

Ideas for an improvement of CoLab Wiki

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Challenge



- The concept of CoLab as a community platform depends mainly on three requirements:
 - Content awareness (awareness of represented topics)
 - People awareness
 - Event/activity awareness
- The CoLab Wiki already holds a lot of information on topics, people and events/activities
- But as the content grows, it gets less accessible and harder to overlook, especially for beginners
- → Challenge: To ensure a growing awareness of the Wiki, the structuring of the content has to be improved



Structuring of the content

- To improve the structuring of the content, already used techniques can be extended (categorisation) and new implementations can be added (portals)
- Since the Main Page is the main entry to the content, the content should be represented there in a well structured way (referring to the mentioned improved structuring)
- The improved structuring should as well extend to the sidebar, especially to the content box

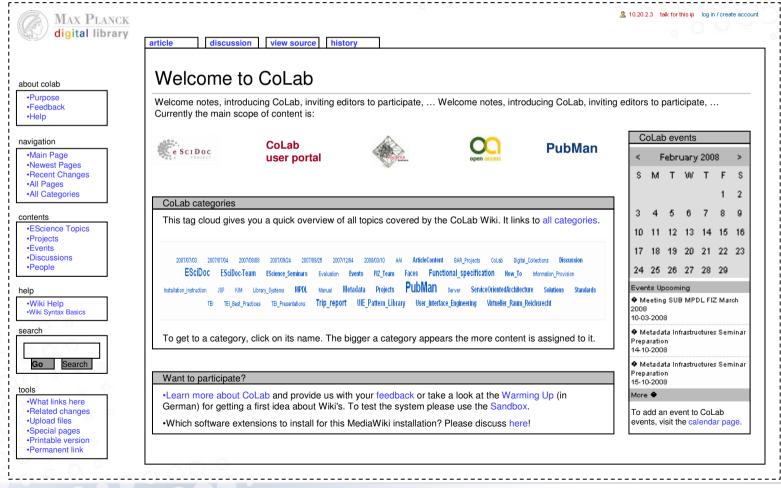


Making content accessible and visible

- Step 1: Improving the structure
 - Policy of categorisation (everybody)
 - Monitoring a <u>content typology</u> (CCM)
- Step 2: Making the new structured content more visible
 - Re-launch of the Main Page (categories visible in a <u>tag cloud</u>, <u>calendar</u>, content-related access, putting the policy on a separate page)
 - Re-launch of the content box (holding a new content typology)
 - Establishing <u>portals</u> (prototypes: eSciDoc and user portal, promoted via Main Page)

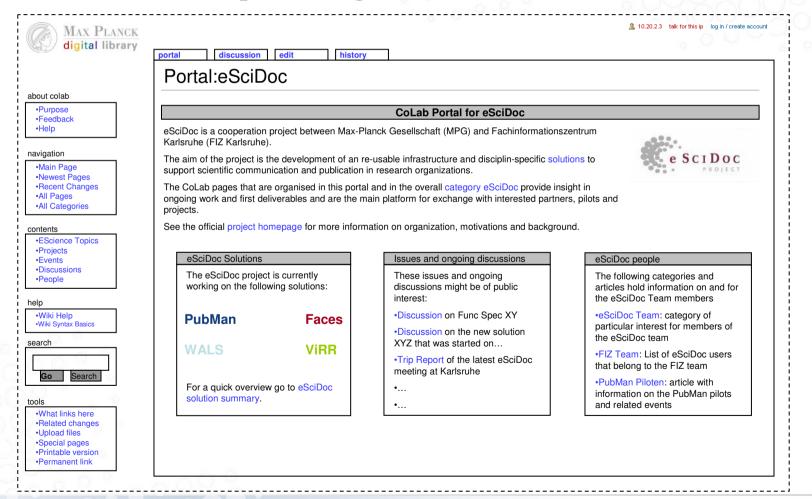


What the Main Page might look like...





What the eSciDoc portal might look like...



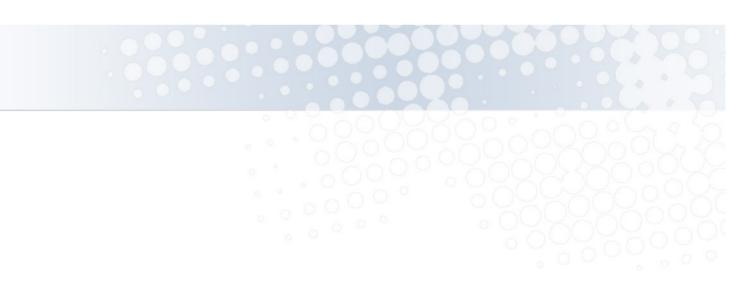


What the user portal might look like...

Max Planck digital library	portal discussion edit history	
	Portal:CoLabUsers	
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se	CoLab User Portal The CoLab pages represent work in progress for various activities related to eScience and MPDL.	
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	This portal organises information on and for CoLab wiki users, such as the list of user profiles, a list of current user groups and a collect ongoing discussions. The CoLab wiki is designed to be a vital community platform (see the concept paper for MPDL CoLaboratory) and everybody is invited contribute information related to activities in eScience and MPDL. If you want to participate, read more about our open editorial policy a free to create a user account.	
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	•Give feedback on CoLab	•Usergroup:ELS, permanently monitoring Issue B (User talk:A)
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10	These issues and ongoing discussions might be of public interest:	•Usergroup:Faces (User talk:A)
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Workflow



- Currently: content typology has started, categorisation is ongoing
- Templates for creation of portals are being installed
- Main Page and content box will be re-launched
- eSciDoc portal and user portal will be created (links will be added on the Main Page)
- Evaluation