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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:



eSciDoc  
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 UI\_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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# What the user portal might look like...

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## Portal:CoLabUsers

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### CoLab User Portal

The CoLab pages represent work in progress for various activities related to eScience and MPDL.

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 collection of ongoing discussions.

The CoLab wiki is designed to be a vital community platform (see the [concept paper for MPDL CoLaboratory](#)) and everybody is invited to contribute information related to activities in eScience and MPDL. If you want to participate, read more about our [open editorial policy](#) and feel free to [create a user account](#).

**How to participate**

- [Create a user account](#)
- Improve your user account: This is the [profile of the month](#) – join the competition and add information an a picture on your user page
- Give [feedback](#) on CoLab

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**Get in touch with experts**

- Are you looking for experts on an eScience related field? Enter our [list of experts](#) and get in touch.
- You are an expert yourself? Add your user page to the [list of experts](#).

**CoLab user groups**

The CoLab user's current scope of activities is represented in the user groups. To participate, contact the responsible user mentioned in brackets:

- Usergroup:AG Bau, currently working on Issue A ([User talk:A](#))
- Usergroup:ELS, permanently monitoring Issue B ([User talk:A](#))
- Usergroup:Experimental Data ([User talk:B](#))
- Usergroup:FIZ ([User talk:B](#))
- Usergroup:Faces ([User talk:A](#))
- Usergroup:Italy, preparing a workshop on Issue Z ([User talk:C](#))
- ...

**Subscribe to CoLab mailing lists**

CoLab offers a mailing list service for interested people. Subscribing a list, you will be provided with related news and event information via e-mail. Currently we are featuring the following mailing lists:

- Digital publications ([sign-up](#))
- Open access ([sign-up](#))
- ...

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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