for personal usage are often small.)
- Drag and drop support for images, text and video, mathematics
- Use of OLE or Linkback to allow wikis to act as relational superstructures for multiple desktop type documents
- Multimedia embedding, in particular wikis one can link to internal aspects of movies and sound tracks and store notes / comments
- Macros and macros constructors. Also often support for alien macros so the wiki can act as a multi scripting macro system

Free software

The following are personal wiki systems releases under free software licences:

- **bLADEWiki** is a free personal wiki written in C#. It is composed of two distinct programs, one for Windows and the other for Windows mobile, with robust syncing between the two.[1]
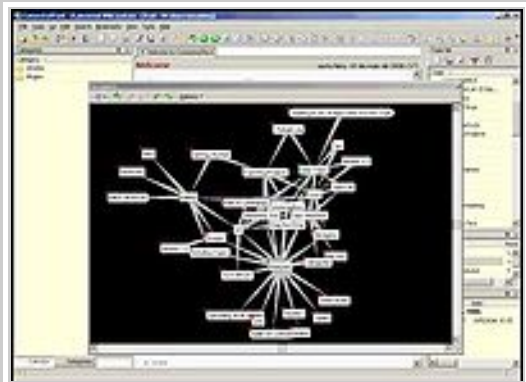- **DidiWiki** is a free small and simple personal wiki written in C.[2]

- **Eyeswiki** is an open-source (written in Python), free (for personal use) wiki server, meant to be used through a browser. It has an API to programmatically manipulate articles.[3]
- **Gnote** is a port of Tomboy to C++, not all plug-ins ported
- **Gluebox (http://www.glue-box.de/)** Pure desktop client focused on notetaking and writing wiki like documentation
- **MoinMoin** Desktop Edition is a browser-based wiki with a built-in server based on the python-powered MoinMoin original version.
- **Nanoki** is a small, full featured wiki engine implemented in Lua.
- **Personal PPC Wiki** is a free personal wiki written in Basic4ppc.
- **Pimki** is a derivative of Instiki designed as a personal information manager.
- **RedNotebook** is a graphical diary and journal helping you keep track of notes and thoughts. It uses wiki-like syntax and features calendar navigation, customizable templates, export functionality and word clouds. Installers are available for common Linux distributions and Windows.
- **Swiki** is a "Simple Standalone Wiki", that is a Wiki that just consists of three files: An Application and a Database. It does not require installation and will run anywhere where a .net Framework 3.5+ is installed.
- **TiddlyWiki** is BSD license, single file, self-modifying HTML + JavaScript based personal wiki
- **Tomboy** is a (LGPL) free software program for note-taking in a Wiki like manner. Simple editing and retrieval methods are provided. The program allows for easy organisation of any hierarchical data. The Tomboy project is hosted on GNOME CVS.
- **Wiki in a jar (http://wiki-in-a-jar.sourceforge.net/)** is a, GPL'd, small (one jar file, <100KB) Java Wiki implementation with great focus on simplicity.
- **Vim** can be used as a personal wiki via plugins such as vimwiki (http://code.google.com/p/vimwiki/) and Viki (http://www.vim.org/scripts/script.php?script_id=861) .
- **WoaS (http://sf.net/projects/stickwiki/)** (Wiki on a Stick) is a free (GPL) single file, HTML based personal wiki system with support for IE, Firefox, and Opera.
- **WikiNotes** is an open source personal wiki for Mac OS X.
- **WikidPad** is a free open-source standalone wiki notebook/outliner with many features, such as dynamic tree generation, topic tagging, auto-completion, full text searches, visual link tree, customizable interface, image and file control etc. Runs on Windows, Linux and Mac OS X platforms (written in python).
- **WikkaWiki** is a flexible, standards-compliant and lightweight wiki engine written in PHP, which uses MySQL to store pages. Forked from WakkaWiki. Designed for speed, extensibility, and security. Released under the GPL licence.
- **Zim (http://zim-wiki.org/)** is a (GPL) free software program intended as personal scratch

book and note-taking application.

- **ZuluPad** is a personal wiki designed for Windows and Mac OS X platforms. There is also a "Pro" version which is not free software.[4]

Proprietary software

ConnectedText showing a treeview of the linking between pages

- **ArtificialMemory** is a Web-based personal semantic wiki system
- **ConnectedText** is a commercial Windows-based personal wiki system with many advanced features, including: full text searches, visual link tree, customizable interface, image and file control, CSS-based page display, exports to HTML and HTML Help, and plug-ins.
- **Gazette** is a small, portable, personal wiki for Windows XP and greater. Noteworthy features include: quick page jumping, easy browser-like navigation, viewing remote gzx documents, in-built gzx document compiler.
- **Infovark** is a personal wiki for Windows that is automatically built based on the documents, emails and appointments stored on a user's PC. The Wiki can be shared with other users on a local network.
- **Personal Kneaver** is a complete personal Knowledge manager. It's is written in c++ and can use plain text, xml, database and mail folders together. It runs on any Windows system. It helps to keep track of thoughts, messages and notes. Kneaver can also produce mindmap and presentations on the fly. Kneaver includes a module to capture contents from notes, records, web pages and scanned images.
- **Linked Notes** is a Windows .NET 2.0 implementation of a personal wiki. Basic page formatting and linking by page name is provided. The program will run from a USB flash drive. User authentication and encryption ensure private information is kept safe. Basic edition is freeware.
- **Notebook** is a freeware Tcl/Tk application. It runs on Linux, Mac and Windows. Exports to HTML and MediaWiki markup.[5]
- **NotePub** is an online notepad with wiki functionality and privacy settings on a note by note basis.
- **RubberSquid** is a commercial personal wiki designed for mobile phone and PDAs. It uses natural language processing to deliver focused page summaries as well as answer questions and relevance rank responses.
- **StoneNotes** is a Windows based personal wiki system. StoneNotes provides a free demo which is not time limited.

- **Trunk** is a personal wiki which runs on the iPhone and iPod Touch. It uses the Markdown formatting syntax and supports editing in a browser using the mobile device as a web server.
- **VoodooPad** designed for the Mac OS X platform, written by Flying Meat received praise for being an innovator.[6][7]
- **WIkiServer** is an iPhone Wiki for personal use, but also serves pages to other clients in a WiFi network, it is based on **Seaside**.
- **WhizFolders (http://whizfolders.com)** is a Windows based personal wiki system. Many ways to quickly insert links between notes are provided. 30 days trial download proprietary.
- **WikiTouch** is personal wiki for the iPhone with synchronization to webserver back end in order to manage notes from iPhone and web browser.
- **WindowsWiki** A shareware personal wiki for students and business travelers.
- **Ppcsoft iknow** is a Windows based information manager and personal wiki system. Features WYSIWYG editing and a unique *automatic* linking between notes. 30 days trial and free edition available.

See also

- Commonplace book
- Comparison of wiki software
- List of wiki software
- Outliner
- Personal knowledge management

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External links

- Comprehensive list of Personal Wikis on WikiWikiWeb (http://c2.com/cgi/wiki? PersonalWiki)