

## Wikis - A Powerful Collaboration Tool for your Kit

A Wiki is, essentially, a web page that can be edited not only by its creator, but also by visitors. The creator has control over which visitors are granted permission to become editors.

One of the primary uses of a Wiki is to use it as a group planning tool.

The following 4-minute video, created by Lee LeFever of [www.commoncraft.com](http://www.commoncraft.com), is a great introduction to why one would use a wiki:

<http://www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english>

Free Wiki resources:

[www.wikispaces.com](http://www.wikispaces.com)

[www.pbwiki.com](http://www.pbwiki.com)

[www.wetpaint.com](http://www.wetpaint.com)

There are plenty of others, but the above will help you get your feet wet.

Dive in and give it a try. They are easy to create and edit.

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Google 411 (800-GOOG-411 - translation: 800-466-4411)

A handy tip is to program their number into your cell phone. The service is free and very easy to use. You just call it, tell it what business or type of business you are looking for and what city and state you are in, and they will help you connect to a nearby business. VERY useful utility.

<http://www.google.com/goog411/> if you want to learn more.

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magicJack [www.magicjack.com](http://www.magicjack.com)

magicJack turns any standard telephone into an Internet phone (similar to Skype). The magic device connects to your computer via a USB port.

magicJack permits you to call anywhere in the US & Canada for free. You can use your phone and computer anywhere you have Internet access. I keep a phone with me so that I can use it any time or place.

If many of your friends and family are in another area code, you can specify that area code as your home. Now, your friends and family can call you as if you were local to them (in other words: they won't have to pay any long-distance charges).

A word to the wise: magicJack only costs \$20 per year to use. The price is great, but their customer service is known to be horrible. Fortunately, I have never had to use it, but I have heard horror stories.