

Adding a Wiki Activity

+ Add an activity or resource

A **Wiki** is a web page that can be edited by all registered users.

WikiHow and Wikipedia are popular examples. These are great for encouraging collaborative projects to produce a final product, as well as task planning.

The **Wiki** activity module enables participants to add and edit a collection of web pages. A **Wiki** can be collaborative, with everyone being able to edit it, or individual, where each user has his/her own wiki that only he/she can edit. There are no individual **Wikis** in the Avenue courseware, but this feature can be easily set up when setting up new **Wikis**.

A history of previous versions of each page in the **Wiki** is kept, listing the edits made by each participant.

Using the Wiki Activity to Enhance Blended Learning

Wiki activities are most commonly used collaboratively. When used in this way, they provide the opportunity for students to work together to complete tasks outside of the face-to-face classroom. There are a number of these tasks in the Avenue courseware, such as sharing Internet research findings, brainstorming ideas, or building a class list. These activities are most effective if they are introduced to students in the face-to-face class. Instructors of LINC 1 or LINC Literacy might find it useful to add to their course a **Wiki** that gives each user an individual **Wiki**. This provides each student with his/her own writing space and could be used for a basic online writing activity, such as typing a composition they may have written in class.

Step-by-Step Instructions for Adding a Wiki Activity

Important note: Since our upgrade to Avenue, some of the following screenshots may appear slightly different in your course, but the principles remain the same.

1. On your course, click the **Turn editing on** button.

Turn editing on

2. In the topic where the link to the **Wiki** should appear, click on the **Add an activity or resource** link.

The **Add a new activity or resource** pop-up appears.

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3. Select **Wiki** in the **Activities** tab.



The **Adding a new Wiki** page appears.

The **General** section is used to update general information about the activity.

General

Wiki name !

Description

Display description on course page ?

1. Type a descriptive name in the **Wiki name** text box.
2. Click the **Show editing tools** tab in the **Description** text box to display more options in the Text editor toolbar if needed.
3. Type detailed instructions for the **Wiki** activity task in the **Description** text box. These are the instructions for students.
4. To display the instructions on the course home page, select **Display description on course page**. However, to keep the page less cluttered this is not recommended.
5. Select the type of **Wiki** using the **Wiki mode** option. **Collaborative wiki** is the default; **Individual wiki** gives each student/user his/her own wiki space that only that student can modify.
6. The **First page name** setting specifies the name of the page.

The **Format** section is used to set the format when editing the wiki pages.

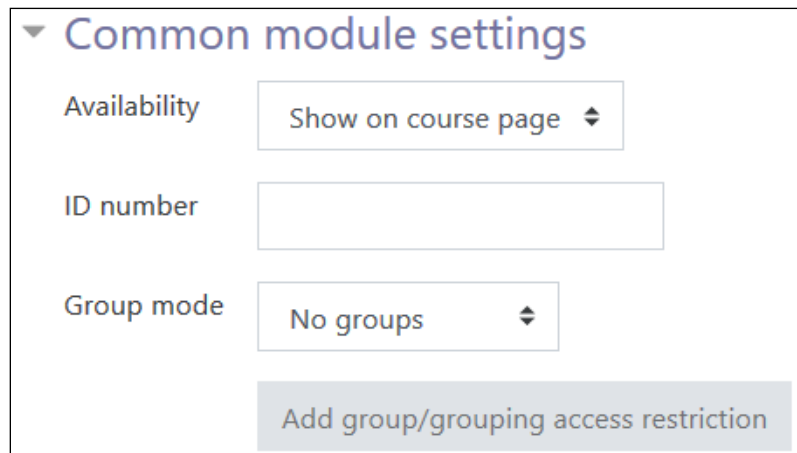
▼ **Format**

Default format

Force format

7. The **Default format** setting selects the type of toolbar. **HTML** is the courseware standard and it gives users the standard Moodle Text editor. **Creole** is a smaller editing toolbar and it may be especially suitable for students at lower benchmark levels. Please ignore the **NWiki** format.
8. When it is selected, the **Force format** setting removes the option for users to choose the format when creating a new page.

The **Common module settings** section is common to many Moodle activities and resources.



▼ **Common module settings**

Availability

ID number

Group mode

[Add group/grouping access restriction](#)

9. The **Availability** setting is used to **Show/Hide** the activity. This is identical to using the **Show/Hide** icons when the **Turn editing on** function is enabled on a course home page.
10. The **ID Number** setting sets an ID number for advanced use of the grade book. (This is not used in the Avenue courseware.)
11. The **Group** mode setting enables the use of groups. (More information is available in the **Groups** documentation in the Stage 3 **Course Management** section.)
12. If you choose **Separate groups** for **Group mode**, another option appears for **Grouping**. This option enables a collection of groups to gather together and work as a larger group.

Settings in the **Restrict access** section can be used to limit access to the activity. (More information is available in the **Conditional Release** documentation in the Stage 3 **Course Management** section.)

Upon selecting the **Add restriction...** button a pop up appears.

▼ **Restrict access**
 Access restrictions

None

Add restriction...

Add restriction...

Date	Prevent access until (or from) a specified date and time.
Grade	Require students to achieve a specified grade.
Group	Allow only students who belong to a specified group, or all groups.
Grouping	Allow only students who belong to a group within a specified grouping.
Mobile app	Require students to access (or not access) using the Mobile app.
Password	Require students to enter a password.
User profile	Control access based on fields within the student's profile.
Restriction set	Add a set of nested restrictions to apply complex logic.

Cancel

13. Click the **Save and display** button to preview the **Wiki**.

1. Click on the **Create page** button.

▼ **New page**

New page title

Format

HTML format

Creole format

NWiki format

Create page

A page with an option to create the first page in the wiki appears if the **Force format option** was not selected.



2. Type in the content of the first page in the HTML format text box. You can add images, voice recordings, videos and links in this area.
3. Click on the **Save** button.
4. Return to the course home page using the course breadcrumb link.

Deployment Tips

- Give tips to students on how to edit the **Wiki**.
- The wiki mode (individual or collaborative) cannot be changed after the **Wiki** is created.
- The **First page** name cannot be formatted after the page is created.
- Refer to the Stage 2 **Managing Wikis** documentation for information about using the **Wiki** activity with your students.

Video Resource

This video explains how to use a wiki.

[Video link](#)

Wiki Activity Help files

[Moodle Documents: Wiki activity](#)

< https://docs.moodle.org/39/en/Wiki_activity >

[Moodle Documents: Wiki settings](#)

< http://docs.moodle.org/39/en/Wiki_settings >

[Moodle Documents: Using Wiki](#)

< http://docs.moodle.org/39/en/Using_Wiki >

[Moodle Documents: Wiki FAQ](#)

< http://docs.moodle.org/39/en/Wiki_module_FAQ >