Criterion E: Product development

Complex techniques used:

1. Technique: Managing the site and templates for wiki pages

2. Technique: Using Wikitext to customize pages and improve functionality

3. Technique: Organizing teams using Excel

4. Technique: Creating the podcast and linking it to the website

Other techniques used:

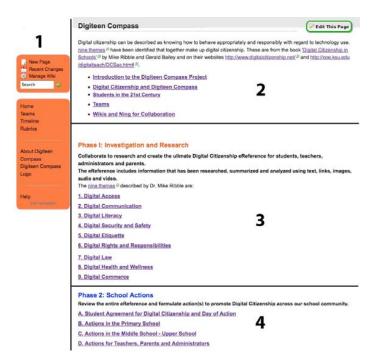
5. Technique: Manipulating graphics

6. Technique: Using YouTube widgets

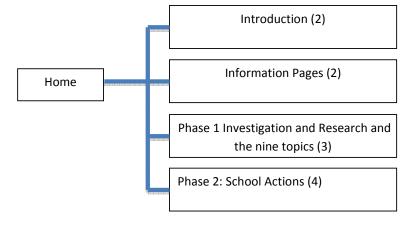
Organisation of the website (Document object model)

The main page of the Digiteen Compass Website demonstrates the main navigation used.

- 1: indicates the management frame and the navigation frame :
 - Teams
 - Timeline
 - Rubrics
 - About Digiteen Compass
 - Logo
 - Help
- 2: Introductory and Information Pages for the Digiteen Compass project
- 3: Phase 1: the 9 areas for investigation and research by the Grade 8 Students
- 4: Phase 2: the 4 areas for school action by the Grade 8 students



This indicates how the home page of the website http://digiteencompass.wikipspaces.com Is structured:



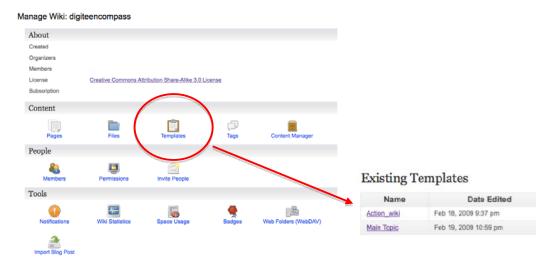
The content has been organized in four main groups:

- 1. Introduction section to the Digiteen Compass Project,
- 2. Information pages: Digital Citizenship and Digiteen Compass, Students in the 21st Century, Teams, Wikis and Ning for Collaboration.
- 3. Phase 1 Investigation and Research and the nine topics:
 - Digital Access
 - Digital Communication
 - Digital Literacy
 - Digital Security and Safety
 - Digital Eitiquette
 - Digital Rights and Responsibilities
 - Digital Law
 - Digital Health and Wellness
 - Digital Commerce.
- 4. Phase 2 School actions:
 - Student Agreement for Digital Citizenship and Day of Action
 - Actions in the Primary School
 - Actions in the Middle School Upper School
 - Actions for Teachers, Parents and Administrators

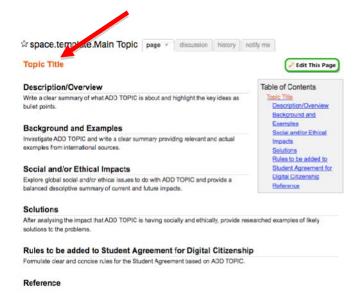


1. Technique: Managing the site and templates for wiki

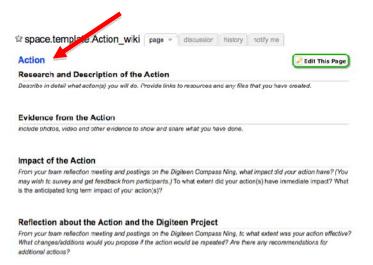
The "Digiteen Compass" wiki is managed using the Manage wiki menu. The template **Action_wiki** and **Main Topic** were used to create the website.



The **Main Topic** template was used to create the templates for Phase 1 Investigation and Research and the nine topics :



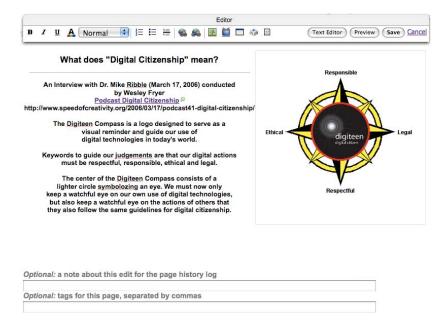
The **Action_wiki** template below was used to create the templates for Phase 2 School actions and is used to create the four collaboration pages to be used by the teams.



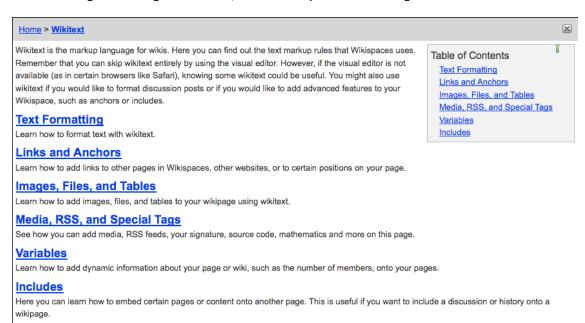
2. Technique: Using Wikitext to customize pages and improve functionality (page X)

It is possible to edit pages using the visual editor and/or the text editor. At times it is necessary to use the Wikitext code in order to edit pages and add functionality to pages. For some reason, the visual editor does not always allow a necessary edit and it is only possible to complete the edit through editing the actual Wikitext. A complete Wikitext guide is available through the Help menu. An example of a webpage and the underlying Wikitext is below.

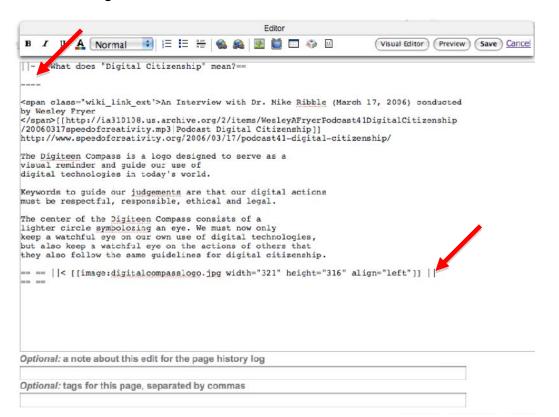
Screenshot Using the Visual Editor:



The line under *What does "Digital Citizenship" mean?* Was not editable in the visual editor, but by understanding and editing the Wikitext, it could easily be deleted using the text editor.



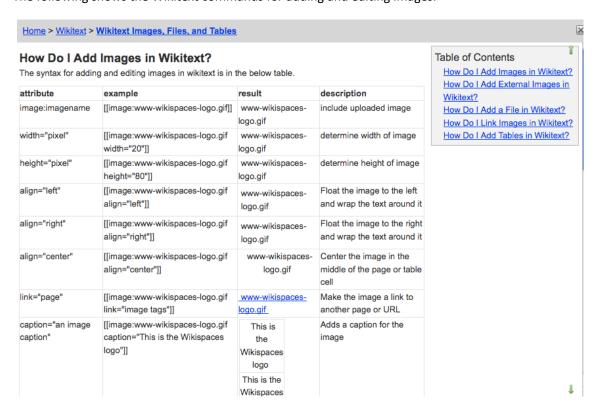
Screenshot Using the Wikitext editor:



Removing ---- in the text editor removed the line.

Also the size of the image **digitalcompasslogo.jpg** and the alignment is controlled by adjusting the Wikitext for **width="321" height="316 align="left"**.

The following shows the Wikitext commands for adding and editing images.

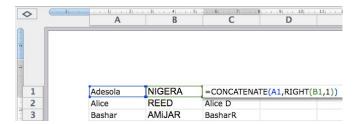


3. Technique: Organizing teams using Excel

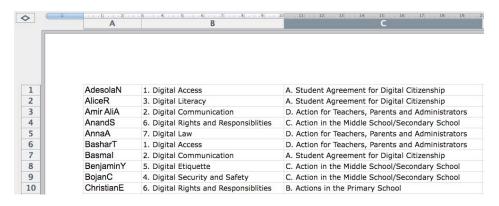
In order to create the names from the school database, the administrator exported the first and last names of all grade 8 students by homeroom into a spreadsheet. The concatenate and right functions in Excel where used to create the anonymized Names for the wiki.

=CONCATENATE(A1,RIGHT(B1,1))

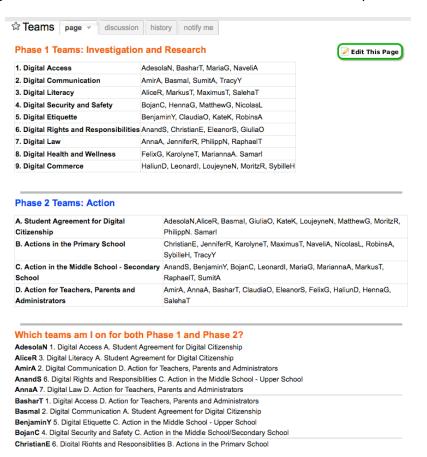
Names on the Digiteencompass wiki are publically viewable and this formula anonymizes the identity of the students.



The B and C columns of the spreadsheet were used to create the 9 teams and to take one person from each team and create the 4 Action teams. Column B was numbered from 1 through 9 and then sorted by alphabetically by column A. Similarly, column C was labeled A through D and again sorted. The result was that this cleverly allowed one member from each of the nine teams to be on each of the four Action teams so that all of the information from the wiki would be represented in an Action.



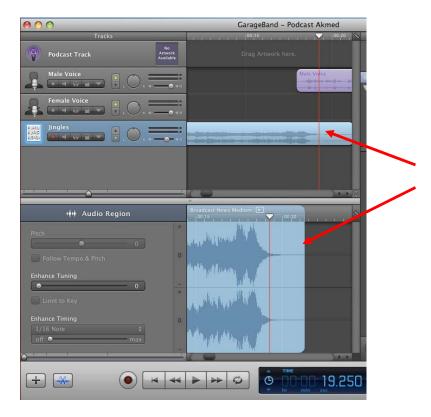
The following shows the teams and also shows each student which teams they are on.



4. Technique: Linking podcast to the website

Two podcasts are included on the "Digiteen Compass" wiki. One greeting from Ms. Akmed to join the project and another podcast from an expert on digital citizenship, Dr. Mike Ribble, whose work formed the basis for the wiki.

Garageband was used to include music loops and record Ms. Akmed's voice. There were pauses and breaks in the recording that were edited out of the sound track by highlighting the sound and cutting the parts of the sound track that was not wanted. The sound track runs smoothly now.

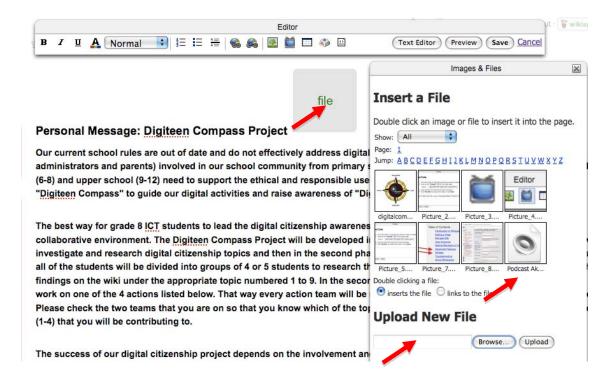


The above screenshot shows the sound track in purple and the same sound track in blue (red arrow). In order to make the podcast exciting, modern news-breaking music loops were added at the beginning and end. It was phased in and out and overlapped with the voice track.

The sound was then exported using the share menu and selecting MP3 encoder and high quality. Since the podcast is not very long, high quality only creates 1.1 MB file.



The podcast then is imported on the page by using the edit tools in the visual editor. First the Browse feature was used followed by Upload. The file was placed within the text when the icon under Insert a File was clicked.



This shows the resulting podcast to the right of the title Personal Message: Digiteen Compass Project.



Personal Message: Digiteen Compass Project

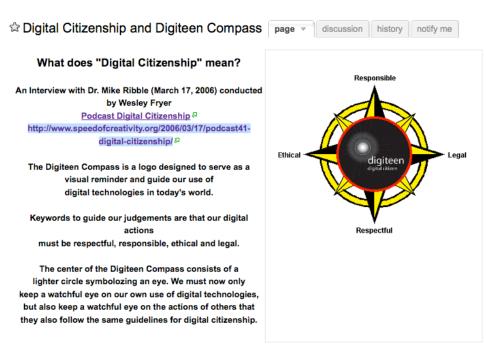
Second Podcast

Another podcast from the interview with Dr. Mike Ribble by Wesley Fryer was downloaded from the Internet and then linked using the icon on the visual editor to the webpage. Dr. Mike Ribble is the expert who first used the terminology "Digital Citizenship".



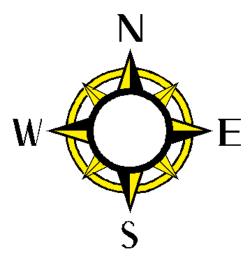
http://www.speedofcreativity.org/2006/03/17/podcast41-digital-citizenship/

The podcast link is shown below:



5. Technique: Manipulating graphics

The digiteen digital citizenship logo was downloaded from the Internet and a logo for digiteen was created by a grade 8 student using Adobe Photoshop. The two were combined with text to create the digiteen compass logo. The letters N-E-S-W were replaced by digital citizenship concepts.



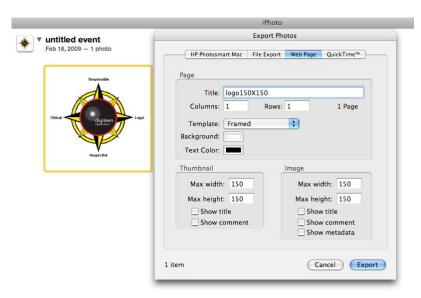
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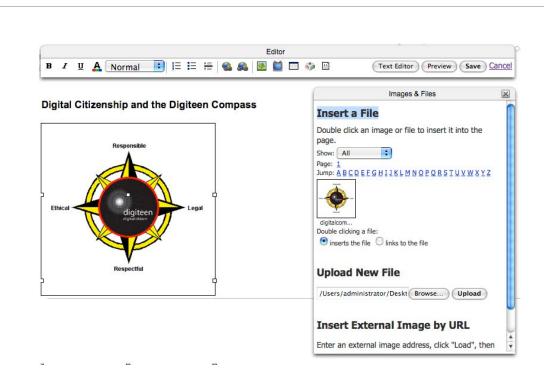
Image created by a Grade 8 student for a digiteen project using Adobe Illustrator. Copyright free.

The image is particularly effective because it appears to be an eye somewhat showing that we should keep an eye on our digital activities and also on others.

The size of the logo was changed so that it could be used in the top left corner of the website as well as used as a logo on the website. This helped to unify the theme of "digiteen compass" throughout the website.



The logo was uploaded to the website using the upload images and files icon. First you have to use the browse and upload buttons in the right window. Then click on the icon under "Insert a File" to place it on the wiki page.



6. Technique: Using YouTube widgets

The widget for the YouTube video was included by using the visual editor and

clicking on the

icon and choose video from the left frame.



Select YouTube and copy the embedded code from the desired YouTube page.





When the wikipage is saved. The video will be displayed on the page. This video could have been recreated, but it would not have been as effective. This video has already been recognized for its quality and has won a prize from Edutopia.



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