

# WIKIS

## What is a wiki?

Wikis are essentially a webpage with an edit button. One of the most commonly known wikis is [Wikipedia](#), the collaborative, online encyclopedia. Wiki technology creates a webpage that anyone with access to it can modify—quickly and easily. Wikis can be public or password-protected. Users can add pages or documents to a wiki and edit them—and you can view changes made by different users or roll back to previous versions. Wikis reduce the potential confusion of having multiple contributors to documents or projects.

## Wikis in response to HIV

- Work with others to create resources such as websites, fact sheets, and policy papers on HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and research.
- Maintain up-to-date HIV resource lists.
- Use as an internal tool to write grant applications and reports.

## Examples from the field


- AIDS.gov's internal wiki for developing blog posts and other collaborative documents.
- Wikipedia's HIV page: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV) and AIDS page: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AIDS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AIDS)
- Medpedia's HIV/AIDS page: [wiki.medpedia.com/HIV/AIDS](http://wiki.medpedia.com/HIV/AIDS)

## Where can I learn more about wikis?

- Common Craft's Video "Wikis in Plain English": [www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english](http://www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english)
- Wikipedia: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)
- PBWorks: [pbworks.com](http://pbworks.com)
- Wikipedia's about wikis page: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wiki](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wiki)
- TWiki: [twiki.org](http://twiki.org)

## Thinking about using wikis?

- Check out "[Understanding Your Audiences](#)" at AIDS.gov to help decide if wikis are appropriate tools to reach your target audience(s).

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