# Collaboration Tools in Canvas, Part I: Google Apps, Blogs, & Wiki Pages for Creative Assignments & Collaborative Learning

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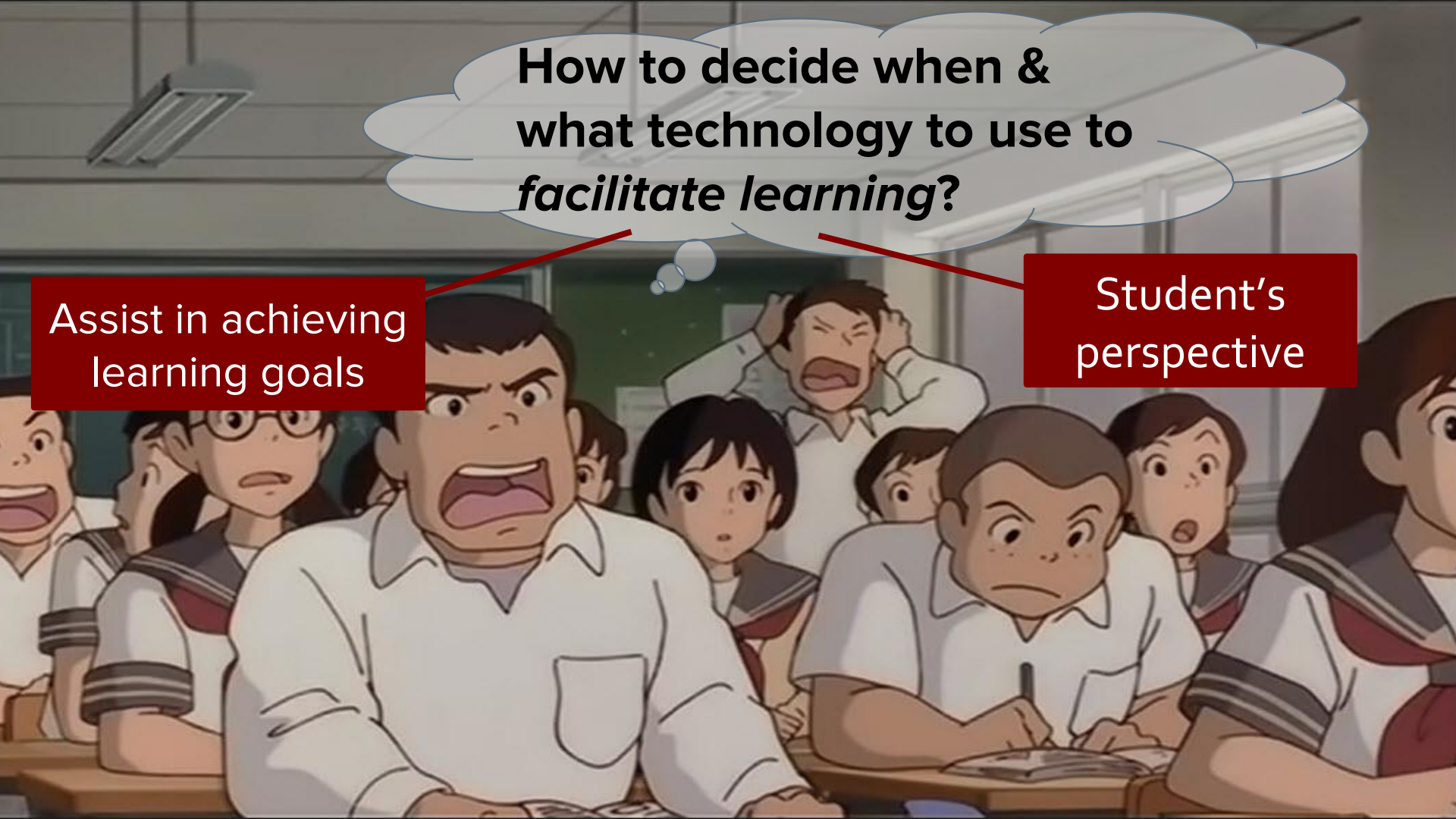
How to decide when & what technology to use to *facilitate learning*?
Assist in achieving learning goals
Student's perspective

# What about them blogs & wikis?

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Scott Moore, Economics professor at University of Michigan on using blog in his class.

http://www.youtube.com/embed/8ADnmOK7Xss

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1 332 000+ статей

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1 273 000+ artículos

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1 293 000+ voci

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930 000+ artigos

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892 000+ 條目

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1 178 000+ haseł

English

Brandon’s UC wiki

https://wiki.uchicago.edu/display/BCRE/Being+Christian+in+the+Roman+Empire

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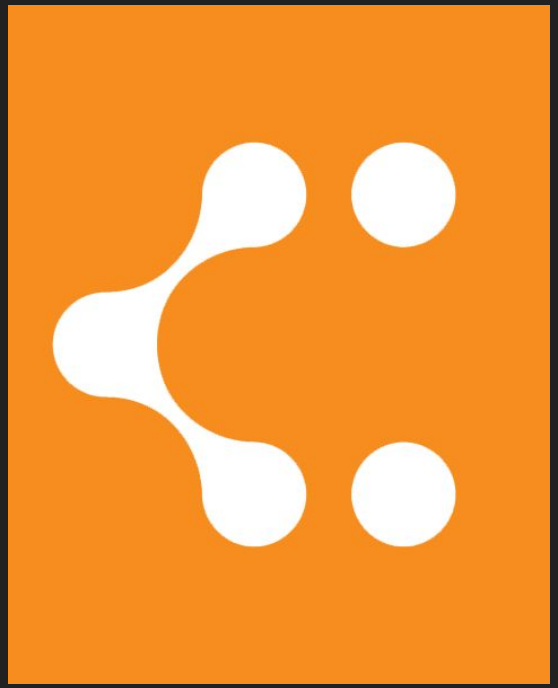

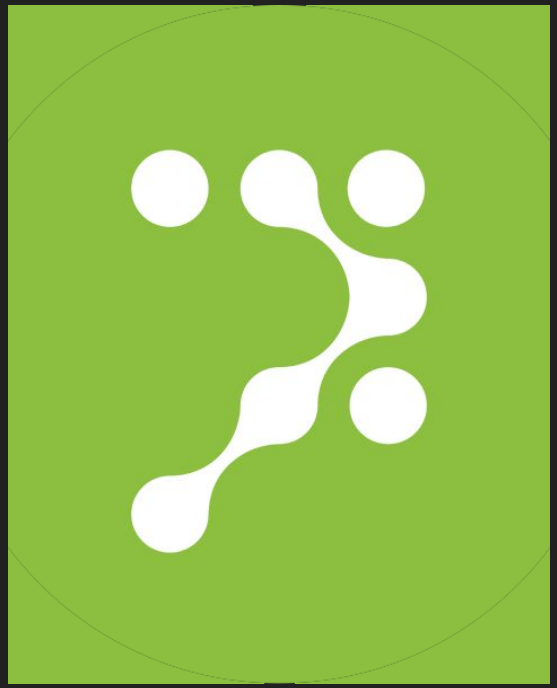

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Pages

# UChicago Wikis Home

Tools

Wikis help you collaborate with others on documents and projects. Faculty, students, and staff are eligible to use these wikis free of charge. For help and advice, try the Getting Started with UChicago Wikis links below -- or co [No Title] We'd be happy to consult with you on the best collaborative application to meet your needs.

**Username:**

**Password:**

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**Find a Wiki**

## Recently Updated

As you and your team create content this area will fill up and

## FEATURED WIKI: POWERPEDIA

Powerpedia is a collaborative resource for students in Richard Westerman's Power, Identity, and Resistance Core Social Sciences course at the University of Chicago.

You can add to the "My Spaces" list below, which will be available when you log in. Choose wikis from "All Spaces," and click their star icons.

All

Advanced Experimental Physics Labs

### Getting started with UChicago Wikis

Want to use a wiki for your project? We will help you get started. Have comments or questions? Contact us. Call (773) 834-8324 or e-mail support@uchicago.edu.

- Create your Personal Space
- Create a Group Space
- Guides and Tutorials
- Support Line

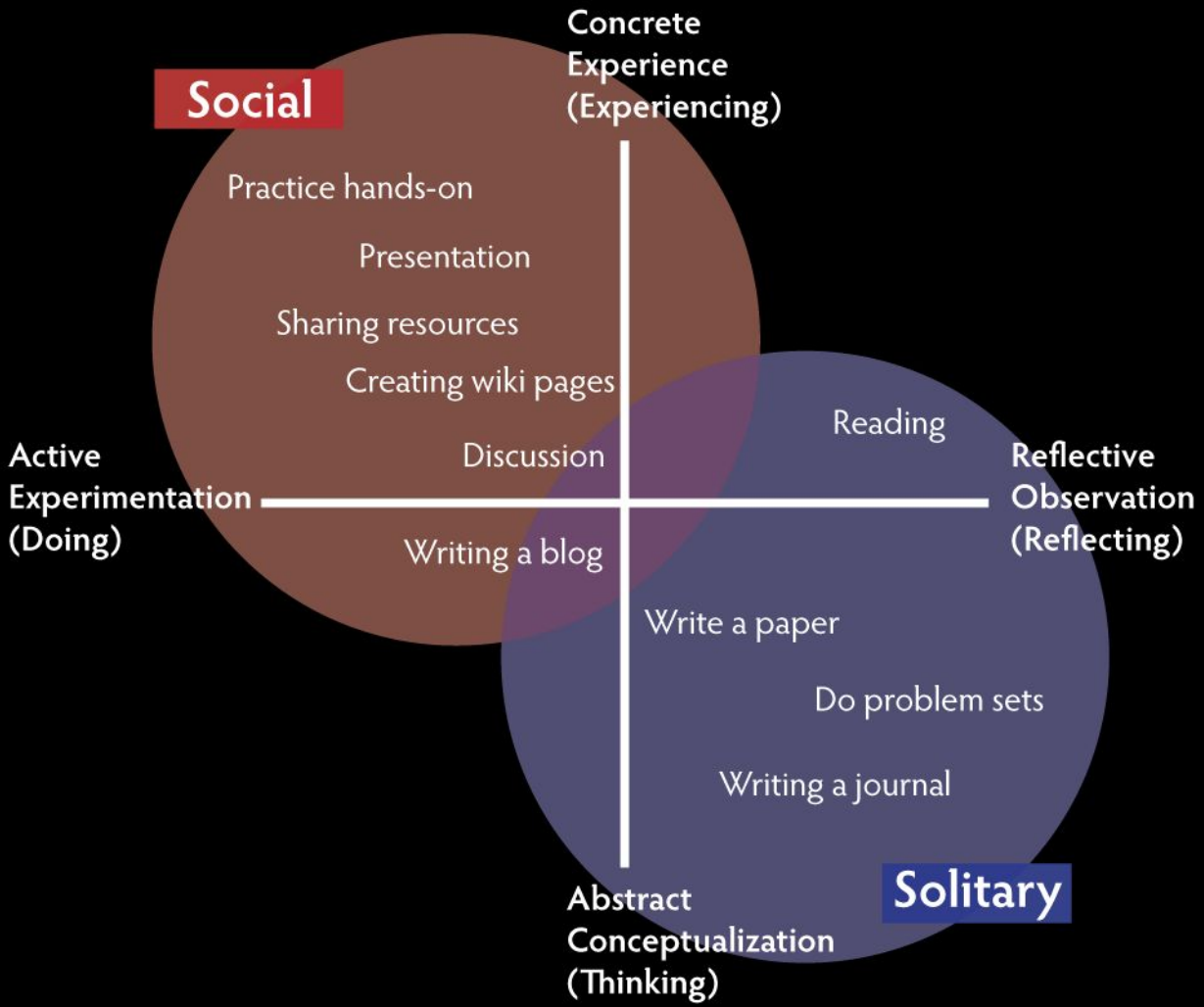
### Frequently Asked Questions

- The Basics
- Dashboard, Homepage, and Favorites
- Editing
- Macros
- Permissions

### Wikis for Teaching

- Tips and Ideas for Using Wikis in Teaching
- Sample Site: Connective Knowledge

### Confluence Documentation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Social
Practice hands-on
Presentation
Sharing resources
Creating wiki pages
Discussion
Writing a blog
Active Experimentation (Doing)
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