

WIS Student Site

I'm currently working on a Tiki based student site at [WIS](#) and intend to use this page for thoughts on the issue. With time I hope it will become a kind of case study. People are welcome to comment/suggest/ask. [kamrik](#)

Overview

Most of the site activity will, probably, be centered around course pages (or structures)

Typical functionality of a course page/structure:

- Announcements of changes like cancellation of a lesson or room change. (what mechanism to use for this, newsletters, articles ?)
- Bibliography page - where books and web pages related to this course are listed, suggested and discussed.
- General discussion pages (how to decide what should be in wiki and what in forum?)

Announcements workflow

Announcements related to some course (or similar entity) should appear on its page AND delivered by email. Users should be able to subscribe themselves to announcements for specific courses (and unsubscribe).

What mechanism to use? Possibilities I see for now:

- Each course is a topic and announcements are articles.
- Each course has announcements forum
- Newsletters

Notes

- Documentation is too much like a reference manual, too lengthy and difficult to navigate if I have a task to perform but don't know what feature to use.
- Plugins can be used to easily extend wiki syntax with custom tags.
- Several wiki pages can be grouped into a [structure](#), see Wiki->structures menu
- [Articles](#) are classified in topics

Things I need to find out

- Can one subscribe to a category, to get mail notices when, say, an article in this category is created?
- What is [Tracker](#)
- How to track/watch changes on a specific page