

## **Delete article**

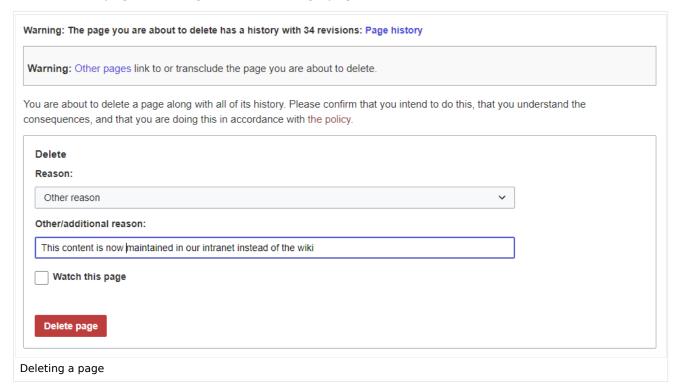
Users with edit rights can delete wiki pages. If a page is deleted, it can no longer be found using the search function. However, users have the option to restore a deleted page.

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#### How to delete a page?

To delete the page, click Page Tools > Manage page > Delete .



Before deleting the page, you can:

- Check the version history.
- Check which pages link to this page
- Indicate the reason for the deletion: Since deleting a page can raise questions from other users, it makes sense to leave a short explanation here. This text is shown accordingly in the deletion log.
- Watch the page: If the page is restored by another user, you can receive a notification.

#### Mass-deleting pages

Admin users can mass-delete recently added pages from the special page Special: Nuke.

# Which pages should be deleted?

You can use some pages under Special:SpecialPages to find candidates for deletion:

- Special: ShortPages: With short pages it can be expected that the content of the article is not relevant enough or is better dealt with as a paragraph in another article.
- Special:LonelyPages: Orphaned pages are characterized by a lack of transclusions or links to the page.
- Special: NewPages: Reviewing recently added pages is useful, for example, to detect spam in public wikis.



#### Where do I find information about deleted pages?

- Special:Log/delete: Search for and restore deleted pages.
- Special:DeletedContributions: Search for deleted posts of a specific user (or an IP address).

#### Recover deleted pages

Deleted pages can be restored using the *Delete* log which can be accessed from the page *Special: SpecialPages*. If the deleted page was linked to other wiki pages, the page can be restored directly via the redlink on that page.

### Which pages shouldn't be deleted?

There are often more sensible alternatives for deleting:

- Move: If a page has an incorrect or incorrect title, the page can be moved.
- Copy: If the content does not match the page title, the content can be copied to another page
- **Redirect:** If the page content already exists on another page, the duplicate content can be deleted and a redirect can be created.
- **Obsolete:** The content is no longer current. You can mark the page as out of date and other wiki users can update the page later.

#### Related info

- Nuke: Extension for mass-deleting pages
- Redirects
- Deleting user accounts