



**pb wiki**  
*Make a free wiki as easily as a peanut butter sandwich.*

## Going Premium

### What do I get for going Premium?

The Silver plan is the most popular choice for educators. In addition to all the features of a free wiki, Silver wikis get the following.

Access controls	More pre-made designs	1000MB storage space
Assign different access levels to your users: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Reader</li><li>▪ Contributor</li><li>▪ Moderator</li><li>▪ Administrator</li></ul>	Change the way your wiki looks and feels	That's 100x the storage space on a free wiki

There are other features and plans, too, including lockable pages, hideable pages, traffic statistics, and more. To see the entire feature list at your wiki's upgrade page, click in the bottom-right corner.

### How much do Premium wikis cost?

PBwikis are reasonably priced. To see prices and feature comparisons, click "Add features" at the top-right corner of your wiki.

### How can I pay? What about purchase orders?

- **Payment options:** We accept credit cards or Paypal. We also accept purchase orders for orders over \$100 (please email [sales@pbwiki.com](mailto:sales@pbwiki.com)).
- **Monthly vs. annual plans:** Choose a monthly or annual plan. Monthly plans can cancel at any time, while annual plans receive 2 months free. To compare the plans, visit your wiki's upgrade page (click in the bottom-right corner).

### Are there volume discounts?

Yes. If you're buying more than 5 Premium wikis, please email [sales@pbwiki.com](mailto:sales@pbwiki.com).

### If I don't go Premium, will my wiki still be here?

Yes. You can keep your free wiki for as long as you want. If you decide to upgrade, you get the additional storage space and features of a Premium wiki.

### Have wikis been shown to be pedagogically useful?

"... Wikis were used successfully to enable hundreds of students to participate in a collaborative icebreaker exercise at Deakin University. This project illustrated how e-learning practitioners can use wiki technology to enhance social interaction amongst students online." **Teaching and Learning Online with Wikis.** Naomi Auger et al., 2004.

"Though performance and learning improved in the collaborative learning case, student effort (time-on-task) remained the same...." **Collaborative Learning at Low Cost, Jochen Rick et al., 2002.**

"Some students who participated in our study reported that they reflected on the potential audience for their writing and that it affected their revisions. These results suggest that publishing can encourage students to adopt the view that writing is one part of a collaborative process..." **An evaluation of wiki-based collaboration in an undergraduate computer science classroom, Timothy Payne, 2003.**

### **How many students can I host on my wiki?**

You can host unlimited students and unlimited pages on your PBwiki.

### **My administrator told me I should use our school's existing system (or a open-source wiki). Why use PBwiki?**

Your school system may be great for your needs. But educational tools should help you get stuff done easily. PBwiki doesn't require any special IT support or installation on servers. You just choose a wiki name and your wiki works. And your Premium wiki gives you features that will help your students collaborate—and help you share your students' success with parents, other teachers, and administrators. Plus, you have the support of the PBwiki team and thousands of educators who have succeeded using PBwiki.

### **Why not just use a free wiki?**

There are lots of free wikis out there. But if you go with a PBwiki, you join the largest collection of educational wikis anywhere. We're a team of 3 Stanford graduates who work day and night to make a better educational wiki for you. And we're constantly releasing new features that make your wiki simpler and easier to use. Premium wikis get an unbeatable combination of access controls, hidden pages, and more.

Also, a Premium PBwiki can save you money. Imagine trying to get your IT representative's attention, which might include him spending 3 hours researching wikis, getting the approval process started, and installing the wiki on your school's server. At \$50/hour, your IT rep just spent over \$500 to set up a wiki. Now factor in maintenance and time costs. A Premium PBwiki pays for itself in about a month.

### **What about security? Is our data safe?**

Yes. We backup your data hourly, and we're just as serious about your data's integrity as you are. We also make sure PBwiki is up and ready when you are, so you don't have to worry about your wiki being down for a crucial presentation. And because we're a hosted wiki, we can roll out fixes and improvements immediately, with no extra support contract. Updates and enhancements are included free in your subscription.

### **What's your refund policy?**

Monthly plans can cancel at any time. We don't offer refunds for annual plans, but we'll work with you to help you through any problems you may be having.

### **What are other educators saying?**

"It didn't take much convincing to get my director to pay for it, since we've found the

wiki so useful. And I'd highly recommend using PBwiki to other educators and/or nonprofits.

What we like is that as opposed to clogging everyone's in-boxes with files, we just make them available on the wiki and everyone can go find them as many times as they want without worrying about accidentally deleting the attachment or email."

**Kelley Beeson**

*Youth Services Coordinator, Allegheny County Library Association  
Pittsburgh, PA*

"What is clever here is the various ways kids can collaborate and communicate about content, while creating content that is grade level and reading level appropriate for K-2. Teachers LOVED this because the wiki is just so easy to use."

**Kathleen Ferenz**

*Technology Specialist, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties*

"Studies show that students retain course material better when they collaborate on a project..PBwiki allows my students in different sections of the same class to work together efficiently on their group projects. The result is the growth of both comprehension of the material and rapport among the students."

**Monica Hahn-Koenig**

*Instructor, Art History, Philadelphia University*

"PBwiki is so easy. You can have a site up in less than a minute and the uses for it in education are limitless. I have created four already. One of the things I like best about PBwiki is that the learning curve is so small. It is quick and it is free! I am able to get my information up and have it look presentable right away.

You don't need to master the whole program. You can do so much initially and you can return later for more learning on how to customize the site.

There are forums and PBwiki specific blogs to help you. The owners of PBwiki are focused on making the experience a good one for educators. They actively seek our input and care about making it relevant for educators. They have even created an advisory board of educators! How cool is that? I am just at the beginning of exploring possibilities with this tool but I know I have started at a very educator-friendly site! Thank-you PBwiki!

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