As easy as “one, two, three” – using wiki technology to create “cyber shelves”

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Why a wiki?

- Most students, although technologically “savvy”, find libraries difficult to “figure out” when confronted with a variety of information resources on the library homepage.

- Study habits range from the dedicated and serious to the last minute rush individual.

- Wikis are being used as one of the ways to develop subject focused “e-spaces” or “cyber shelves”.
Benefits

• Quick and easy to set up with no third party intervention required

• Minimum end user training required – it is more intuitive

• Eliminates the guesswork in trying to figure out which appropriate information resource to use when confronted with a bewildering array of choice

• Other relevant and appropriate information content other than the library’s resources may be linked, for example, YouTube
Benefits continued

- Not affected by changes in layout to library web pages – links in the wiki take the user directly to the resource, via the WAM

- Wiki may be linked on learning platforms such as myUnisa and the SBL eds

- Wiki may be linked to library web pages as subject gateways (with the appropriate Unisa branding)

- The SBL lecturer for project management is using the project management wiki as part of his lecture during residential study schools thus promoting the library’s online resources
And still more benefits …

- The content in the wiki is applicable to modules across the College offering that particular subject.
- The software promotes collaboration and the sharing of expertise irrespective of geographic location.
- It will assist staff in the regional branches as well as after hours staff in directing users to focused information in a particular subject.
- It is a good starting point for new professional library staff to develop subject gateways and gain confidence while using the collaborative functionality with more experienced professionals.
And best of all . . .

• It will stop us from wanting to pull out our hair when students phone two minutes before closing time with a deadline … we can email them the link

• It caters for both the serious student as it provides many avenues to explore the subject in depth and also for the “fast food” last-minute student who demands instant results.

• Let us now take a look at how the wiki works in practice
Typical case study of an MBL or MBA student

- Student has to do research or a group assignment on some aspect of project management and has left this to the last minute, i.e. five minutes before closing time on a Friday or a Saturday
- Easiest option:
  - phone any available sympathetic librarian at one of the Unisa Library Branches
  - visit the eLibrary or research space or information desk or the regional branches and demand the impossible in the shortest space of time
- How may we help to provide the student with what seems to be impossible at this late stage of the day?
Direct the student to a the library homepage with a lot of choices and explaining
After selecting a resource .... still more bewildering choices !!! And more explaining ...
And still more choice !!!
Closing time is looming nearer ... and the questions and excuses keep coming ....

- Do not have time to work through a library tutorial
- Which resource is the best one for this subject?
- Where can one find a definition of the subject?
- What about books on the subject?
- What are the core journals in this subject?
- Where can one find completed research?
The project management wiki – a “one stop shop”

- Covers various aspects of project management
- Provides links to project management content under the following sub-headings:
  - eBooks
  - eReference
  - eJournals
  - finding articles
  - search topics on themes
  - research
  - case studies
  - websites
  - video clips
Welcome to the eLibrarySBLUnisa Project Management Wiki

The eLibrary-SBLUnisa - Project Management - Welcome

"Trying to manage a project without project management is like trying to play a football game without a game plan"

K. Tite (Past Board Member, PMI)

"Operations keeps the lights on, strategy provides a light at the end of the tunnel, but project management is the train engine that moves the organization forward"

Joy Gentry

Welcome to the eLibrary's Wiki on Project Management.

This is a guide to the most important information resources, mostly containing fulltext, covering project management and related aspects.

This guide may be considered as a type of "cybershell" or "virtual" library. This means that you can sit back, relax and access information (mostly fulltext content) covering corporate governance anywhere, anytime wherever you are.

This guide supplements prescribed reading material and information contained in the study programme as well as on the SBL eds.

It serves as a one-stop point of departure for finding academic and useful content in the subject field.

When prompted you will need to log-in using your myunisa password.

Academic staff will need to log-in with their unisa user name and password. This is same procedure as when logging on at the beginning of the working day.
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Harold Kerzner on the Earned Value Measurement System

Harold Kerzner on What Executive need to know about Project Management

Harold Kerzner on the Hexagon of Excellence in Project Management

Harold Kerzner on the Project Management Office (PMO)

Risk Management

Hong Kong Airport Construction Project (1 of a series of 5)

Mega Construction project (1 of a series of several)

Coffee Break Project Management (1 of a series of 3)
Project Management Fundamentals

ABC's, 123's, PMP's
Presenter: Brandon McCormick
www.pmacademy.net

Brandon McCormick presents an informative speech on project management.

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Nice and interesting way to explain the fundamentals.

All this is great but be sure to go to thyempcoach.com to the knowledge center for experience project management. Also, go to gmostrade.com a new social commerce network site that will be launched by project managers that is being touted as the next Google.
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The Management Solution

Technology is dominated by the types of people that take understanding what they do not manage and those who manage what they do not understand.


Architectural Part (page 20)

The mechanisms by which a project is controlled (the "how") are just as important as the technical solution (the "what"). Without careful planning, marshalling, and coordination of resources, the delivery of the technical solution may turn into a logistical shamblies—or worse still, prove to be impossible. It is common sense that all projects need proper management processes to be applied.

This is the job of the management section in the bid. It describes all aspects of how the project will be managed. Another way of looking at it is to view this section as the write-up of the project framework. It is worth noting that many clients give equal weighting to their evaluation of the technical and management parts of the bid.

This chapter looks at what you need to include in the management solution to convince the client of your ability to deliver and how best to present this information.

Developing the Management Solution

Part of the job of the management solution is to describe how the balance is struck between quality, cost and time. By the end of this section of the proposal, the client would be left in no doubt as to how the solution will be implemented.
Examples of Wiki Software

- [http://www.wikispaces.com](http://www.wikispaces.com)
- [http://www.pbworks.com](http://www.pbworks.com)
- [http://www.wetpaint.com](http://www.wetpaint.com)
Useful reading to get started on wikis

