

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Some definitions of **communities of practice** on the internet:

(COPs) - a self-organized, deliberate collaboration of people who share common practices, interests or aims and want to advance their knowledge. When the community proves useful to its members over time, they may formalize their status by adopting a group name and a regular system of interchange. View records related to this term

www.sims.berkeley.edu/courses/is213/s99/Projects/P9/web_site/glossary.htm

Formal or informal groups of people who share common work interests, such as a profession or work project. In the context of knowledge management systems, these communities usually interact online rather than in person.

www.vnulearning.com/kmwp/glossary.html

aka affinity groups; A) informal networks and forums, where tips are exchanged and ideas generated. (7)

www.stcsm.gov.cn/learning/lesson/guanli/20020416/20020416-6.asp

Communities of practice, like a distributed computing network, links and expands the knowledge stored in peoples' minds - the tacit knowledge that is otherwise so difficult to manage.

General Goals for Establishing Communities of Practice (COP)

