

Help:Wikitext Examples

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Basic text formatting

You can format the page using Wikitext special characters.

What it looks like	What you type
<p>You can <i>italicize text</i> by putting 2 apostrophes on each side.</p> <p>3 apostrophes will bold the text.</p> <p>5 apostrophes will bold and <i>italicize the text</i>.</p> <p>(Using 4 apostrophes doesn't do anything special -- they are just 'left over ones' that are included as part of the text.)</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; height: 150px;"></div>
<p>A single newline generally has no effect on the layout. These can be used to separate sentences within a paragraph. Some editors find that this aids editing and improves the <i>diff</i> function (used internally to compare different versions of a page).</p> <p>But an empty line starts a new paragraph.</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; height: 150px;"></div>



When used in a list, a newline <i>does</i> affect the layout (see below).	
You can break lines without a new paragraph. Please use this sparingly. Please do not start a link or <i>italics</i> or bold on one line and close it on the next.	
You should "sign" your comments on talk pages: - Three tildes gives your signature: Example - Four tildes give your signature plus date/time: Example 07:46, 27 November 2005 (UTC) - Five tildes gives the date/time alone: 07:46, 27 November 2005 (UTC)	

HTML tags

You can use some *HTML tags* too. For a list of HTML tags that are allowed, see [HTML in wikitext](#). However, you should avoid HTML in favor of Wiki markup whenever possible.

What it looks like	What you type
Put text in a typewriter font. The same font is generally used for computer code.	
Strike out or <u>underline</u> text, or write it in small caps.	
Superscripts and subscripts: X ² , H ₂ O	



<p style="text-align: center;">Centered text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Please note the American spelling of "center". 	
<p>The blockquote command formats block quotations, typically by surrounding them with whitespace and a slightly different font.</p>	
<p>Invisible comments to editors (<code><!-- --></code>) appear only while editing the page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ If you wish to make comments to the public, you should usually use the talk page. 	

Organizing your writing

What it looks like	What you type
<p>Section headings</p> <hr/> <p><i>Headings</i> organize your writing into sections. The Wiki software can automatically generate a table of contents from them.</p> <p>Subsection</p> <p>Using more "equals" (=) signs creates a subsection.</p> <p>A smaller subsection</p> <p>Don't skip levels, like from two to four equals signs.</p> <p>Start with 2 equals signs not 1 because 1 creates H1 tags which should be reserved for page title.</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. ▫ A newline 	



□ in a list
marks the end of the list.
□ Of course you can start again.

1. *Numbered lists* are:
1. Very organized
2. Easy to follow
A newline marks the end of the list.
1. New numbering starts with 1.

Here's a *definition list*:
Word
 Definition of the word
A longer phrase needing definition
 Phrase defined
A word
 Which has a definition
 Also a second one
 And even a third
Begin with a semicolon. One item per line; a
newline can appear before the colon, but using a
space before the colon improves parsing.

□ You can even do mixed lists
1. and nest them
2. inside each other
 □ or break lines
 in lists.
definition lists
 can be
 nested
 too

A colon (:) indents a line or paragraph.
A newline starts a new paragraph.
Should only be used on talk pages.
For articles, you probably want the blockquote tag.
We use 1 colon to indent once.
 We use 2 colons to indent twice.
 3 colons to indent 3 times, and so
 on.



<p>You can make horizontal dividing lines (----) to separate text.</p>	
<p>But you should usually use sections instead, so that they go in the table of contents.</p>	
<p>You can add footnotes to sentences using the <i>ref</i> tag -- this is especially good for citing a source.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">There are over six billion people in the world.^[1]</p> <p>References:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. [↑] CIA World Factbook, 2006.</p> <p>For details, see Wikipedia:Footnotes and Help:Footnotes.</p>	

See also [Wikipedia:Picture tutorial#Forcing a break](#) (not just for pictures).

Links

You will often want to make clickable *links* to other pages.

What it looks like	What you type
<p>Here's a link to a page named Official position. You can even say official positions and the link will show up correctly.</p>	
<p>You can put formatting around a link. Example: Wikipedia.</p>	
<p>The <i>first letter</i> of articles is automatically capitalized, so wikipedia goes to the same place as Wikipedia. Capitalization matters after the first letter.</p>	



[The weather in London](#) is a page that doesn't exist yet. You could create it by clicking on the link.

You can link to a page section by its title:

- [List of cities by country#Morocco](#).

If multiple sections have the same title, add a number. [#Example section 3](#) goes to the third section named "Example section".

You can make a link point to a different place with a [piped link](#). Put the link target first, then the pipe character "|", then the link text.

- [About Links](#)
- [Cities in Morocco](#)

Or you can use the "pipe trick" so that a title that contains disambiguation text will appear with more concise link text.

- [Spinning](#)
- [Boston](#)

You can make an external link just by typing a URL: <http://www.nupedia.com>

You can give it a title: [Nupedia](http://www.nupedia.com)
[Nupedia\(http://www.nupedia.com\)](http://www.nupedia.com)

Or leave the title blank: [\[1\]](http://www.nupedia.com)
[\[1\]\(http://www.nupedia.com\)](http://www.nupedia.com)

Linking to an e-mail address works the same way:

<mailto:someone@example.com> or
[someone\(mailto:someone@example.com\)](mailto:someone@example.com)



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<p>You can <u>redirect</u> the user to another page.</p>	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
<p><u>Category links</u> do not show up in line but instead at page bottom <i>and cause the page to be</i> listed in the category.</p> <p>Add an extra colon to <i>link</i> to a category in line without causing the page to be listed in the category: <u>Category:English documentation</u></p>	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
<p>The Wiki reformats linked dates to match the reader's date preferences. These three dates will show up the same if you choose a format in your <u>Preferences</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ <u>1969-07-20</u> ▣ <u>July 20, 1969</u> ▣ <u>20 July 1969</u> 	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>

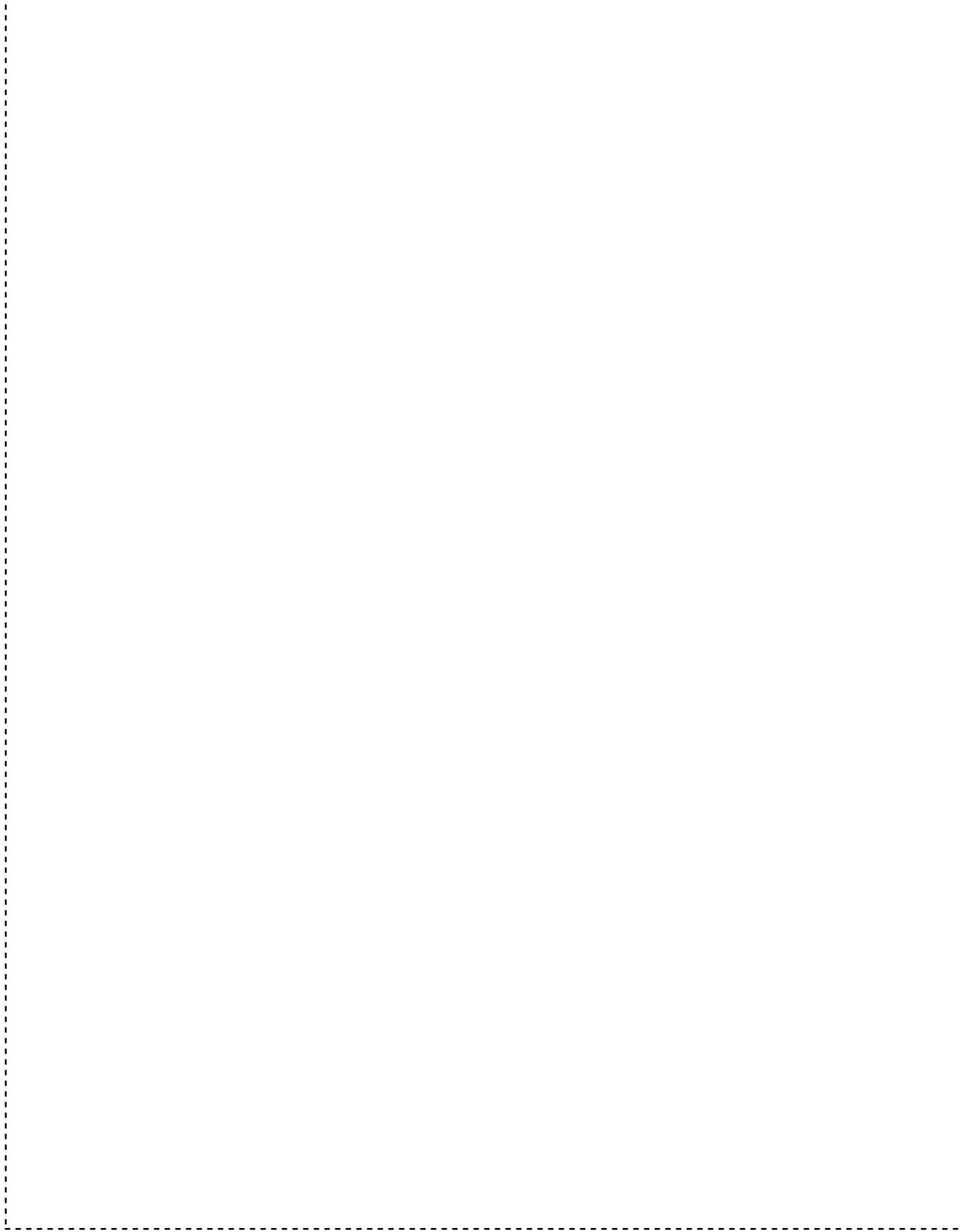
Inline References and Footnotes

When writing an article you can make in-line citations and have them displayed at the bottom of the page. There are two parts to this technique:

- ▣ Placing in-line references using `<ref>...</ref>`
- ▣ Telling the program to collect the references and display then using `<references/>`

For example, the text:





Gives the following output:



Joe is a nice guy [2]. He likes to climb trees [3].

1. ↑ CIA World Factbook, 2006.
2. ↑ Joe's wife
3. ↑ Joe's Boss

Just show what I typed

See also [Text formatting examples](#).

A few different kinds of formatting will tell the Wiki to display things as you typed them.

What it looks like	What you type
The nowiki tag ignores [[Wiki]] "markup". It reformats text by removing newlines and multiple spaces. It still interprets special characters: →	
<u>Leading spaces</u> are another way to preserve formatting.	

Images, tables, video, and sounds

After uploading, just enter the filename, highlight it and press the "embedded image"-button of the edit_toolbar.

This will produce the syntax for uploading a file **[[Image:filename.png]]**

This is a very quick introduction. For more information, see:

- [Help:Images and other uploaded files](#) for how to upload files
- [w:en:Wikipedia:Extended image syntax](#) for how to arrange images on the page
- [Help:Table](#) for how to create a table

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<p>A picture, including alternate text:</p> <p>Image:Wiki.png</p> <p>You can put the image in a frame with a caption:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Image:Wiki.png</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Wiki's logo</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; height: 150px;"></div>												
<p>A link to Wikipedia's page for the image: Image:Wiki.png</p> <p>Image:Wiki.png</p> <p>Or a link directly to the image itself:</p> <p>Media:Wiki.png</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; height: 100px;"></div>												
<p>Use media: links to link directly to sounds or videos: A sound file</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; height: 100px;"></div>												
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Mathematical formulas

You can format mathematical formulas with [TeX](#) markup. See [Help:Displaying a formula](#).

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`$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$`

Templates

Templates are segments of Wiki markup that are meant to be copied automatically ("transcluded") into a page. You add them by putting the template's name in `{{double braces}}`. It is also possible to transclude other pages by using `:{colon and double braces}`.

Some templates take *parameters*, as well, which you separate with the pipe character.

What it looks like	What you type
<u>Template:Transclusion demo</u>	
<u>Help:Transclusion Demo</u>	
This template takes two parameters, and creates underlined text with a hover box for many modern browsers supporting CSS: <u>Template:H:title</u> Go to this page to see the H:title template itself: <code>{{H:title}}</code>	

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