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You can format your text using wiki markup. This consists of normal characters like asterisks, single quotes or equation marks which have a special function in the wiki, sometimes depending on their position. For example, to format a word in *italic*, you include it in two single quotes like `' 'this' '`

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Text formatting markup

| Description | You type | You get |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| | character formatting - <i>applies anywhere</i> | |
| Italic text | <code>''italic''</code> | <i>italic</i> |
| Bold text | <code>'''bold'''</code> | bold |
| Bold and italic | <code>''''bold & italic''''</code> | <i>bold & italic</i> |
| Escape wiki markup | <code><nowiki>no ''markup''</nowiki></code> | no "markup" |
| | section formatting - <i>only at the beginning of the line</i> | |
| Headings of different levels | <code>=level 1=</code> | Level 1 |
| | <code>==level 2==</code> | Level 2 |
| | <code>===level 3===</code> | Level 3 |
| | <code>====level 4====</code> | Level 4 |
| | <code>=====level 5=====</code> | Level 5 |
| | <code>===== level 6 =====</code> | Level 6 |
| Horizontal rule | <code>----</code> | <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> |
| Bullet list | <code>* one</code> | • one |
| | <code>* two</code> | • two |
| | <code>* three</code> | • three |
| | <code>** three point one</code> | ◆ three p |
| | <code>** three point two</code> | ◆ three p |
| | Inserting a blank line will end the first list and start another. | |
| Numbered list | <code># one</code> | 1. one |
| | <code># two spanning several lines without breaking the numbering</code> | |
| | <code># three</code> | |
| | <code>## three point one</code> | |

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```
## three point two
```

Definition list

```
;item 1
:definition 1
;item 2
:definition 2-1
:definition 2-2
```

Adopting definition list to indent text

```
:Single indent
::Double indent
::::Multiple indent
```

This adoption may be controversial from the viewpoint of accessibility.

Mixture of different types of list

```
# one
# two
#* two point one
#* two point two
# three
#; three item one
#: three def one
# four
#: four def one
#: this rather looks like the continuation of # four
#: and thus often used instead of <br />
# five
## five sub 1
### five sub 1 sub 1
## five sub 2
;item 1
:* definition 1-1
:* definition 1-2
:
;item 2
:# definition 2-1
:# definition 2-2
```

The usage of # : and * : for breaking a line within an item may also be controversial.

Preformatted text preformatted text is done with a '''space''' at the

2. two
spanning several lines
without breaking
numbering
3. three
1. three p
2. three p

item 1
definition 1
item 2
definition 2-1
definition 2-2

Single indent

Double indent

1. one
2. two
◆ two po
◆ two po
3. three
three item one
three d
4. four
four de
this rat
the cor
fou
and th
instead
5. five
1. five su
1
2. five su

item 1
◆ definition 1-1
◆ definition 1-2
item 2
1. definition 2-1
2. definition 2-2

preformatted text is done with a **space** at the

`''beginning''` of the line

beginning of the li

This way of preformatting only applies to section formatting, and character formatting markups are still effective.


Paragraphs

MediaWiki ignores normal line breaks. To start a new paragraph, leave an empty line. You can force a line break within a paragraph with the HTML tags `
`.

HTML

Some HTML tags are allowed in MediaWiki, for example `<code>`, `<div>`, `` and ``. These apply anywhere you insert them.

| Description | You type | You get |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Strikethrough | <code>Strikethrough</code> | Strikethrough |
| Fixed width text | <code><tt>Fixed width text</tt></code> | Fixed width text |
| Blockquotes | <pre>text <blockquote> quote quote quote quote quote quote </blockquote> text text text text text text text text text text text</pre> | <p>quote quote quote quote quote</p> <p>text text text text text text text text text</p> |
| Comment | <code><!--This is comment--></code> | Text can only be viewed in the edit window. |
| Completely preformatted text | <code><pre>this way, all markups are '''ignored'''</pre></code> | this way, all markups are |

 **Tip for wiki admins:** If you trust your users you can allow full HTML by setting `$wgRawHtml = true;` in `LocalSettings.php`.

Other formatting

Beyond the text formatting markup shown above, here are some other formatting references:

- [Links](#)
- [Images](#)
- [Tables](#)