Using Wiki in E-learning Programs: Experiences from the ELA

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E-learning Academy

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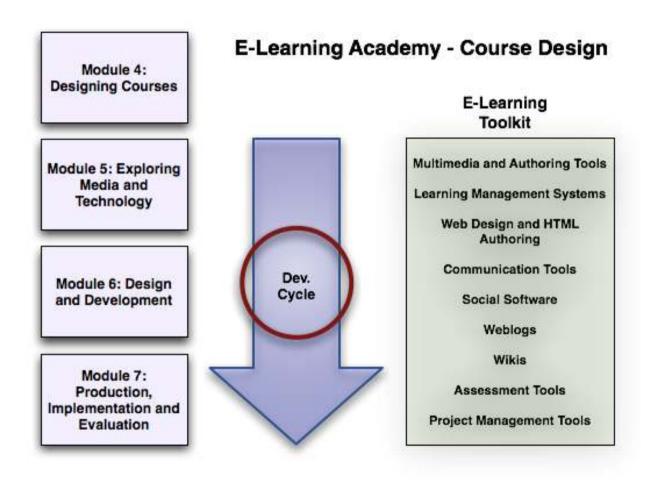
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Within the ELA

E-learning Toolkit





Toolkit: the Idea



Collaborative space & Lab



Canadian experience with a collaborative environment for student activities and content building



Expectations

- 1. Hands-on resources for course designers
- 2. Further content development by users!
- 3. Use by other ELA programs
- 4. Wider community use



Why a wiki?

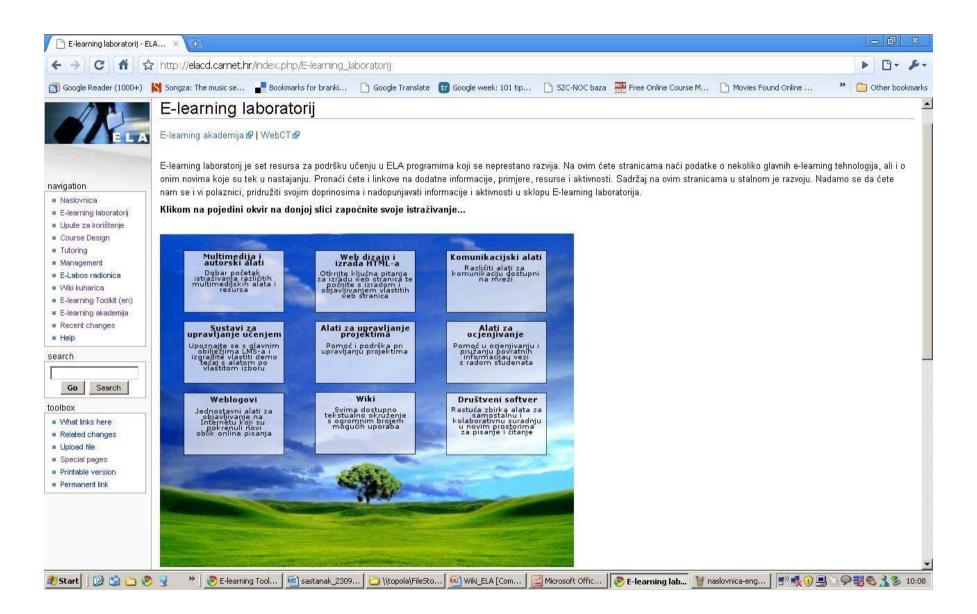
Ideal for the job...

- "... a more natural collaborative environment" (Mader, 2007)
- Easy to use
- "Semi-casual" = safe environment!
- Social software live community, "living organism"
- Easy to support and maintain



Free and OpenSource!

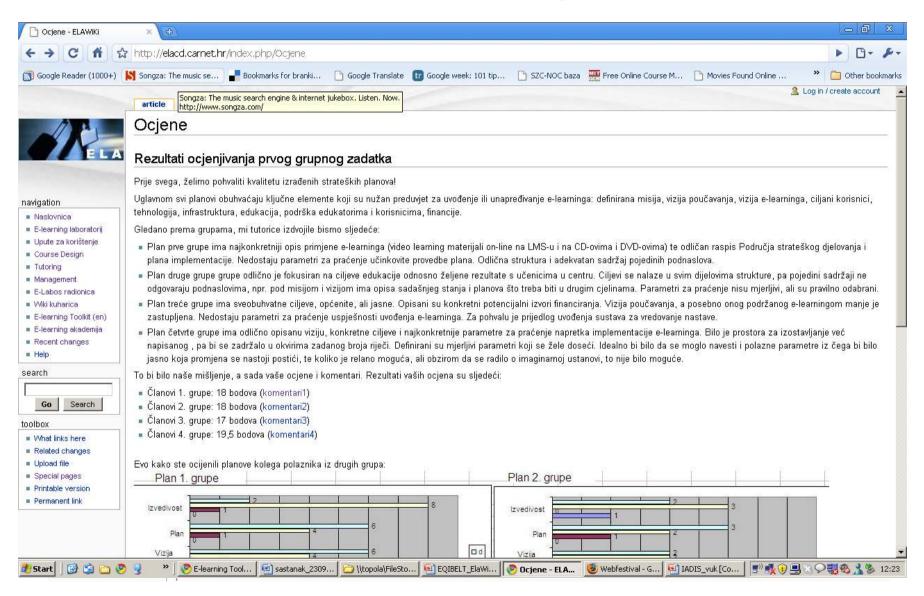
Wiki as a Content Platform





Wiki cookbook

Wiki as an Activity Platform



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First-hand experience with wiki as educational technology: +/-

Good for assessment, esp. group work!



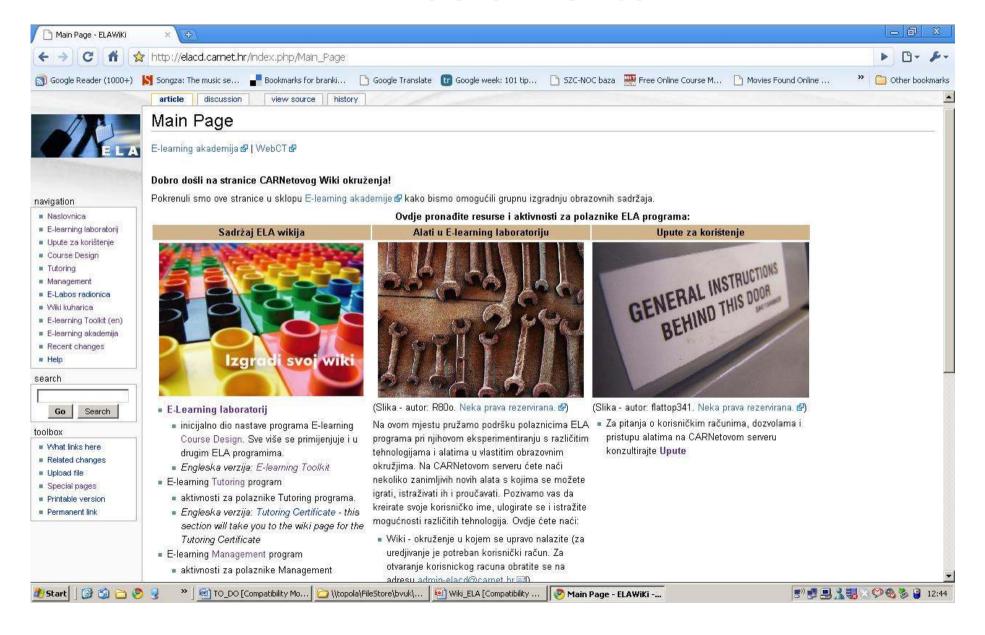
Wiki as an Activity

- Course Design participants
 - Research
 - Explore
 - Present to other participants

http://elacd.carnet.hr/index.php/Course Design/wiki



Wiki as a Portal



Feedback and Results

One of the most used and well-liked tools!

- 497 content pages
- total of 471,738 page views, and 14,140 page edits since ELAWiKi was setup
- 258 registered users



However...

Underused in Course Design

No structured* activities = no activities * graded



Redesign of activities in CD:

- Group work and individual assignments
- Around 60 new relevant content pages
- 15 final assignments!

(23 Course Design participants, 2007/2008)

Tutors:

"measurably increased participation"

"greater participant satisfaction"



Thank you!

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