

# Wiki?

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 20 Jun 2007, 12:56

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If not, though, then maybe this could be time to give it another kick onwards?

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Daniel D Jones — 20 Jun 2007, 15:52 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

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Matthew King — 20 Jun 2007, 20:40 · in reply to Daniel D Jones

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 21 Jun 2007, 11:20 · in reply to Matthew King

At 21:40 20/06/2007, Matthew King wrote:  
Let's pretend for the sake of discussion that we already have MediaWiki installed, and now we're deciding how to configure it.

Unfortunately I'm not able to install MediaWiki on my hosting, because of the specific MySQL requirements it makes: so if that's a sine qua non, I'll have to withdraw my offer.

My suggestion would be to use PmWiki, which has pretty similar functionality in the important areas: <http://www.wikimatrix.org/compare/MediaWiki+PmWiki> and I think should be fine for a small (numbers of people) project like this

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It's not going to be practical, AFAIK, to have membership of the wiki automatically (and securely) respond to changes in the list membership. List users are going to have to join the wiki separately. In which case I would say we should reserve editing to wiki members only.

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I would personally tend to allow anyone who goes to the effort of joining the wiki to edit it, just as anyone who goes to the effort of joining this list can post to it. But I don't feel strongly about that: it's easy enough to have areas restricted to certain groups, etc, if that's felt necessary.

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I have no strong views about structure.

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I'm happy to moderate in the administrative sense, but I would prefer not to be involved in eg. matters of quasi-academic dispute ;-)

By the way, if people think this discussion should be taken off list, do please say,

best,

Mo

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