

## BlueSpice free

**BlueSpice free** is an open source and free of charge MediaWiki distribution, which is developed especially for companies and business. MediaWiki is still the basis and BlueSpice is installed on top to enrich the function range of the wiki with lots of useful features. Even if BlueSpice extends the functionality of MediaWiki and also gives it a completely new look, MediaWiki remains unaffected as the technical basis of the BlueSpice wiki!

## License

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The free software gratis and licensed under the GNU General Public License (GPL) v2 or higher.

## Releases

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The current release of BlueSpice is version 2.27.0.

## Features

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**BlueSpice free** is composed of different extensions. Therefore, this is also applies to its functionality, which means that the features of **BlueSpice free** arise from the particular feature of the extension.

For a more clearly presentation of the single extensions, we registered them in an extra article in which you can find a short description about the functionality for every extension. The extension names are, of course, linked to the appropriate extension article.

[Explore the extensions and features](#)

### Professional Editing

- [Visual Editor \(WYSIWYG\)](#) for editing, formatting and content as well as creating tables without wiki code
- Comfortable including [images](#), [files](#), [links](#) and [categories](#), [wiki commands](#), [wiki tags](#) and [Magic Words](#), as well as a formatting help for editing without wiki code
- [Parser Functions](#) - special functions for creating info boxes and page templates
- [RSS Import](#) enables user to subscribe to pages, categories, namespaces or recent changes

### Process Support

- [Review](#) functionality to review and release articles
- Creating [page templates](#) to guarantee a standardized structure of the content
- [Overview of the categories](#) in a hierarchic structure, displaying all main categories an sub-categories of the wiki

- Create [imagemaps](#) and set link on specific areas of an image
- [PDF export](#) of single pages in best quality

## Quality Management

- [Status bar](#) and [author information](#) gives you additional information about an article (e.g. the recent changes, category of the article etc.) and shows the authors of the article with images
- [Mail notification](#) about new articles, edits, deleted or moved articles as well as new users (configurable for every account)
- Display of the [recent changes](#) can be shown on every wiki page you want or integrated in your widget or menu
- [Statistics](#) and graphs for actions with several filter options
- Quality assurance for the content due to the possibility to define [responsible editors](#) for articles

## Administration

- [User management](#), [group management](#) and [rights management](#) enables you to create user accounts with passwords, provide those with appropriate rights and organize the users in groups with special group rights
- [Namespace manager](#) to organize your namespaces, with which you can define areas in your wiki (you can set separate read and write rights for every namespace)
- [Extends user preferences](#) for personal data, search settings, watchlists etc.
- [LDAP authentication](#) via Active Directory
- [Extensions information](#) gives you an overview about the installed extensions with info about the version, status and a short description
- [Security for images and files](#) - your uploaded files can not be found by search engines and can only be accessed with the appropriate authorization

## Communication and Collaboration

- [Wiki internal blog](#) enables you to write blog articles and to publish news
- [Shoutbox](#) provides an extra area in every article to leave comments and therefore supports discussions and the interaction between the users
- [Who is online?](#) The answer to this question can be found at a glance, because BlueSpice displays the active users
- Create a [Quiz](#) with multiple choice questions

## Installation

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- [Download at sourceforge](#)
- [System requirements](#)
- [Installation manual](#)

## Join the BlueSpice Community

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**BlueSpice** is an open source project and we appreciate every kind of participation on this project. To keep up-to-date and to get the current information, you can use the following channels:

