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What is Preferences?

**Preferences** is an extension allowing wiki administrators to change key settings of the wiki, without resorting to scripts and manual settings in LocalSetting.php file. These settings are wiki-wide, although some of them can be overriden on user level through UserPreferences.

Where to find the Preferences function?

Firstly, you need to have administration permissions in order to call up Preferences. If you have the correct permissions, you will be able to see the link "Preferences" in the "Global settings" and then on "Preferences" as you see on the image below. Click on the link and you will be taken to the administration page.
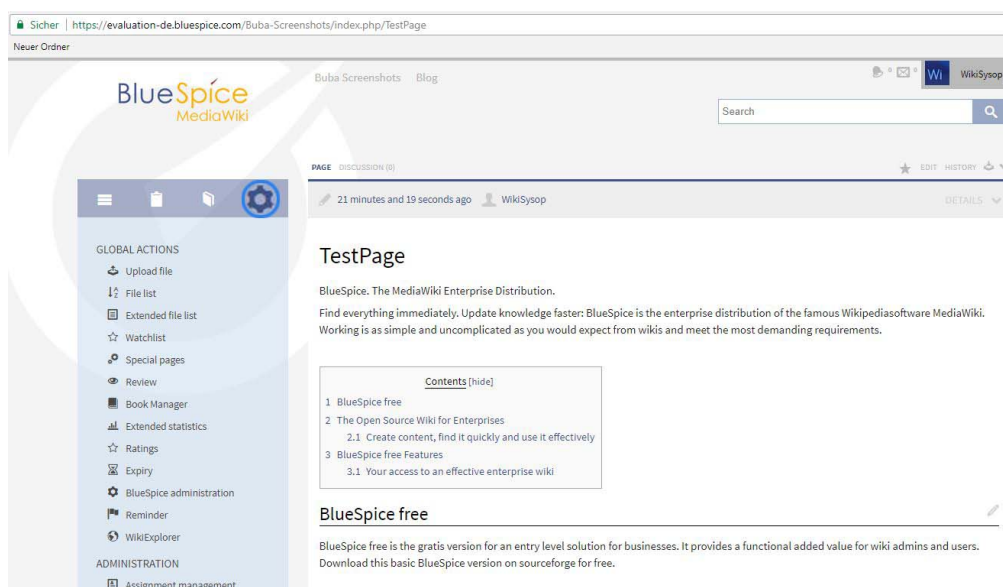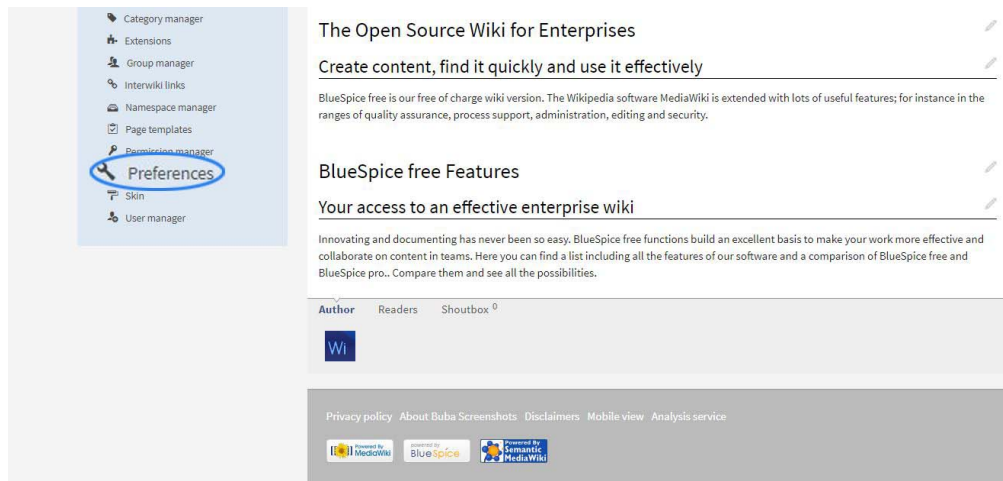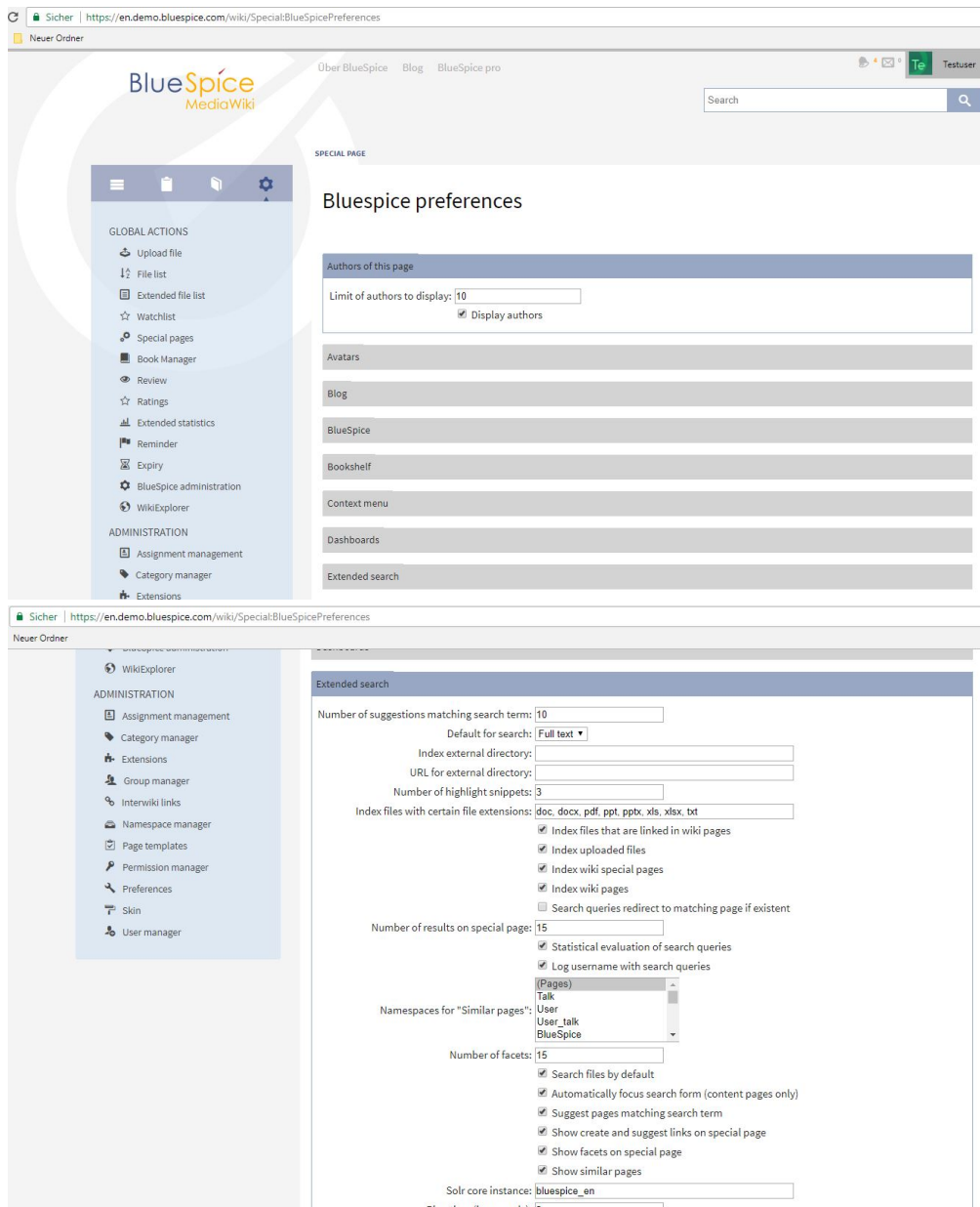
The functionality of Preferences

The display shows different areas for the individual extensions.
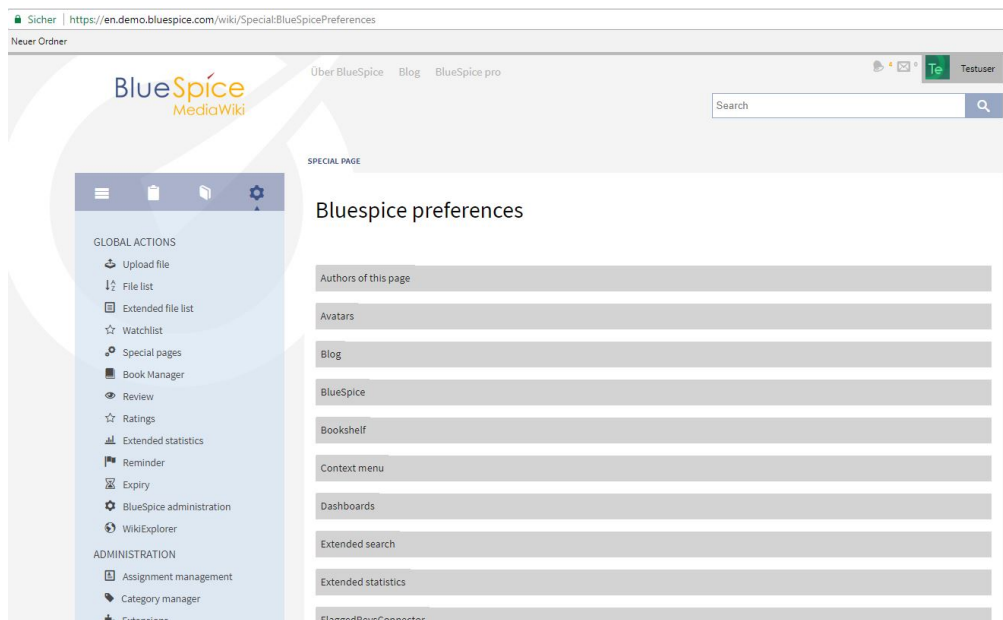
Preferences page contains many sections that are represented by expandable tabs. By default all tabs are collapsed. More information on individual settings of each of these extensions you can find on those extension's pages.

For example:

BlueSpice - preferences

Setting	Description
Authors	Preferences for profile pictures.
Avatars	Assigns an automatically generated individual profile picture for every user.
Blog	Allows displaying of relevant information in a "news-feed" style on a wiki page.
BlueSpice	Special preferences for BlueSpice. You can also set which data formats allowed here (by default: png, gif, jpg, jpeg, doc, docx, pdf, xls).
Bookshelf	Enables you to combine different wiki articles to create books and also to export those as a pdf document.
ContextMenu	Provides context menus for various links.

Dashboards	Provides dashboards for users and administrators.
ExtendedSearch	Full-text search in articles and files, faceted search, fuzzy search, spellchecker and sorting as well as search-as-you-type and auto-complete functionality.
ExtendedStatistics	Provides an analytic view of many relevant parameters on the wiki.
FlaggedRevsConnector	This enables to save articles in drafts and to release articles after a review process.
InsertCategory	Provides a dialogue to see a category overview for inserting, as well as creating and deleting categories.
InsertLink	Offers a dialogue to insert links without using the wiki code.
LatexRenderer	Shows math formulas by rendering LaTeX markup.
TopMenuBarCustomizer	Provides the possibility to customize the top menu links.
PageAssignments	Assigns individual users or whole groups to pages, e.g. as responsible editors.
PageTemplates	Offers the possibility to select from predefined content structures when creating a new page.
PagesVisited	Provides a personalized list of the last visited pages.
PasteImage	Allows to include images in an article using Copy & Paste and also provides to insert screenshots from the clipboard.
PermissionManager	Allows an easy and convenient management of usergroup rights in a graphical interface.
RatedComments	Rating system with up to five stars and comment functionality.
Rating	Enables to rate articles with up to five stars
Readers	Displays the profile pictures of wiki article visitors below the article.
Reminder	Allows users to get an overview of the actuality of those pages in a wiki they are responsible for.
Review	Set up editing and sign-off routines using workflows.
SaferEdit	It saves the article automatically while you are editing at predetermined intervals.
Shoutbox	Provides a box for commenting on an article and starting a conversation about the topics with other users.
Player	Player enables you to embed and play all the usual HTML5 video formats in your wiki.
FlexiSkin	Allows to customize the skin of the wiki.
SmartList	Introduces a tag that can be placed on any page to show a list of most relevant pages.
StateBar	It gives the user an overview of the article's essential meta information.

SyntaxHighlight	Provides syntax highlighting and code rendering.
UniversalExport	Enables the single page export to PDF.
VisualDiff	Enables users to easily compare two versions of an article with just a few clicks
VisualEditor	Is an editor you can use without having to enter special markup.
WatchList	Adds a watchlist widget and tag.
WhoIsOnline	Shows which users have been logged-in in the last 10 minutes.

See also

Our reference page.