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# TWiki Site

## TWiki is a Web-based collaboration platform

- A TWiki site is an easy-to-use, full-featured open communications environment:
  - ◆ people anywhere on the Web or on an intranet can meet
  - ◆ rich Web text, images, and online multimedia are easily shared
  - ◆ documents and other files can be uploaded and downloaded
  - ◆ all you need is a Web browser and any available network connection

## TWiki is an UNUSUAL Web-based collaboration platform

- There's no doubt that, to most people, TWiki at first seems almost the opposite of how the Web and online communications "normally" work. Why?
  - ◆ TWiki operates like a whiteboard for the Web - it lets you and all other users write, place pictures and post links, anywhere on any page.
  - ◆ Not only that, everyone can EDIT anything, anywhere on a page.
  - ◆ At first, this may seem "too" open - it soon becomes second-nature, allowing you the freedom to edit and update the way you want to.

## TWiki is a powerful Web enhancement...

- TWiki's parsing engine is written in Perl. It reads a text file, and converts TWiki shorthand into standard HTML, on the fly. The point is to:
  - ◆ make adding and editing text simple (*How simple? Click on the **Edit** link at the bottom of the page...*)
  - ◆ let you find information *fast* (WebSearch)
- TWiki provides an intuitive way for people to meet and collaborate, that aspires to the Zen ideals known as WabiSabi. It finds beauty in the imperfect and ephemeral and constantly evolving. (When it comes down to it, that's all you need.)
- TWiki is one of many wiki engines , inspired by Ward Cunningham's original Wiki Wiki Web .

## "TWiki" stands for...

- *Wiki wiki* means "quick" in Hawaiian. The shuttle at Honolulu Airport is called the *wiki wiki* bus, which is where the original Wiki web got its name.
- *TWiki* is short for *TakeFive Wiki*, the name of the company where its founder Peter Thoeny worked. (It was later discovered that *Twiki* is also the name of an AI robot that co-starred in the *Buck Rogers* movie and TV series from 1979.)

## Selected TWiki Topics...

- WelcomeGuest is a fast track guide to TWiki
- TWikiSite provides a basic big picture overview of the TWiki platform
- TWikiTopics is a quick and concentrated look at the TWiki core
- TWikiEnhancementRequests is the place to add your new feature requests.
- TWiki Documentation: a compact User's Guide and an in-depth Reference Manual.
- TWikiHistory puts TWiki development on a timeline
- WikiCulture looks at the unique type of collaboration Wiki systems offer.

- WikiReferences links to articles and books about collaboration and Wiki technology.

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