

MediaWiki Quick Reference (wikitext)

Text formatting

Effect	Surround with	Example	Displays as...
Italics	2 single quotes	Some "italics"	Some <i>italics</i>
Bold	3 single quotes	Some '''bold'''	Some bold
Bold italics	5 single quotes	Some ""'''bold italics'''	Some <i>bold italics</i>
Underline	<u>...</u>	An <u>underlined</u> word	An <u>underlined</u> word
Strike-through	<s>...</s>	A <s>stricken</s> word	A stricken word
Superscript	^{...}	Hello^{world}	Hello ^{world}
Subscript	_{...}	Hello_{world}	Hello _{world}
Large type	<big>...</big>	A <big>large</big> word	A large word
Small type	...	A tiny word	A tiny word
Fixed-width	<tt>...</tt>	I'm <tt>fixed</tt>	I'm fixed
Programming Code	<code>...</code>	<code>x = 0</code>	x = 0
Other	A tag with CSS		
Escaping wikitext	<nowiki>...</nowiki>	<nowiki>This is '''not''' bold</nowiki>	This is '''not''' bold

Paragraphs and Headings

Effect	Markup	Example	Displays as...
Paragraphs	Separate by blank lines; the more blank lines, the greater the separation	Here is a paragraph. This is part of the same paragraph. Here is another paragraph.	Here is a paragraph. This is part of the same paragraph. Here is another paragraph.
Indented paragraph	Precede paragraph with a colon in the first column; the more colons, the more indenting	:This is an indented paragraph. ::This is indented more.	This is an indented paragraph. This is indented more.
Boxed, preformatted paragraph	Precede each line with one blank space	There is a space at the "beginning" of each line.	There is a space at the "beginning" of each line.
Boxed, preformatted paragraph with wikitext ignored	<pre>...</pre>	<pre>There is no space at the "beginning" of each line.</pre>	There is no space at the "beginning" of each line.
Line break	 	This is a break	This is a break
Horizontal rule		One Two	One Two
Headings and subheadings	Surround with equals signs; the more equals signs, the deeper the heading	==Heading== Hi there ===Subheading=== Subheading	Heading Hi there Subheading

Internal Links and Redirects

Effect	Markup	Example	Displays as...
Internal link	Surround with double square brackets	Link to [[article name]]	Link to <u>article name</u>
Internal link with alternate text	Separate by pipe symbol	Link to [[article name other text]]	Link to <u>other text</u>
Plural trick	Add letters after the final bracket	I like [[dog]]s	I like <u>dogs</u>
Pipe trick	Pipe symbol after article name; removes namespace and trailing parenthetical phrase	Please see [[Help:Links (creating)]]	Please see <u>Links</u>
Anchor in same article	Hash mark followed by section title	See [[Dog foods]] below	See <u>#dog foods</u> below
Anchor in other article	Article followed by anchor	See [[Dog food#Favorites]]	See <u>Dog food#Favorites</u>
Redirect to another article	#REDIRECT followed by internal link	#REDIRECT [[Dog food]]	(Redirects the browser to the article "Dog food")

Lists

Effect	Begin lines with	Example	Displays as...
Bulleted list	Asterisks; avoid blank lines	* Level 1 ** Level 2 ** Two again *** Level 3 * Back to level 1	- Level 1 - Level 2 - Two again - Level 3 - Back to level 1
Numbered list	Hash marks; avoid blank lines	# Level 1 ## Level 2 ## Two again ### Level 3 # Back to level 1	- Level 1 - Level 2 - Two again - Level 3 - Back to level 1
List continuation	Add colon after appropriate number of asterisks or hash marks	# First item # Second item #: Interruption # Third item	- First item - Second item Interruption - Third item
Preformatted text in a list	Use <pre>	# First item<pre>boxed text</pre> # Second item	- First item Boxed text - Second item
Definition list	Semicolon for the term, colon for the definition	;Term 1 :Def 1 ;Term 2 :Def 2	Term 1 Def 1 Term 2 Def 2

External Links

Effect	Markup	Example	Displays as...
Simple style	None: just type a URL	See http://foo.com	See http://foo.com
Reference style	Surround with single square brackets	See [http://foo.com]	See [1]
Alternate text	Add text after a space	See [http://foo.com this]	See this
URL of article	{{fullurl:...}} magic word	{{fullurl:article name}}	http://yourwiki/wiki/article_name
Email link	[mailto:address linktext]	[mailto:smith@example.com Send email to smith]	Send email to smith

Tables

Effect	Begin lines with
Begin table	<code>{{ attributes</code>
Heading	<code>! heading text</code>
Begin row	<code> </code>
Row with attributes	<code> attributes</code>
Cell	<code> text</code>
Cell with attributes	<code> attributes text</code>
End table	<code>}}</code>
Caption	<code> + caption text</code>

Example:

Wikitext	Displays as...									
<pre>{ border="1" + "My wonderful table" ! Heading 1 ! Heading 2 ! Heading 3 - Dog Cat Bird - style="background-color:gray" Gopher Giraffe align="right" Anteater }</pre>	My wonderful table <table><tr><th>Heading 1</th><th>Heading 2</th><th>Heading 3</th></tr><tr><td>Dog</td><td>Cat</td><td>Bird</td></tr><tr><td>Gopher</td><td>Giraffe</td><td>Anteater</td></tr></table>	Heading 1	Heading 2	Heading 3	Dog	Cat	Bird	Gopher	Giraffe	Anteater
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Categories

Effect	Wikitext
Category tag	<code>[[Category:Name of category]]</code>
Link to category page	<code>[[[:Category:Name of category]]</code>

Uploaded files

Effect	Wikitext
Embed image in article	<code>[[Image:Name of image]]</code>
Link to image page	<code>[[[:Image:Name of image]]</code>
Link to uploaded file	<code>[[Media:Name of image]]</code>

Templates

Effect	Markup
Create template	Create article titled <code>Template:Name of template</code>
Transclude template	<code>{{name of template}}</code>
Transclude article from other namespace	<code>{{:name of article}}</code> – for article in main namespace <code>{{:Namespace:name of template}}</code> – for other namespaces
Define parameter in template	<code>{{{parametername}}}</code>
Pass parameters to template	<pre> {{name of template parametername=value}} {{name of template parameter1=value1 parameter2=value2 ... }}</pre>
Positional parameters	<pre> {{name of template first second third ...}}</pre> Within the template definition, first parameter is <code>{{{1}}}</code>, second is <code>{{{2}}}</code>, etc.