

Wiki Editing Tips for MediaWiki

Edit – If you want to make changes to a page, click the **edit** tab at the top of the page. This will take you into the edit screen where you can make changes to the page. You can add little notes to your edits in the **Summary** box beneath the editing page so that, when people look at the **Recent Changes** page, they can tell at a glance what was done to the page you edited. Check the **minor edit** box if you are just fixing a typo or a punctuation error.

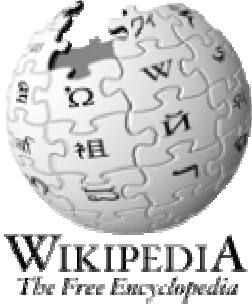
Discuss – Every page on the wiki has a **discussion** page (see the tab at the top of the page) that you can use for discussing an article. These pages can be for asking questions about the topic, discussing what should or should not be on the page, etc. Each registered user similarly has a **User Talk** page, which allows you to communicate with them.

Starting a New Page – To start a new page, just create a link to that page. To create a link, just put the title of the page within double brackets; example: [[My New Page]]. When you click on that new link, you'll be on a new page you can add content to.

Wiki Style Cheat Sheet

Element	What it looks like	What you type
Italics	You can <i>italicize text</i> by putting 2 apostrophes on each side.	You can "italicize text" by putting 2 apostrophes on each side.
Bold	3 apostrophes will bold the text . 5 apostrophes will bold and italicize <i>the text</i> .	3 apostrophes will bold "'the text". 5 apostrophes will bold and italicize ""'the text'"".
Line breaks	A single new line has no effect on the layout. But an empty line starts a new paragraph. You can break lines without a new paragraph.	A single new line has no effect on the layout. But an empty line starts a new paragraph. You can break lines without a new paragraph.
Headings	<u>Section headings</u> <i>Headings</i> organize your writing into sections. The Wiki software can automatically generate a table of contents from them. Subsection Using more equals signs creates a subsection. A smaller subsection Start with 2 equals signs not 1 because 1 creates H1 tags which should be reserved for page title.	== Section headings == "Headings" organize your writing into sections. The Wiki software can automatically generate a table of contents from them. === Subsection === Using more equals signs creates a subsection. ==== A smaller subsection ==== Start with 2 equals signs not 1 because 1 creates H1 tags which should be reserved for page title.

<p>Unordered lists (bulleted)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unordered lists</i> are easy to do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Start every line with a star. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More stars indicate a deeper level. • Previous item continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A new line • in a list <p>marks the end of the list.</p>	<p>* "Unordered lists" are easy to do: ** Start every line with a star. *** More stars indicate a deeper level. *: Previous item continues. ** A new line * in a list marks the end of the list.</p>
<p>Ordered lists (1, 2, 3)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Numbered lists</i> are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very organized 2. Easy to follow <p>A new line marks the end of the list. 1. New numbering starts with 1.</p>	<p># "Numbered lists" are: ## Very organized ## Easy to follow</p> <p>A new line marks the end of the list. # New numbering starts with 1.</p>
<p>Links inside the wiki</p>	<p>Here's a link to a page named Arts and Letters Magazine.</p> <p>You can put formatting around a link. Example: Wikipedia.</p> <p>You can give a link a name other than the url with a piped link. Put the link target first, then the pipe character " ", then the link text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Links • Cities in Morocco 	<p>Here's a link to a page named [[Arts and Letters Magazine]].</p> <p>You can put formatting around a link. Example: "[[Wikipedia]]".</p> <p>You can give a link a name other than the url with a [[Help:Piped link piped link]]. Put the link target first, then the pipe character " ", then the link text.</p> <p>*[[Help:Link About Links]] *[[List of cities:Morocco Cities in Morocco]]</p>
<p>Links outside of the wiki</p>	<p>You can make an external link just by typing a URL: http://www.nupedia.com</p> <p>You can give it a title: Nupedia</p> <p>Or leave the title blank: [1]</p> <p>Linking to an e-mail address works the same way: mailto:someone@domain.com or someone</p>	<p>You can make an external link just by typing a URL: http://www.nupedia.com</p> <p>You can give it a title: [http://www.nupedia.com Nupedia]</p> <p>Or leave the title blank: [http://www.nupedia.com]</p> <p>Linking to an e-mail address works the same way: mailto:someone@domain.com or [mailto:someone@domain.com someone]</p>
<p>Indentation</p>	<p>A colon (:) indents a line or paragraph. A new line after that starts a new paragraph.</p> <p>This is often used for discussion on talk pages. We use 1 colon to indent once. We use 2 colons to indent twice (and so on)</p>	<p>: A colon (:) indents a line or paragraph. A new line after that starts a new paragraph.</p> <p>This is often used for discussion on talk pages. : We use 1 colon to indent once. :: We use 2 colons to indent twice (and so on)</p>

Horizontal rule (line)	You can make horizontal dividing lines (---) to separate text. -----	You can make horizontal dividing lines (---) to separate text. -----
Images (please note: the first and second examples are for images uploaded to the wiki and the third is for an image living on another server)	A picture, including alternate text:  You can put the image in a frame with a caption (<i>not shown, but see next column for how to format</i>). If you are adding an image from another site, just put the URL of the site without any brackets (<i>not shown, but see next column for how to format</i>).	A picture, including alternate text: [[Image:Wiki.png The logo for this Wiki]] You can put the image in a frame with a caption: [[Image:Wiki.png frame The logo for this Wiki]] If you are adding an image from another site, just put the URL of the site without any brackets. http://www.ala.org/pic.jpg
Signing your contributions	You should "sign" your comments on talk pages: - Three tildes gives your user name: Meredith - Four tildes give your user name plus date/time: Meredith 07:46, 27 November 2005 (UTC) - Five tildes gives the date/time alone: 07:46, 27 November 2005 (UTC)	You should "sign" your comments on talk pages: - Three tildes gives your user name: ~~~ - Four tildes give your user name plus date/time: ~~~~ - Five tildes gives the date/time alone: ~~~~~

Advanced Wiki-ing

Reverting Spam or Vandalism

If you see spam on a page, here's how you can kill it.

If the spam was the most recent change to the page:

- Click on **Recent Changes**
- Find the instance where the spam was created and click on the **diff** link.
- On the right-hand side, you will see what was added. Make sure it is, in fact, spam or inappropriate content.
- Click the **rollback** link on the right-hand side.
- The page should now revert to the last version before the spam.

If it was not the most recent change to the page and/or rollback is not an option:

- On the page where the spam is, click on the **history** tab.

- Click on the most recent legitimate version of the page (this should be just below the spammed version)
- Once on that older version of the page, click **edit**
- Click **Save Page** and the page will be saved in this earlier pre-spam version.
- **Note:** by reverting to a previous version, any changes since that version (good or bad) will be lost.

If people have added legitimate content to that page since the spam was put on it.

- On the page where the spam is, click **edit**
- Manually delete the spam.
- Click **Save Page**

HTML

You can use some HTML tags within MediaWiki (examples: <table>, , <h2>, , , , <blockquote>). For a full list of what tags are allowed, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:HTML_in_wikitext.