

The pages on this site are [wiki-based](#) pages, which means that pages can be created and edited by multiple authors. To edit a page, click the **Edit** link that exists **somewhere** on the page, usually in the header or footer. Some pages may be [password-protected](#), depending on the system's security policies, but many systems allow open editing of pages.

[Pm Wiki](#) is not [WYSIWYG](#) - When editing a page, you see the *markup text* that describes the content of the page. The basic rules for page markup are simple:

1. Use a blank line to start a new paragraph [more](#).
2. To make a list, start each line with # for numbered (ordered) lists or \* for bulleted (unordered) lists [more](#).
3. To make a heading, start a line with two or more ! marks; !! is a subheading, and !!! is a sub-subheading [more](#).
4. To emphasize text, enclose it in 2 or 3 *single quotes*; ' 'text' ' for italics or ' ' 'text' ' ' for bold [more](#).
5. To make a link to another page, enclose the page's name in double brackets; for example [[basic editing]] links to this page [more](#).
6. To make a link to another site, type its address, such as <http://example.com/> [more](#). Email link must have "mailto:" before such as [xxx@xxx.xx](mailto:xxx@xxx.xx)

**If you want to experiment with editing a page, try it on the [Wiki Sandbox](#).** You can [edit the Wiki Sandbox](#) without affecting anything important on this site. On talk pages and discussions, it's courteous to **sign** your contribution; using ~~~ effectively 'signs' the name that you provide in the Author field on the Page Edit form.

## Examples of common markups

The tables below demonstrate many of the common markups used to format pages. The left column shows what to write to achieve the effect, the right column shows the effect of the markup. More details are available from the [text formatting rules](#) and other documentation pages. An exhaustive list of default markup is available as the [markup master index](#).

### Paragraphs and line breaks

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Consecutive lines will be merged together as part of the same paragraph. One or more empty lines will start a new paragraph.	Consecutive lines will be merged together as part of the same paragraph. One or more empty lines will start a new paragraph.
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Two backslashes at the end of a line \\  
force a line break. Or use this markup:  
[[<<]] to force a break.

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force a line break. Or use this markup:  
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Further reading:

- [text formatting rules](#) for more information on linebreaks, indented or hanging paragraphs.
- [wiki styles](#) for centered or right justified paragraphs and "floating" text (boxes), borders and much more.

## Lists

Start each line with # for numbered (ordered) lists or \* for bulleted (unordered) lists:

\* Bullet list \* Another item \*\* More  
asterisks produce sub-items \*\* etc.

Bullet list Another item More asterisks produce  
sub-items etc.

# Numbered lists # Another item ## more  
hashes produce sub-items

Numbered lists Another item more hashes produce  
sub-items

# List types # can be mixed \*\* numbered  
list with unordered sub-list

List types can be mixed numbered list with unordered  
sub-list

Learn more about [lists](#) (including [definition lists](#)) and [list styles](#).

## Headings

Headings are useful for creating a "well-structured" page. They're not just for making big text.

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!! Major Subheading !!! Minor  
Subheading !!!! And More !!!!!

**Major Subheading Minor Subheading And More  
Subheadings**

## Text Emphasis

To emphasize, enclose text in apostrophes (single-quote marks), not double-quotes.

### What to type    What it looks like

<code>'Emphasize'</code> (italics), <code>''strong''</code> (bold), <code>''''very strong''''</code> (bold italics).	<i>Emphasize</i> (italics), <b>strong</b> (bold), <b><i>very strong</i></b> (bold italics).
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## Links

To make a link to another page, enclose the page's name in double square brackets.

### What to type    What it looks like

<code>Practice editing in the [[wiki sandbox]]</code>	Practice editing in the <a href="#">wiki sandbox</a>
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Note that words are automatically *capitalized* in page titles. The link above links to the page [Wiki Sandbox](#).

Text after a pipe (|) is used as the link text:

<code>Practice editing in the [[WikiSandbox   practice area]].</code>	Practice editing in the <a href="#">practice area</a> .
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Endings become part of the link text, parentheses hide parts of the link name:

<code>[[wiki sandbox]]es.</code>	<code>[[ (wiki) sandbox]].</code>	<a href="#">wiki sandboxes.</a>	<a href="#">_sandbox.</a>
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When linking to a page in a different [WikiGroup](#), provide the group name, followed by a separator, and then the page name:

<code>[[Main.Wiki Sandbox]]</code> shows group + name	<a href="#">Main.Wiki Sandbox</a> shows group + name
<code>[[Main/Wiki Sandbox]]</code> shows only name	<a href="#">Wiki Sandbox</a> shows only name

## Links to external sites

bare url: <code>http://www.pmwiki.org</code> link text: <code>[[http://www.pmwiki.org   PmWiki home]]</code>	bare url: <a href="http://www.pmwiki.org">http://www.pmwiki.org</a> link text: <a href="#">PmWiki home</a>
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## Links as reference to external sites

bare url: `http://www.pmwiki.org` link  
text: `[[http://www.pmwiki.org | #]]`

bare url: <http://www.pmwiki.org> link text: [\[1\]](#)

Colons make [InterMap](#) (also called [Inter Wiki?](#)) links to other wikis:

What's an `[[Wikipedia:aardvark]]`, anyway? What's an [Wikipedia:aardvark](#), anyway?

Links to [nonexistent pages?](#) are displayed specially, to invite others to create the page.

Pm Wiki supports more link types and a lot of display options, see [Links](#) to learn more.

## Preformatted text

Preformatted text is displayed using a monospace font and not generating linebreaks except where explicitly indicated in the markup.

Note that very long lines of preformatted text can cause the whole page to be wide.

For preformatted text with markup (e.g. emphasis) being processed, start each line with a space:

Lines that begin with a space are  
formatted exactly as typed in a  
`''fixed-width''` font.

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If you don't want Wiki markup to be processed, use `[@ @]`. Can also be used inline.

`[@ Text escaped this way has the HTML  
''code'' style @]`

Text escaped this way has the HTML  
`''code'' style`

## Escape sequence

If you don't want Wiki markup to be processed, but lines reformatted use `[= =]`. Can also be used inline.

`[= markup is ''not'' processed but  
lines are reformatted =]`

markup is "not" processed but lines are reformatted

## Horizontal line

Four or more dashes at the beginning of  
a line `----` produce a "horizontal rule"

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## Tables

Simple tables use double pipe characters to separate cells:

<pre>    border=1   ! head 1   ! head 2   ! head 3       cell 1    cell 2    cell 3    </pre>		
<b>head 1</b>	<b>head 2</b>	<b>head 3</b>

See [simple tables](#) and [advanced tables](#) to learn more about the rich feature set of Pm Wiki tables.

## Images

See [Images](#)

## Character formatting

### What to type    What it looks like

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* @@Monospaced text@@ * Text with
'^superscripts^' * Text with
'_subscripts_' * deleted
{-strikethrough-} text * inserted
{+underline+} text * [+big+],
[+bigger+] text * [-small-],
[--smaller--] text

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Monospaced text Text with <sup>superscripts</sup> Text with <sub>subscripts</sub> ~~deleted~~ ~~strikethrough~~ text inserted underline text big, bigger text small, smaller text

Use [WikiStyles](#) to change the text color .

## Page titles

The (:title:) directive sets the page's title to something other than its page name.

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(:Title Basic PmWiki editing rules:) The name of this page is "${Name}", and its title is "${Title}".
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The name of this page is "[Basic Editing](#)", and its title is "Basic [Pm Wiki](#) editing rules".

## Page Description

- The `(:Description Page summary here:)` directive sets the page description. The description is used by search engines, and can be displayed in search results and in [page lists](#).

`(:Description PmWiki's basic edit syntax:)` The summary description of this page is `{ $Description }`. The summary description of this page is [Pm Wiki's basic edit syntax](#).

I'm new to Pm Wiki, where can I find some basic help for getting started?

The [Basic Editing](#) page is a good start. From there, you can just follow the navigational links at the top or the bottom of the page (they are called [Wiki Trails](#)) to the next pages, or to the [Documentation Index](#) page, which provides an outline style index of essential documentation pages, organized from basic to advanced.

How do I include special characters such as Copyright (©) and Trademark (® or ™) on my wiki pages?

See [special characters](#) on how to insert special characters that don't appear on your keyboard.

How can I preserve line-breaks from the source text?

Pm Wiki normally treats consecutive lines of text as being a paragraph, and merges and wraps lines together on output. This is consistent with most other wiki packages. An author can use the `(:linebreaks:)` directive to cause the following lines of markup text in the page to be kept as separate lines in the output. Or a wiki administrator can set in `config.php` `$HTMLPNewline = '';` to force literal new lines for the whole site.

Can I just enter HTML directly?

By default (and by design), Pm Wiki does not support the use of HTML elements in the editable markup for wiki pages. There are a number of reasons for this described in the [PmWiki Philosophy](#) and [Audiences](#). Enabling HTML markup within wiki pages in a collaborative environment may exclude some potential authors from being able to edit pages, and pose a number of display and security issues. However, a site administrator can use the [Cookbook:Enable HTML](#) recipe to enable the use of HTML markup directly in pages.

Where can I find more documentation?

See the [documentation index](#) and the [markup master index](#) pages.