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## 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 [content typology](#) (CCM)
- Step 2: Making the new structured content more visible
  - Re-launch of the Main Page (categories visible in a [tag cloud](#), [calendar](#), content-related access, putting the policy on a separate page)
  - Re-launch of the content box (holding a new content typology)
  - Establishing [portals](#) (prototypes: eSciDoc and user portal, promoted via Main Page)



# What the Main Page might look like...

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## Welcome to CoLab

Welcome notes, introducing CoLab, inviting editors to participate, ... Welcome notes, introducing CoLab, inviting editors to participate, ...  
Currently the main scope of content is:

**e Sci DOC**  
PROJECT

**CoLab**  
user portal

**open access**

**PubMan**

### CoLab categories

This tag cloud gives you a quick overview of all topics covered by the CoLab Wiki. It links to [all categories](#).

2007/07/03   2007/07/04   2007/08/08   2007/09/24   2007/09/25   2007/12/04   2008/03/10   AAI   ArticleContent   BAR\_Projects   CoLab   Digital\_Collections   Discussion

ESciDoc   ESciDoc-Team   EScience\_Seminars   Evaluation   Events   FIZ\_Team   Faces   Functional\_specification   How\_To   Information\_Provision

Installation\_Instruction   JSF   KIM   Library\_Systems   MPDL   Manual   Metadata   Projects   PubMan   Server   ServiceOrientedArchitecture   Solutions   Standards

TEI   TEI\_Best\_Practices   TEI\_Presentations   Trip\_report   UIE\_Pattern\_Library   User\_Interface\_Engineering   Virtueller\_Raum\_Reichsrecht

To get to a category, click on its name. The bigger a category appears the more content is assigned to it.

### Want to participate?

- [Learn more about CoLab](#) and provide us with your [feedback](#) or take a look at the [Warming Up](#) (in German) for getting a first idea about Wiki's. To test the system please use the [Sandbox](#).
- Which software extensions to install for this MediaWiki installation? Please discuss [here!](#)

### CoLab events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

#### Events Upcoming

- ◆ Meeting SUB MPDL FIZ March 2008  
10-03-2008
- ◆ Metadata Infrastructures Seminar Preparation  
14-10-2008
- ◆ Metadata Infrastructures Seminar Preparation  
15-10-2008

More ◆

To add an event to CoLab events, visit the [calendar page](#).

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## Portal:eSciDoc

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**CoLab Portal for eSciDoc**

eSciDoc is a cooperation project between Max-Planck Gesellschaft (MPG) and Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe (FIZ Karlsruhe).

The aim of the project is the development of an re-usable infrastructure and disciplin-specific [solutions](#) to support scientific communication and publication in research organizations.

The CoLab pages that are organised in this portal and in the overall [category eSciDoc](#) provide insight in ongoing work and first deliverables and are the main platform for exchange with interested partners, pilots and projects.

See the official [project homepage](#) for more information on organization, motivations and background.

eSciDoc Solutions

The eSciDoc project is currently working on the following solutions:

**PubMan**

WALS

**Faces**

ViRR

For a quick overview go to [eSciDoc solution summary](#).

Issues and ongoing discussions

These issues and ongoing discussions might be of public interest:

- [Discussion](#) on Func Spec XY
- [Discussion](#) on the new solution XYZ that was started on...
- [Trip Report](#) of the latest eSciDoc meeting at Karlsruhe
- ...
- ...

eSciDoc people

The following categories and articles hold information on and for the eSciDoc Team members

- [eSciDoc Team](#): category of particular interest for members of the eSciDoc team
- [FIZ Team](#): List of eSciDoc users that belong to the FIZ team
- [PubMan Piloten](#): article with information on the PubMan pilots and related events

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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