Manual:Redirects

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Contents

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What is a redirect?

A redirect is a technique to automatically forward users from one page to another. If you redirect a page that has content, the user will not see the content of the redirected page, but only the content of the target page.
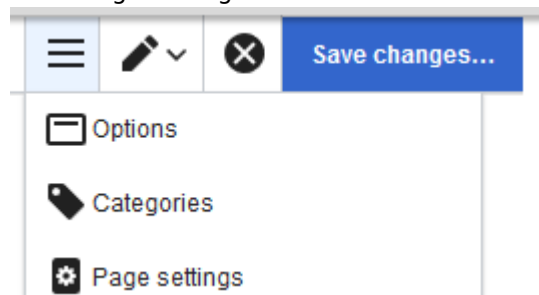
When to use a redirect

Pages are usually redirected in the following cases:

- abbreviations
- synonyms
- duplicate content
- spelling variants
- plural/singular
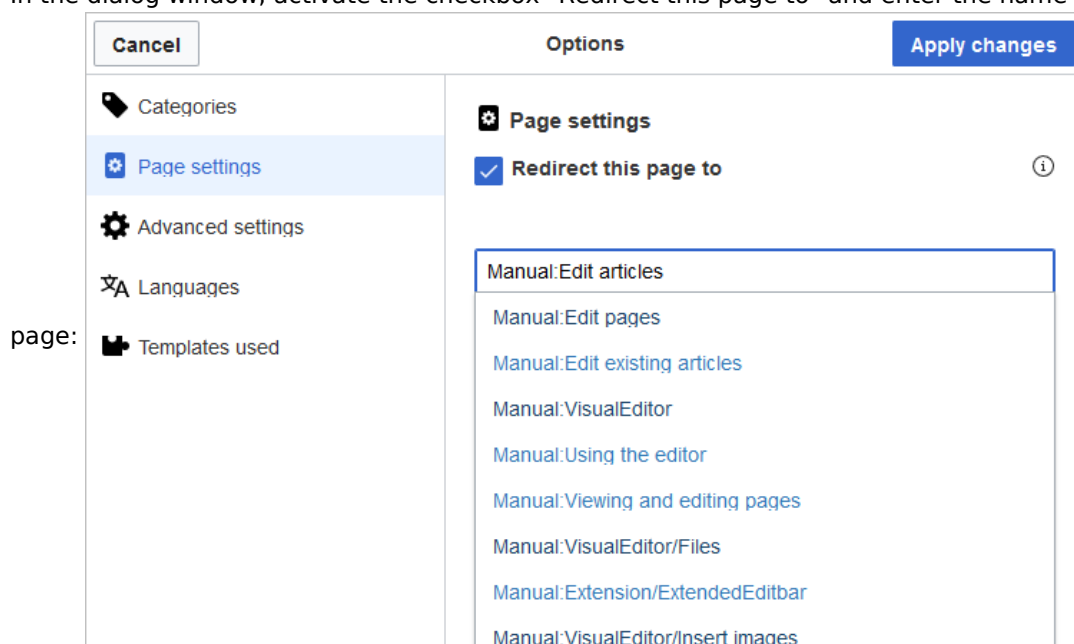- renaming/moving a page

How to redirect a page

With visual editing

1. Go to Page settings:

2. In the dialog window, activate the checkbox "Redirect this page to" and enter the name of the target page:

3. Click "Apply changes"

With source editing

At the beginning of the page, insert the redirect instruction and save the page:

```
#REDIRECT [[pagename of target page]]
```

There is no need to delete the content of the page. The content is simply no longer visible to readers as long as the redirect is included on the page. If you remove the code for redirecting the page, the original content will be loaded again.

Managing page redirects

All redirected pages on the wiki are listed on the special page `Special:ListRedirects`. In addition, there are pages for broken redirects as well as double redirects in the maintenance reports on the Special pages.

You can navigate to them from *Global actions > Special pages*.

To maintain the quality of your wiki, you should review these pages on a regular basis and fix any broken and double redirects.

If you navigate to a redirected page, it shows the redirect. A rounded arrow points to the target file:

Resolving double redirects

The page *Special:DoubleRedirects* lists all pages that are redirected from an already redirected page:

Double redirects

This page lists pages that redirect to other redirect pages. Each row contains links to the first and second redirect, as well as the target of the second redirect, which is usually the "real" target page to which the first redirect should point. ~~Crossed out~~ entries have been solved.

Showing below up to **50** results in range #**1** to #**50**.

View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

1. Get creative - Working with information (edit) → Create pages → Manual:Create pages

2. Edit existing articles (edit) → Create pages → Manual:Create pages

Let's look at the page *Edit existing articles* in the BlueSpice helpdesk. This page is redirected to a page *Create pages* that is again redirected to *Manual: Create pages*. The double redirect was caused by moving the page *Create pages* to the namespace *Manual*.

To resolve the double redirect, we open the page *Edit existing articles* in source view:

Edit existing articles

```
#REDIRECT [[Create pages]]
<!--
__NOTOC__ <bs:bookshelf src="Book:User manual 3.1 - incomplete draft" />
==Edit existing articles==
Every existing article in a wiki should be modifiable. Simply switch into edit mode, change the
contents, and save. Easy!

===Entering edit mode===
You have two options to edit an article:
```

The page is not only redirected to the page *Create pages* but also contains a bookshelf tag. Therefore, we first check if the page is still part of the book. If it is, we need to decide if the book should include this page or the actual final target page of the redirect instead.

We now have some options to fix the redirect:

- Redirect to the final target page
- Redirect to a completely different page
- Delete the page

Since the helpdesk actually has an updated page about editing, we redirect to the page *Manual: Edit pages*:

Edit existing articles

```
#REDIRECT [[Manual:Edit pages]]
<!--
__NOTOC__ <bs:bookshelf src="Book:User manual 3.1 - incomplete draft" />
```

Sometimes, it might make more sense to simply delete the page. Before deleting an article, always check what other pages link to the page by reviewing the info under `Special: WhatLinksHere/Redirects` .

Related info

- Rename and move pages
- Delete an article
- Creating subpages
- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Redirects