Canisius Wiki: the Basics

What is Confluence?

Confluence is a wiki system that allows users within offices, departments, or divisions of the college to collaboratively create content for each other, for the campus community as a whole, and even for the general public outside Canisius College.

If you think Confluence may be a helpful tool for you, contact the Center for Online Learning & Innovation to discuss your needs and possibilities. While perhaps not as “flashy” or “polished” as other web sites, Confluence is very easy for simply putting or assembling content on a web space where it is easily accessed via a link, URL, or web address. Plus, different users within the same space can add to or edit the same content. For those who have no experience in adding content to the web, Confluence is a great way to get started. For those who have extensively built content on the web, Confluence can still be a handy way to maintain regularly-changing or updated material in an easily linkable space.

In this self-paced training resource you’ll learn how Confluence is organized and used, and how to build things in the Canisius wiki. But to start, let’s watch a very basic introduction:

Sharing Wiki Pages

It’s possible to share any wiki page, either in an email or perhaps on another web resource, via an individual address or URL for each page. Visitors to your wiki pages do not need to go to wiki.canisius.edu and navigate to your page; a link can send them directly there. To get that sharing link, you must be logged into the wiki. Then, find the Share link in the upper right of the page. Click that, and you’ll see an option to copy a URL:

You are looking at a page in the wiki right now. Let’s get started with some wiki page sharing: see it in a video!

You can practice this right now, on this page! Be sure you are logged into the wiki, and click Share in the upper right. Then, click “copy.” You can paste the link to this page anywhere you like! Email it with a co-worker as a great tip!

Next: How is the Wiki Organized? >>
Ready to be a Confluence Pro?

This space provides an introduction to Confluence here at Canisius College, to get you up and running fairly quickly. But if you want the long-form "User's Manual," Confluence's creators at Atlassian have that here.