



## Welcome to WikiSym 2007

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-- *Wikis at Work in the World: Open, Organic, Participatory Media for the 21st Century*

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Montréal, for this 3<sup>rd</sup> *International Symposium on Wikis – WikiSym 2007*.

WikiSym is the only international scientific conference dedicated to wikis. It is a unique venue that brings together wiki researchers, practitioners, and users who are interested in studying and experimenting with wikis, this simple yet compelling idea that spawned a revolution in online mass collaboration. We recognize that the online world is always evolving, and therefore extend a special welcome to attendees interested in other online media consistent with the wiki philosophy of being open, organic and participatory.

Our varied and interdisciplinary program this year includes a rigorously reviewed research paper track as well as plenty of space for practitioner reports, demonstrations and open discussions. Our list of headline speakers features many thought leaders, including Jonathan Grudin (Microsoft Research), one of the world's leading researcher on Computer Supported Collaborative Work, Ward Cunningham (AboutUs), inventor of wiki and founding father of our field, and Peter Thoeny (TWIKI.NET), creator of TWiki, the technology used to fuel collaboration at corporations like Yahoo, Intel, SAP and British Telecom. That's just a sampling of what makes WikiSym the conference of choice for wiki researchers in 2007.

WikiSym 2007 is of course a team effort. We'd particularly like to thank every contributor who submitted material to the symposium as well as the program committee that carefully considered it, and of course, the conference committee who oversaw the organization of the event (listed at: [www.wikisym.org/symposiumandprogramcommittee.html](http://www.wikisym.org/symposiumandprogramcommittee.html)).

We hope you will enjoy WikiSym 2007, and have a good time in Montréal during this hopefully gorgeous "*Indian Summer*".

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*National Research Council of Canada*  
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*Wikisym 2007 Programme Chair*  
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## WikiSym 2007 Program at a Glance

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	Sun Oct 21		Mon Oct 22			Tue Oct 23		
7:00-8:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST		CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST			CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST		
8:00-8:30	Pre-Conf. Opening and <a href="#">Open Space</a> Agenda Setting (continues to 9:00 on first day) 510D		Conference Opening 510B			<a href="#">Open Space</a> Morning News 510D		
8:30-10:00	<a href="#">Wiki Creole Workshop</a> 510C	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	<i>WikiSym Keynote <a href="#">Jonathan Grudin</a> 510B "Living Without Parental Controls"</i>			<i>ooPSLA Keynote <a href="#">Peter Turchi</a> "Once Upon a Time, Like Never Before: The Challenge of Telling the Next Story" 517A</i>	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	
10:00-10:30	BREAK		BREAK			BREAK		
10:30-12:00	<a href="#">Wiki Creole Workshop</a> (contd) 510C	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	<a href="#">Papers: Wiki Technology</a> 510A	<a href="#">Panel: Wiki Patterns: What Works and What Doesn't</a> 510B	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	<a href="#">Panel: Political Wikis</a> 510B	<a href="#">Papers: Collaborative Technologies</a> 510A	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D

	Sun Oct 21		Mon Oct 22			Tue Oct 23	
12:00-13:30	LUNCH		LUNCH			LUNCH	
13:30-15:00	<a href="#">Wikis for SE Workshop</a> 510C	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	<b><u>Tutorial:</u></b> <b><u>Wikis in the Workplace</u></b> <i>by Peter Thoeny</i> 510A	<a href="#">Papers: Wiki in Education</a> 510B	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D	<i>ooPSLA Invited Talk</i> <b><u>Purbrick and Lentzner</u></b> <i>"Second Life: The World's Biggest Programming Environment"</i> 517A	<a href="#">Open Space</a> 510D
15:00-15:30	BREAK		BREAK			BREAK	
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17:00-17:30	Daily <a href="#">Open Space</a> wrapup 510D		Daily <a href="#">Open Space</a> wrapup 510D			<a href="#">Open Space</a> and Conference wrapup 510B	
Evening	<a href="#">Wiki Film Festival</a> (19:00 - 20:15) 510B		WikiSym Posters and Demos (17:30 - 19:00) 710				

## Program Details

**Sunday, October 21st, 2007**

**[Open Space](#) (8:00-17:30), 510D**

*Organizer:* Ted Ernst

You can think of Open Space as a meeting that consists exclusively of good coffee breaks. With this format, issues that are MOST important to the participants are raised and addressed by those most qualified and capable of getting something done on each of them.

**[Wiki Creole Workshop](#) (9:00 - 12:00), 510C**

*Organizers:* Christoph Sauer, Chuck Smith, Tomas Benz

Over the past year we have been working together to create a "Creole" markup which would not be a replacement to current wiki markup, but rather a markup to be used alongside existing markup, to make it easier for people to work across multiple wikis with a unified syntax. Now we need to work together to spread this spec and popularize it among wiki users worldwide. We will discuss Creole's current status, implementations, testing, relation to other markups, promotional materials, user education, and how to involve more people in the effort.

**[Wikis for SE Workshop](#) (13:30 - 17:00), 510C**

*Organizers:* Ademar Aguiar, Paulo Merson, Uri Dekel

- [Invited talk](#) by [Ward Cunningham](#)
- Short presentations and demos
- Posters time (coffee-break)
- Open discussion
- Group discussions and conclusions

***Wiki Film Festival* (19:00 - 20:15), 510B**

*Organizer:* Chuck Smith

- [Truth in Numbers: Wikipedia](#) by Nic Hill (30 min)
- [The Wiki Way](#) by Rory O'Connor and Global Vision (15 min)
- [Wikis in Plain English](#) by Common Craft (4 min)
- [Open Frame: Cinema Verite Conference Video of RecentChangesCamp2006](#) by Geri Weis-Corbley (20 min)

**Monday, October 22nd, 2007**

**[Open Space \(8:00-17:30\) 510D](#)**

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***WikiSym Keynote (8:30 - 10:00), 510B***

**["Living Without Parental Control"](#)**

Jonathan Grudin, Microsoft Research

***Papers: Wiki Technology (10:30 - 12:00), 510A***

*Session Chair:* TBD

*Full papers*

- [C. Sauer, C. Smith, & T. Benz. WikiCreole: A Common Wiki Markup.](#)
- [R. Witte & T. Gitzinger. Connecting Wikis and Natural Language Processing Systems.](#)

*Short papers*

- [J. C. Morris & C. Lüer. DistriWiki: A Distributed Peer-to-Peer Wiki.](#)
- [M. Sabel. Structuring Wiki Revision History.](#)

***Panel: Wiki Patterns: What Works and What Doesn't? (10:30 - 12:00), 510B***

*Moderator:* Stewart Mader

*Panelists*

- Anne Goldenberg
- Ted Ernst
- Eugene Kim
- Sunir Shah
- Angela Beesley
- Dirk Riehle

### *Short papers*

- S. Guth. Wikis in Education: Is Public Better?
- C. Roth. Viable Wikis.

### **Tutorial: Wikis in the Workplace (13:30 - 17:00), 510A**

*Instructor:* Peter Thoeny.

Learn exactly what a wiki is from the founder of TWiki, the leading wiki for corporate collaboration and knowledge management. In this overview session, Peter Thoeny will review how you can use a wiki to enhance your corporate communications within your organization and between organizations for a competitive advantage.

### **Wiki in Education (13:30 - 15:00), 510B**

*Session Chair:* Mark Bernstein

#### *Full Papers*

- [A. Forte & A. Bruckman. Constructing Text: Wiki as a Toolkit for Learning.](#)
- [A. Bruns & S. Humphreys. Building Collaborative Capacities in Learners: The M/Cyclopedia Project, Revisited.](#)

#### *Short Papers*

- [X. de Pedro. New method using Wikis and forums to assess individual contributions.](#)
- [M. Cubric. Wiki-based Framework for Blended Learning.](#)

### **Wiki Communités (15:30 - 17:00), 510B**

*Session Chair:* Phoebe Ayers

#### *Full Papers*

- [J. M. Reagle. Do As I Do: Authorial Leadership in Wikipedia.](#)
- [J. F. Ortega & J. G. Gonzalez-Barahona. Quantitative Analysis of the Wikipedia Community of Users.](#)

#### *Short Papers*

- [D. M. Wilkinson & B. A. Huberman. Cooperation and Quality in Wikipedia.](#)

- [R. Priedhorsky, B. Jordan, & L. Terveen. How a Personalized Geowiki Can Help Bicyclists Share Information More Effectively.](#)

## **WikiSym Posters and Demos (17:30 - 19:00), 710**

*Session Chairs:* Angela Beesley and Andrea Forte

Held at same time as the ooPSLA welcome reception and posters session. Look for specially identified WikiSym section.

## **Tuesday, October 23rd**

### **Open Space (8:00-17:30) 510D**

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### **ooPSLA Keynote (8:30 - 10:00), 517A**

*"Once Upon a Time: Like Never Before: The Challenge of Telling the Next Story"*

Peter Turchi, author of *"Maps of the Imagination"*

### **Collaborative Technologies (10:30 - 12:00), 510A**

*Session Chair:* Ademar Aguiar

*Full papers*

- [D. Frankowski et al. Recommenders Everywhere: The WikiLens Community-Maintained.](#)
- [J. Rick. AniAniWeb: A Wiki Approach to Personal Home Pages.](#)

*Short papers*

- [W. Xiao, C. Chi, M. Yang. On-line Collaborative Software Development via Wiki.](#)
- [U. Dekel. Gathering Client-Side Wiki Usage Data.](#)

**Panel: Political Wikis (10:30 - 12:00), 510B**

*Session Chair:* Robert Biddle

*Short Paper:*

- [Renée-Marie Fountain. Conceptual enhancement via textual plurality: a wiki genuflect towards “intra-textuality”](#)

**ooPSLA Invited Talk (13:30-15:00), 517A**

["Second Life: The World's Biggest Programming Environment"](#)

Jim Purbrick and Mark Lentczner

**WikiSym Closing Talk (15:30-17:00), 510B**

["Agile Trust, Wiki Nature, and Business Logic Futures"](#)

Ward Cunningham, AboutUS

**Open Space and Conference Wrapup (17:00-17:30), 510B**