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…

10.20.2.3   talk for this ip   log in / create account

article | discussion | view source | history

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:

eSciDoc PROJECT   **CoLab user portal**   escience Seminars   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!

Navigation sidebar:

about colab
• Purpose
• Feedback
• Help

navigation
• Main Page
• Newest Pages
• Recent Changes
• All Pages
• All Categories

contents
• EScience Topics
• Projects
• Events
• Discussions
• People

help
• Wiki Help
• Wiki Syntax Basics

search
[Go] [Search]

tools
• What links here
• Related changes
• Upload files
• Special pages
• Printable version
• Permanent link

CoLab events

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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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.

What the eSciDoc portal might look like…

What the user portal might look like…

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