ABSTRACT
Due to the simplicity, attractiveness and effectiveness for collaborative authoring and knowledge management, wikis are now massively disseminated and used in different domains. This workshop focuses on wikis for the specific domain of software engineering. It aims at bringing together researchers, practitioners, and enthusiasts interested on researching, exploring and learning how wikis can be improved, customized and used to better support software engineering. Based on lessons learned and obstacles identified, a research agenda will be defined with key opportunities and challenges. This edition at WikiSym’2009 follows others at ICSE’2009, WikiSym’2008 and WikiSym’2007.

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Wikis for software engineering

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1. MAIN THEME
Wikis are now widely spread on the web, especially in the software community [1]. They run on many different platforms, and are used to publish pages of different knowledge domains.
A large amount of the software documentation produced today is web-based. Since wikis provide a very effective environment for collaborative authoring of web-based documents, wikis are mainly used to support the edition, organization and storage of software documentation. But wikis can do more. They may be used to support other software engineering activities and even to inspire new ways of developing software.

This workshop focuses precisely on the usage of wikis to support software engineering activities, to improve team collaboration and communication in software projects, and identifying the open issues requiring research and development to yield an even wider usage and better integration of wikis with other software engineering tools and infrastructures.

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