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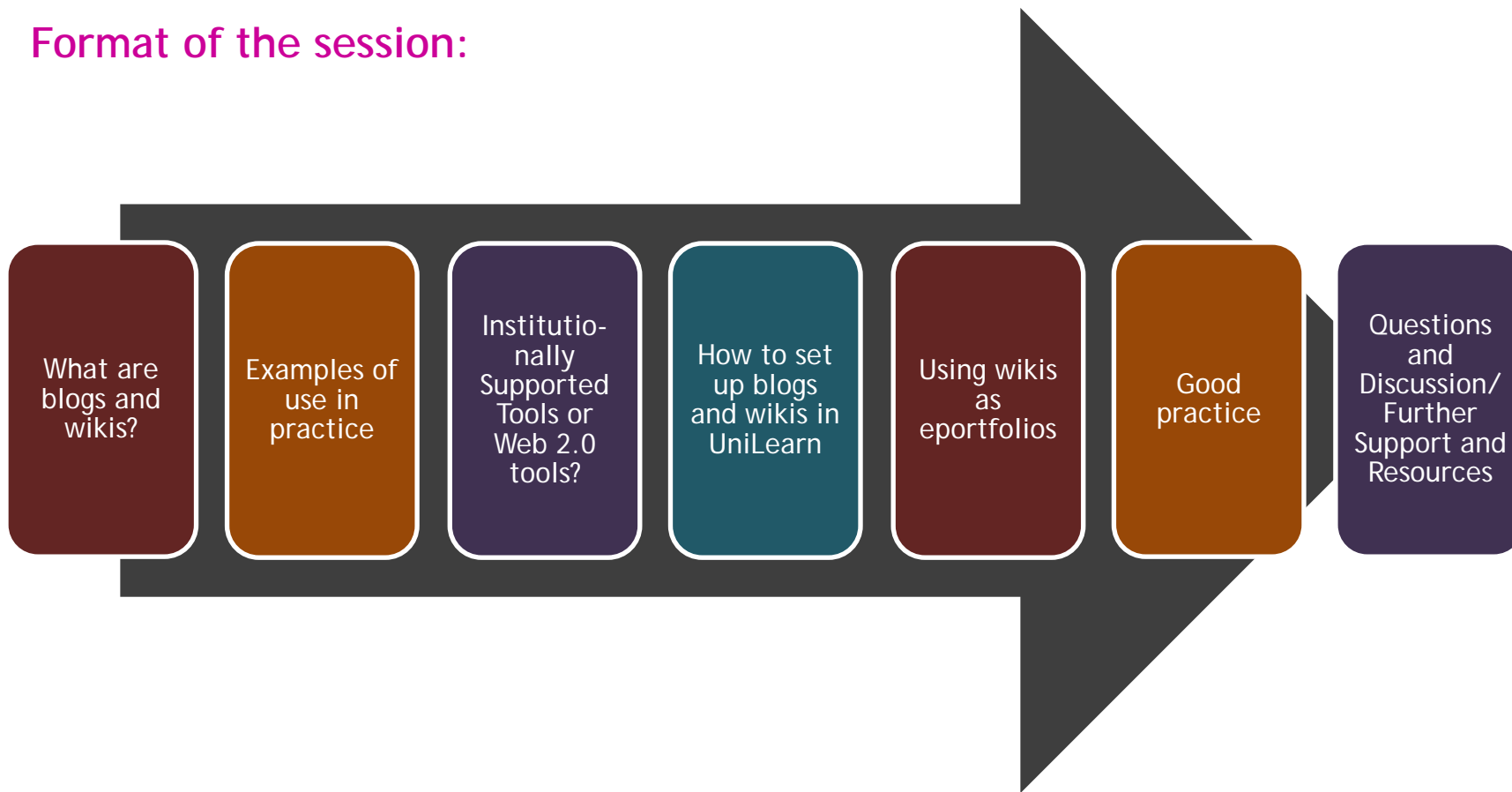
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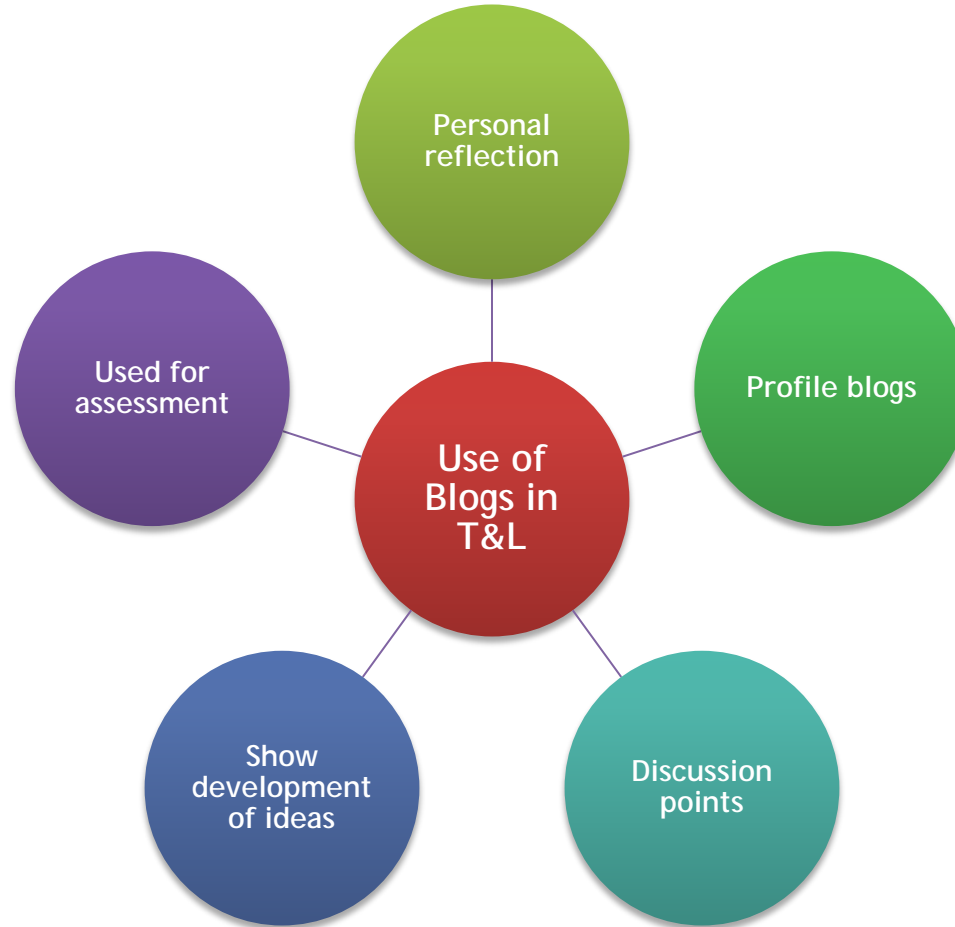
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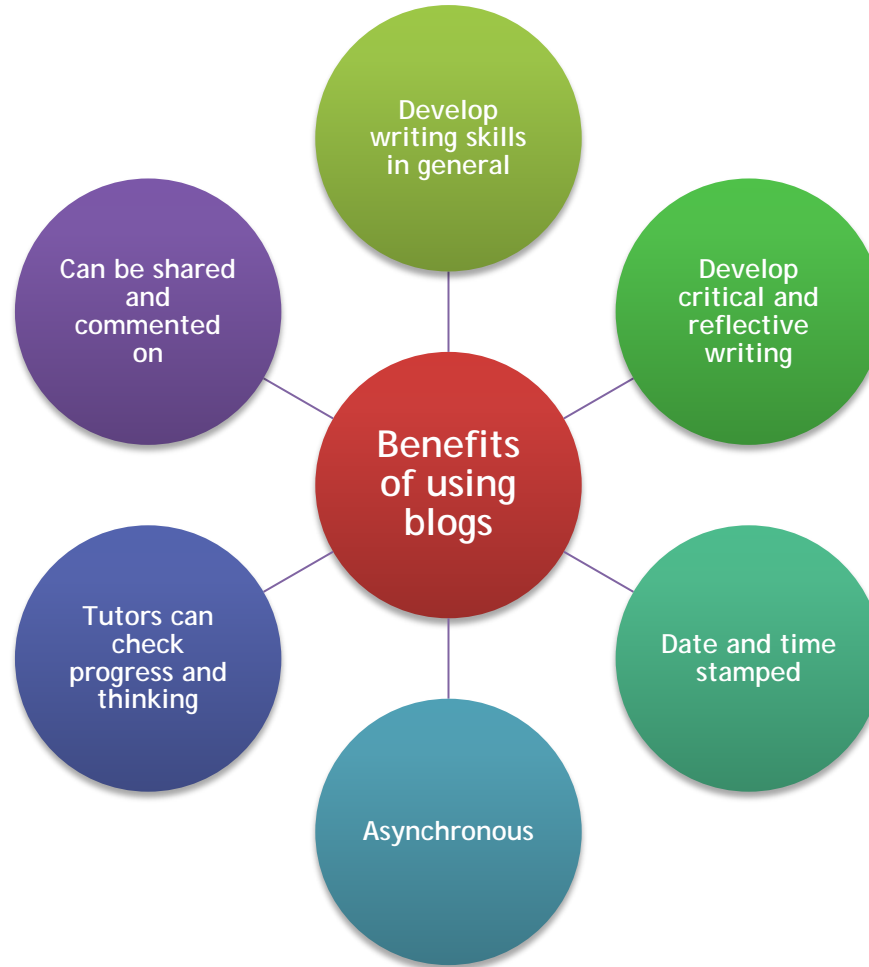
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What are Wikis?





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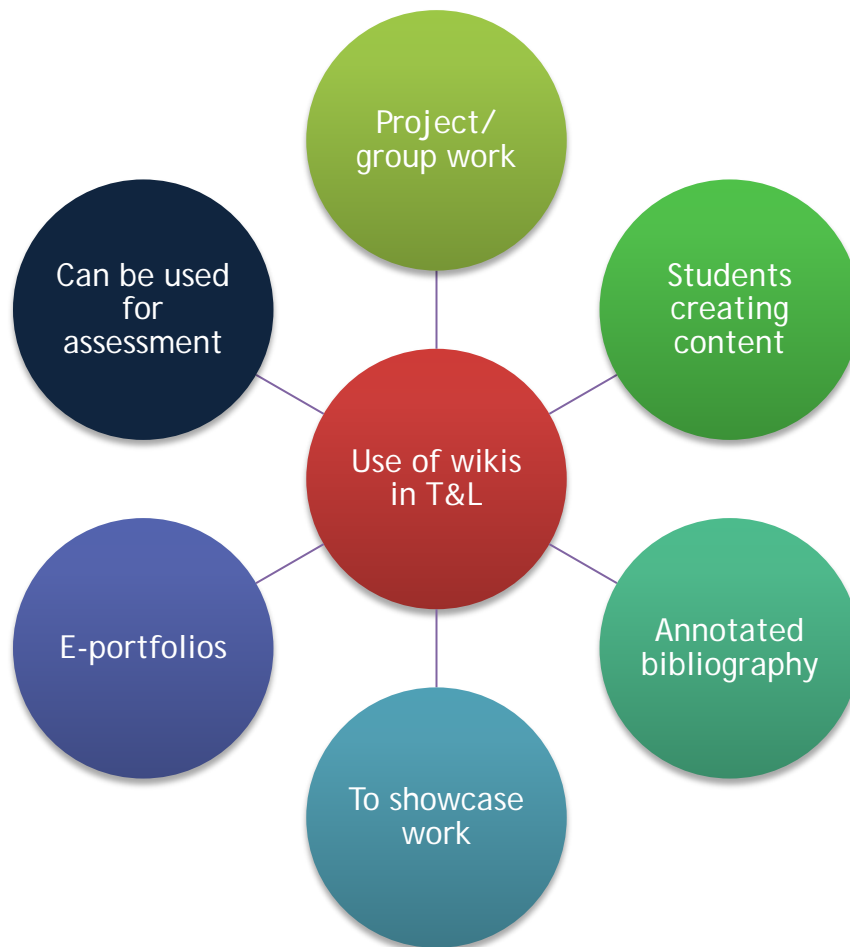
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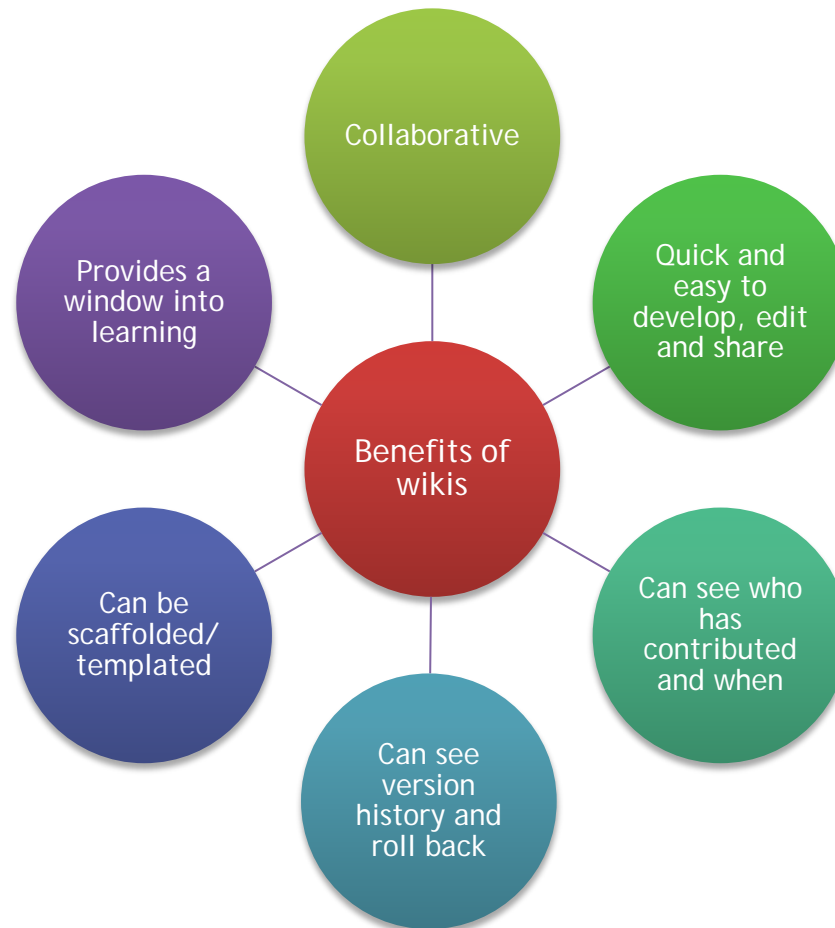
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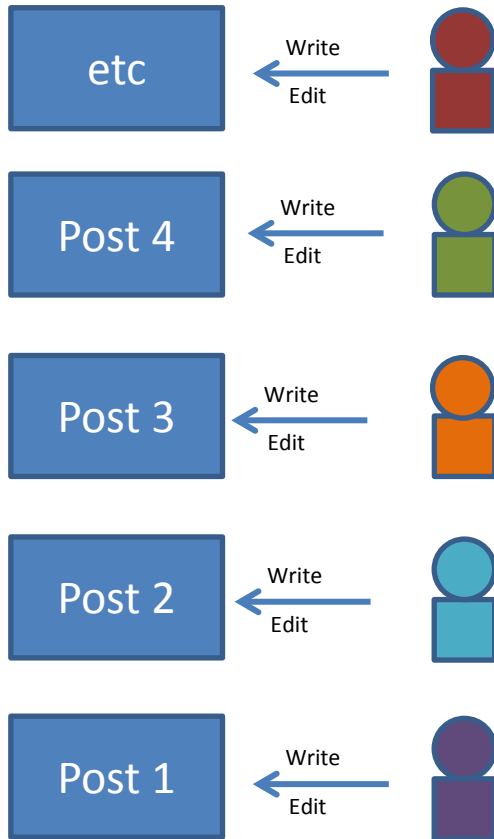
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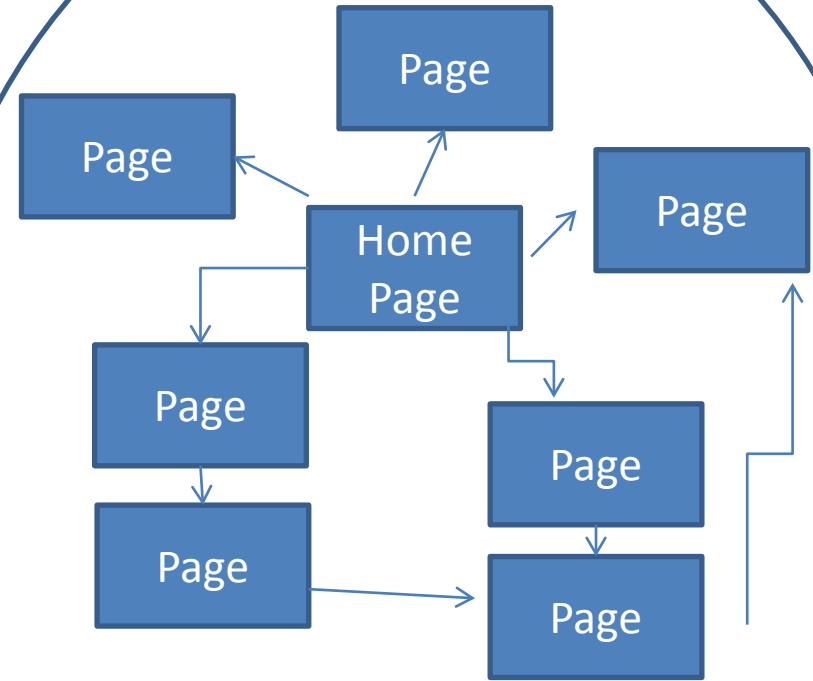
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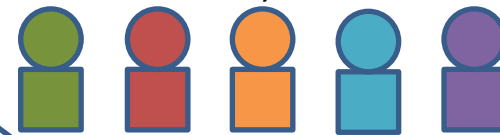


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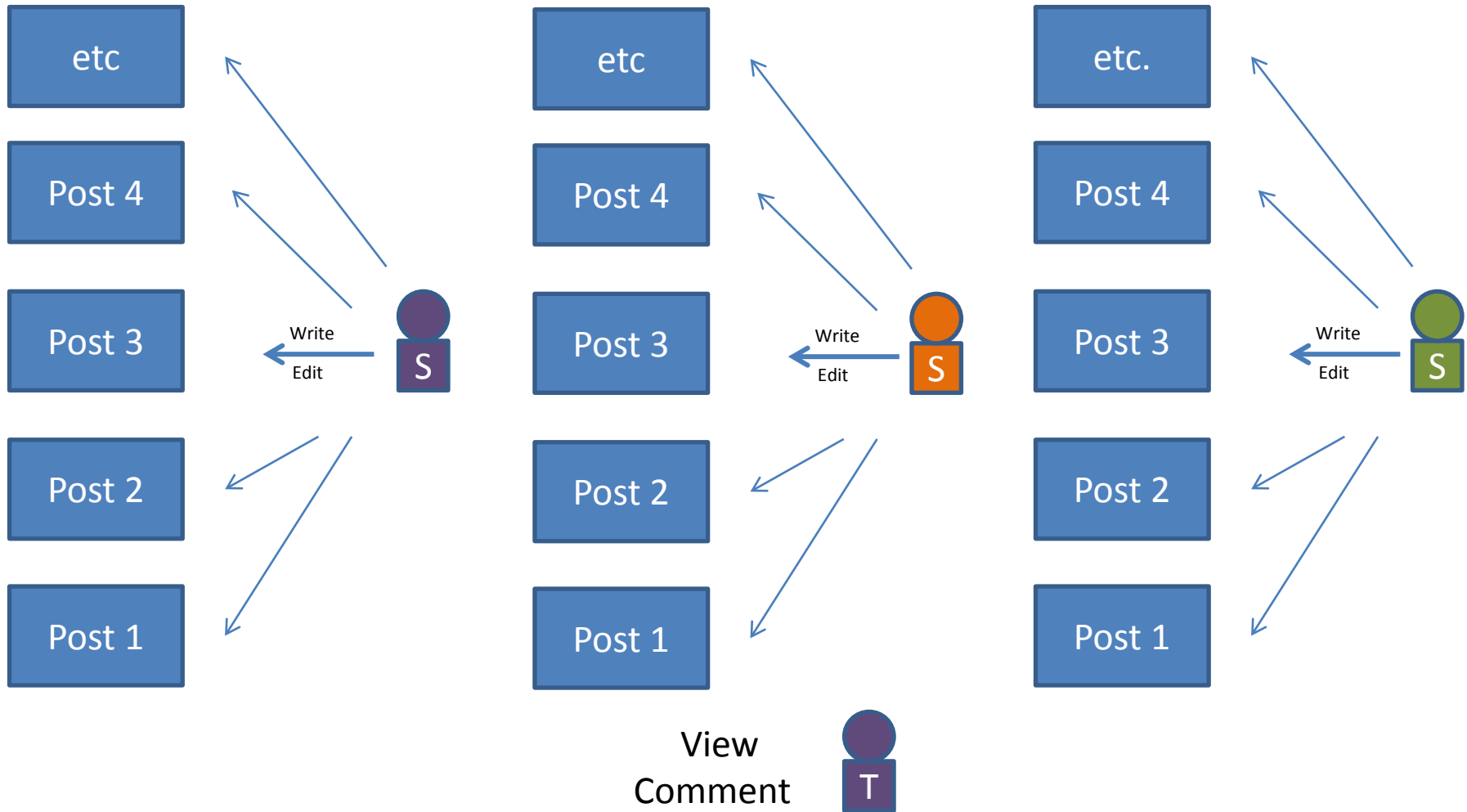


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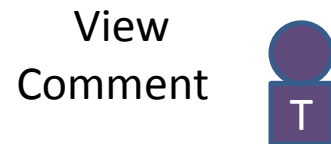
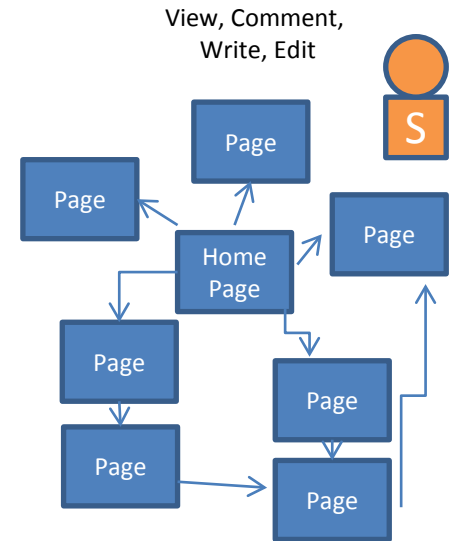
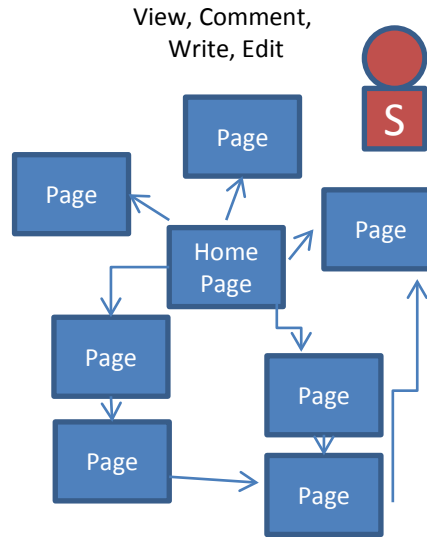
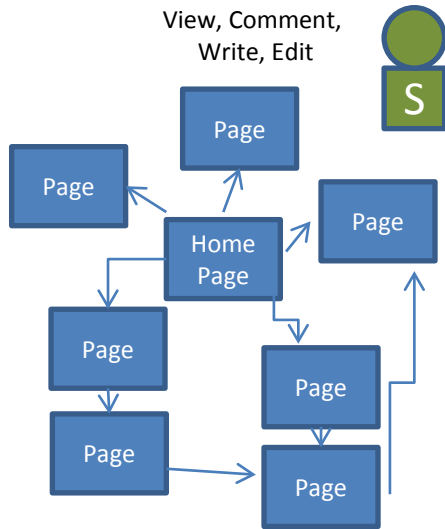
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Individual Blogs



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Supported institutional tools or Web 2.0?

Supported Tool (UniLearn)

- Safe, protected environment
- Backed up
- Supported
- Less exposing

Non-Supported Tools (Web 2.0)

- Wider audience
- More real world
- More potential comments
- More exposing/scary



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Supported Institutional Tools
v Unsupported Web 2.0 Tools

Things to consider:

- Security
- Stage of learning
- Purpose of blog/wiki
- Ownership
- Helping students develop a digital identity
- Audience
- Access
- Privacy/protecting students
- Monitoring participation
- Your and students' skill levels and comfort level

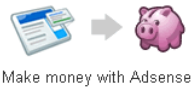
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How to create blogs and wikis in UniLearn

Wiki Templates....

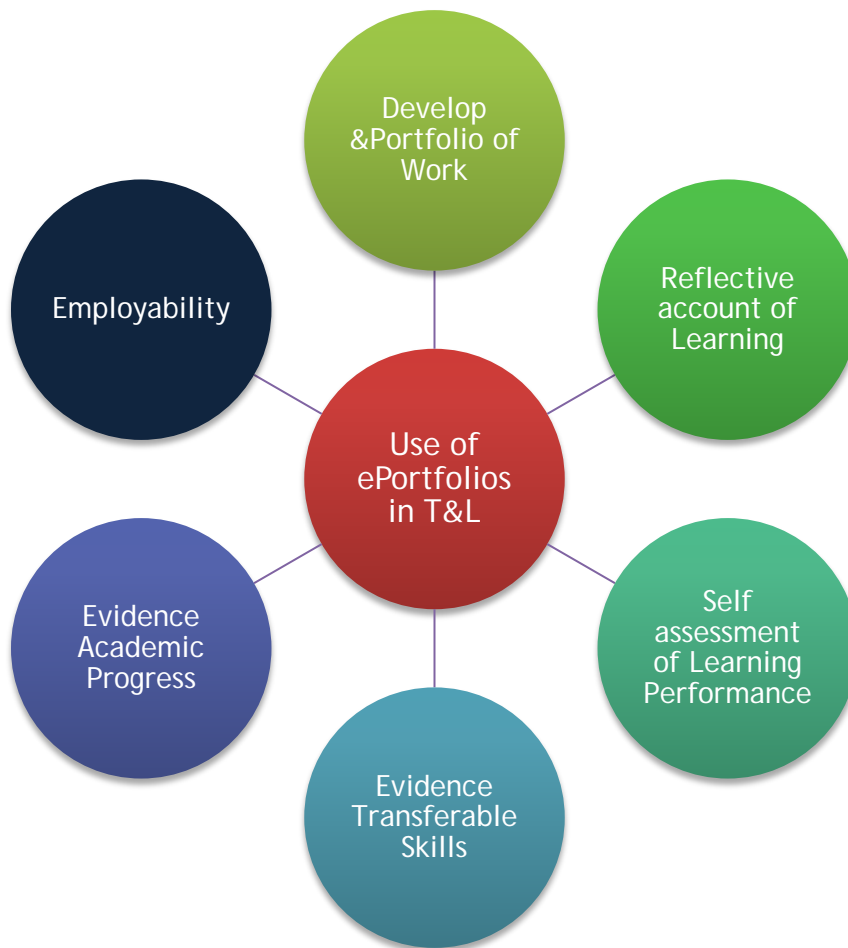
Stifling Creativity versus Not Knowing Where to Start

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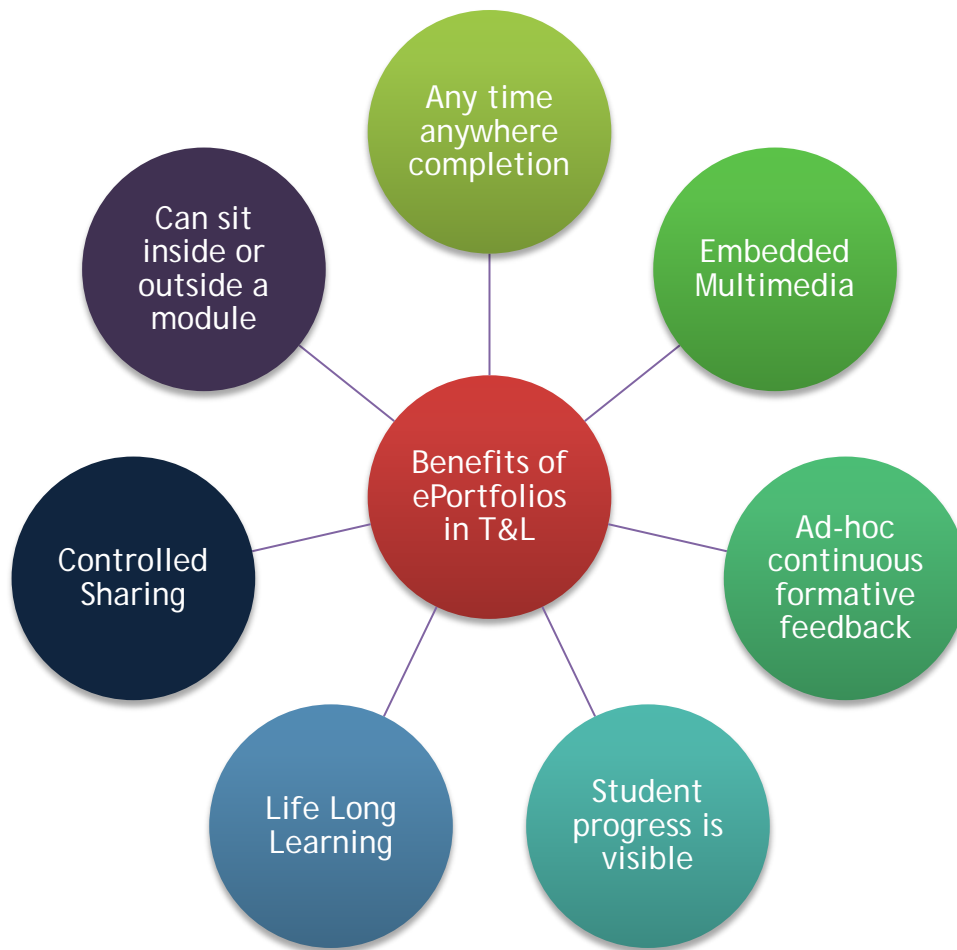
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Anyone willing to share their experience
of using blogs or wikis in practice?



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Make Expectations Clear

- When/how often you will be commenting
- When and how often the students need to contribute
- How the students need to contribute

Model Good Practice

- Do the first one as an example
- Provide examples or exemplars where possible
- Provide how-to or screencast guides if the tools are new to students

Don't Create Work for Yourself

- Replace not augment
- Where possible allocate roles or leave to self-manage
- Decide on how much scaffolding is needed - depending on student group and complexity of the task



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Further Support and Help:

- How-to guides, screencast guides on the iPark website

<http://ipark.hud.ac.uk>

- Learning Technology drop-in sessions - also on ipark website

- Your School's Learning Technology Advisor

- Learning Technologies Team in CLS



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Comments?