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CREATING YOUR WIKI

This handout will go step by step through signing up for a Wikispace. There are several other free wiki sites that you can choose. They are linked through the course page or you can type in:

<http://wetpaintwiki.com>

<http://pbwiki.com>

Signing up is fairly simple, so you do not have to follow the directions below if you would rather choose a different site.

Signing Up for a Wiki in Wikispaces

1. Open a Browser and type in this address:

<http://janicef@jfriesen.net>

On the front of this page is a link to the site where you can sign up for an advertizing free Wiki.

(the actual URL is

<http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers100K>, but that is a lot to type in. Or you can just type <http://www.wikispaces.com> and click on the link for free teacher spaces.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers100K>. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left with links for 'Help' and 'About', and an 'edit navigation' link. The main content area features a green box with the following text and form fields:

Now we're taking the next step - we want to give away **100,000** free K-12 Plus wikis. That includes all the features and benefits that normally cost \$50/year - for free. **No fine print, no usage limits, no advertising, no catches.**

We hope that you'll read on, try a wiki at your school, and help us spread the word.

- Adam, Dom, and James

Start a Wiki in 30 Seconds

Fill in the fields below and you're done.

1. Username
2. Password
3. Email Address

We don't spam or share your email address.

4. Make a Space? Yes No

Create a wiki now or after you join.

5. Space Name

6. Space Visibility

- Public (free)
Everyone can view and edit your pages
- Protected (free)
Everyone can view pages, only space members can edit them
- Private (free for educators otherwise \$5/month)
Only space members can view and edit pages

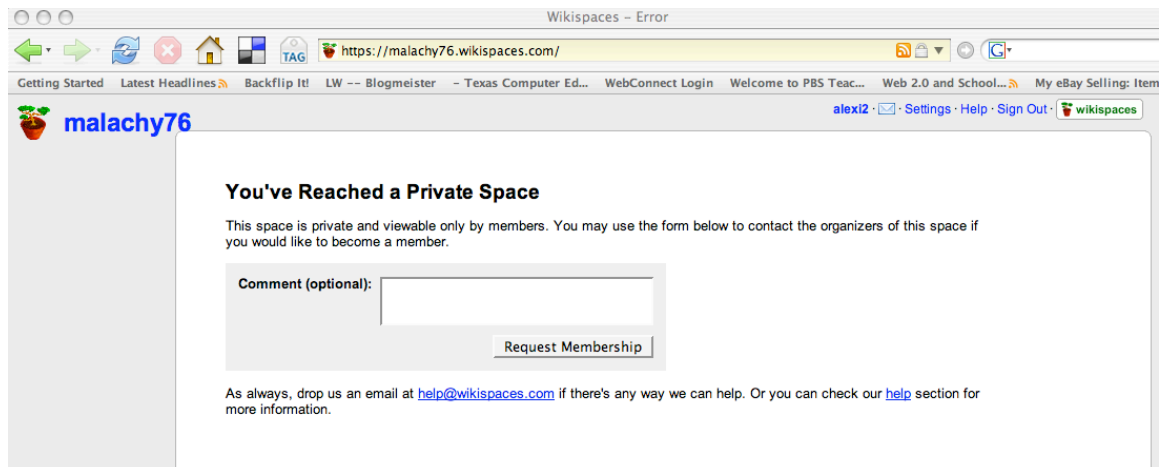
7. Educational Use

I certify this space will be used for K-12 education.
We may contact you via email to verify use

[Terms of Use](#)

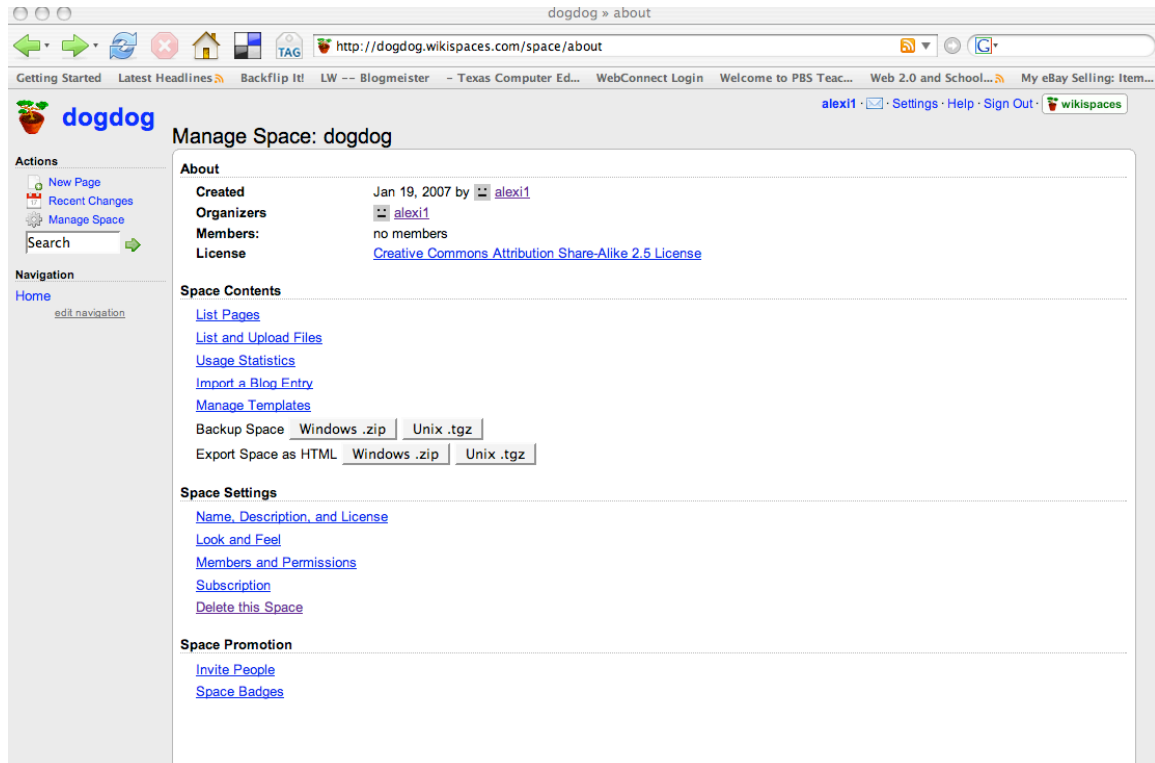
2. Type in your Name
3. Type in a password (something you will remember)
4. Type in an email address. You can put in a “dummy” email, but then you will not receive any communication from Wikispaces. They do not give out your email to spammers.
5. If you want you can give your space a specific name. Otherwise it will be automatically be named <http://username.wikispaces.com>
6. Choose what level of security you want on your wiki:
 - **public** so that anyone can edit or read it,
 - **protected** so that only members can edit it, but everyone can read it.
 - **private**-only educators are given this option for free. In a private space only space members can view and edit pages.

Here is what happens when you access a private space:



7. Click on Join-If your username is already used it will prompt you to change it and give you some suggestions.
8. Now wasn't that easy? You have an account. Now to work on your space!

Manage Your Space



First let's look at how you can manage your space. Click on the link that says Manage Space on the left. The window above will open.

Here is the place where you can invite others to join your wiki and control all of the details about it. You can also delete your page from this location. Take some time to open different options and see what you can do and write down questions that you might have to ask later.

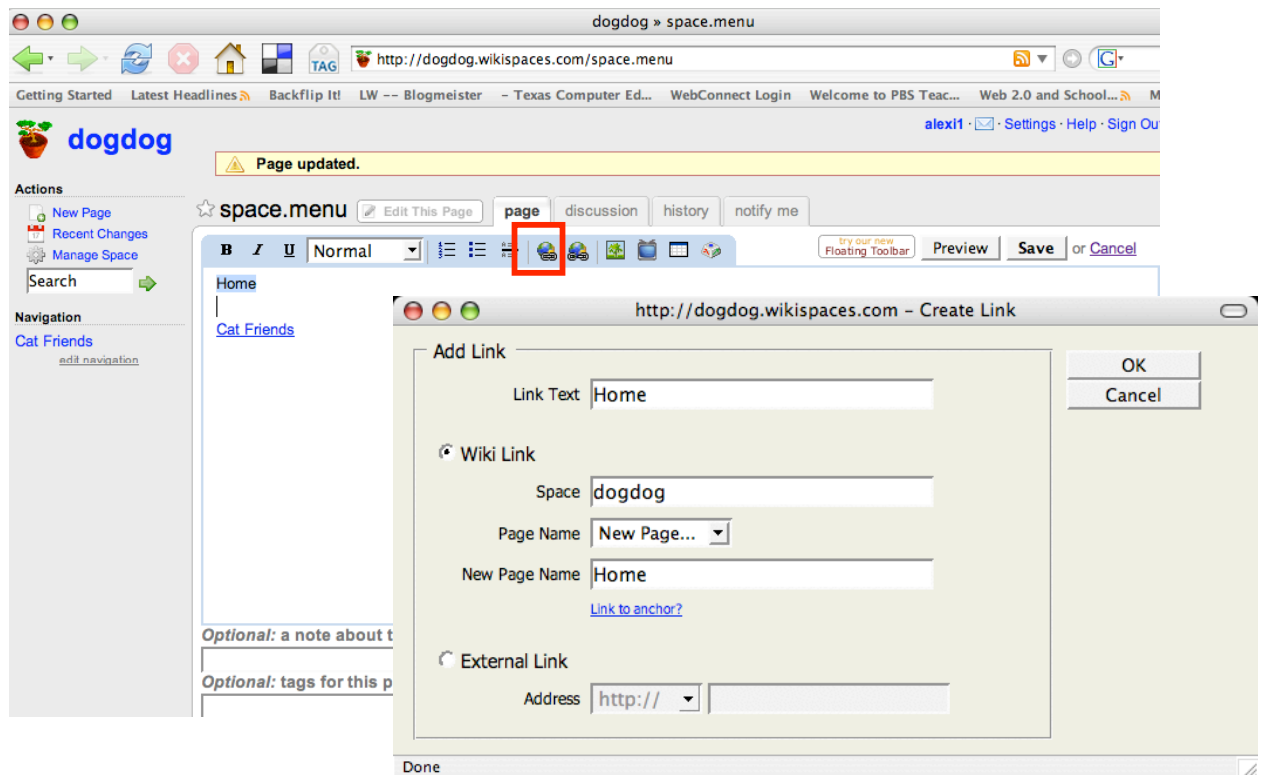
CREATE A NEW PAGE

There are at least two ways to create a new page.

Method One

One is to click on the link on the left that says "New Page". When you do that you are asked for a title for the new page and then an empty page opens ready to be edited. When you are done with that page be sure to click "save".

If you do it this way you will need to create a link to this page in the Navigation at the left. To do this, click on "edit navigation" (very small at the bottom of the left side).

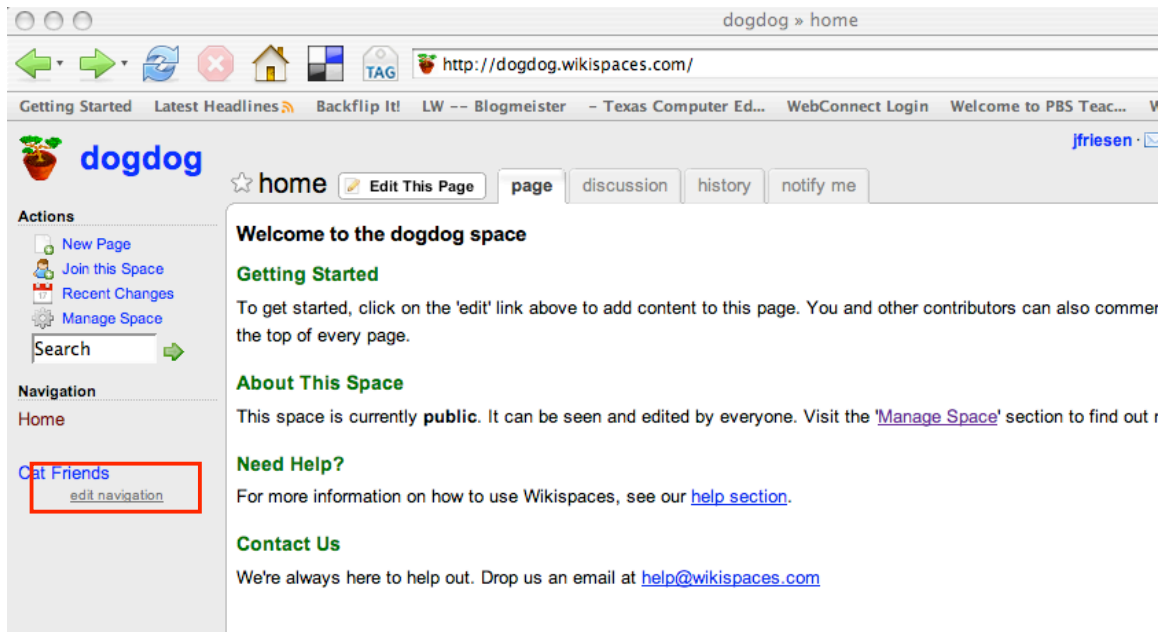


A new page will open named space.menu. Whatever is typed in here can be made to be a link to another page.

Method Two

You can also start by choosing “edit navigation” and creating a page and a link. The empty page is created with a link to it on the side. Then you will have to go back to the page in order to edit the page.

When you click on Save the changes you made will show up in the navigation bar on the left.



If you do not want to create your own space, but would like to play around with a wiki just to see how they work you can use this one: <http://dogdog.wikispaces.com>

Here are things you should try:

- Add a New Page
- Enter some text
- Edit the text to make it bold or larger
- Add a picture
- Add a link