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## Manual:Functions to enhance your wiki experience

## Enhance your wiki experience

What use is the best wiki, when you can't find what you're looking for?

Chapter 3 will show you

- how to keep order in your wiki
- how you can use your watchlist to stay informed of changes that may concern you
- how the version history of an article can help you to keep track of all changes of an article

Keep an overview!

## Manual:Keeping order in your wiki

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### Keeping order in your wiki

There are several possibilities of organizing the contents of your wiki, with their own advantages and limitations.

#### Using namespaces

Every wiki is divided into separate areas, so-called **namespaces**. These namespaces can e.g. be used to grant different user groups access to certain restricted content in your wiki, split up your content similar to your departments in your organization, and so on.

If you want to learn more about the use of namespaces, click here.

#### **Using categories**

**Categories** are an ideal way of organizing large amounts of information. Each category comes with its own category page (an article in the namespace *category*), which can (and should) also be filled with content. These category pages list all pages of the respective category in alphabetical order.

You can learn more about using categories by clicking here.

#### Using subpages

**Subpages** are pages that are subordinate to other pages, introducing a hierarchical organization into your wiki pages. This is e.g. very useful if you have different language versions of the same article.

Learn how to use subpages by clicking here.



#### Further ways of organizing your content

#### Redirects

**Redirects** are used to forward users from one page to another. This is e.g. necessary if a particular article can be referred to by multiple names, or can easily be misspelled.

Click here to see how to use redirects.

#### Table of contents

Once you have used four or more header tags in your article, the wiki will automatically create a **table of contents** and insert it at the beginning of the page.

If you want to move the table to another part of the article, you can use the behavior switch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the desired spot in the article. Use the switch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to disable the table of contents completely.

If you are interested in learning more about behavior switches, click here.

# **Version history**

A quality version of this page, approved on 1 April 2021, was based off this revision.

The version history shows all saved edits for a page. It is possible to restore any of these versions to be the most recent version of a page.

#### Switching to the version history

To access the version history of a page, you have the following options:

- From the title area of the page: **Click** on *Page > History*
- From the page tools: **Click** on *Associated Links > History*

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You can compare any two versions to see the difference between them at a glance.

- **To compare on older version with the latest version:** Select the radio button of the older version and click *Compare selected revisions* on top of the list.
- **To compare two older versions:** Select the radio button of the oldest version you would like to compare. All versions above the selected version will be marked with double radio buttons. Select the second radio button of the version you would use for your comparison.

#### Restoring an older version

If necessary, you can also restore an older version of the article. To do so, find the version you want to restore and click on the corresponding date and time stamp. This will open the desired version of the article. Now click on *Edit* and save the article. Please note that this will also create a new version of the article in the version history.

If you only want to undo the last change to an article, simply click on the *undo* link in the corresponding line.

Administrators also have the option to automatically roll back all versions of the last user at the same time. Clicking roll back immediately sets the versions back without an additional review option.

#### Related info

• Visual comparison of page versions (VisualDiff)