

Wikis and Blogs:

Typical (*Usually, Sometimes*) Differences & Similarities

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Wiki	Blog
Collaborative	Individual
“knowledgebase”*	Education or entertainment based
architecture: flat hierarchy of linked pages	architecture: reverse chronological order
more permanent; repository	typically ephemera
create a website without coding	create an online journal without coding
fluid	linear
hyperlinks	timestamps
“typically” multiple authors, collaborative	“typically” a single or few authors
contributions build knowledge base	contributions reactionary
upload, store, link resources (portal-ish)	Upload, store, link resources (gatekeeping)
tags	tags
RSS	RSS
coding optional	coding optional
WYSIWIG or simple syntax	WYSIWYG, mostly
record of changes	no permanent record of changes
No content control -- messy messy messy!	<i>Almost</i> complete content control
Style Guides	“Rules of Etiquette”

*Farkas, Meredith. “Let 100 Wikis Bloom.” Information Wants to be Free (Blog). May 10, 2007.
<http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php/2007/05/01/let-100-wikis-bloom/>

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