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# Obroni Computer Club – First Meeting

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# Today's topics



## 1 Welcome to the OCC

- Who am I
- What is the Obroni Computer Club?
- What do members have to know or do?
- The Rules of the Club

## 2 The Club-Wiki: Collaborative Web Editing

- What is a Wiki?
- Famous example: Wikipedia
- Our very own Wiki
- Possible Project: Jargon-List

## 3 The Club-Blog: Personal Publishing

- What is a blog?
- Not so famous example: My blog
- The club has one too: Our blog

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# Who is this guy?



## Joachim Breitner

- Student of mathematics and computer science at the University of Karlsruhe in Germany
- Free Software activist
- Debian Developer



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- Good internet citizenship
- Use and promotion of free and open technologies

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What I expect from you is:

- Curiosity
- Openmindness
- Commitment

What would be nice is:

- An affinity towards computers
- Some programming abilities or willingness to learn
- Boldness and Perkiness (yes, I had to look these up...)



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Barbossa once said

*And thirdly, the Code is more what you'd call 'guidelines' than actual rules. Welcome aboard the Black Pearl, Miss Turner.*





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# Any Questions so far?



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In a nutshell

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What's so special about that?

- Simple way to collect information
- Low technical barrier, not HTML or other skills required
- Community-driven peer-review

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# The world largest encyclopedia



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- Exists since only five years
- Maintained by volunteers all over the world
- Nearly five million articles in 229 languages
- All content is free:
  - Free to use
  - Free to modify
  - Free to publish yourself



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This can be used by us as:

- Notice board
- Discussion board
- Brainstorming (see the list of possible topics for the club)
- Link collections
- Anything else that crosses your mind

It is not OCC-only, feel free to use it privately or for other clubs and school related things.



# A short Wiki HOWTO



I will now demonstrate how to:

- ➊ Register (which is not necessary, but nice)
- ➋ Edit a page
- ➌ View a page's history.
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Now it's your turn. Please,

- ➊ Register with the wiki
- ➋ Edit your "personal page", and put there
  - Your name
  - Your e-mail-address
  - Anything else, like hobbies, computer related or not
- ➌ Add your WikiName to the list of members on the OCC page.

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# Jargon List Project



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This is a suggestion, if you think it is a good idea, we can do it:

## The Jargon List

This list consists of every technical or otherwise hackerish term that appears in the club meetings or elsewhere, and their respective meanings.

This would then be assembled by you in a totally unorganized and chaotic fashion, on a page on the Wiki.

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A blog is nothing but a webpage with regular entries, displayed in reverse chronological order.

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It can be used in so many interesting ways.

- Personal diary
- Project progress reports
- Club magazine
- Political or social column
- Link sharing facility
- – insert clever idea here –





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There is more to it:

- RSS-Feeds. These allow the reader to syndicate the blog, meaning he uses a program of his choice to read the blog, and gets notified automatically. This makes reading several blogs convenient.
- Planets. These are websites that collect entries from several blogs and display them together. There are planets of various projects, of cities etc.
- Comments and Trackbacks. Visitors can leave their comment at an entry, and if someone else links to one's blog entry in one of his, this entry appears as a comment on the linked blog.



# A German blog



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Blogs are already a relevant part of journalism: During the Katrina hurricane, major news stations were gathering there information from bloggers who stayed in New Orleans.

It is said that there are more blogs than websites by now.

A modest example is my own:

<http://www.joachim-breitner.de/blog/>





`http://occ.soshgic.edu.gh/blog/`

You might have guessed it, we have a blog for the Club too.  
We will share one installation, but everyone gets his own access:

- ① Come to me, with your system login name
- ② An account on the blog will be generated and the generated password mailed to you
- ③ You login on the blog (bottom right) and change the password
- ④ You can start blogging

Note that the blog is currently not publicly available, but this might change. Blog responsibly.

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