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## Manual:Using the 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

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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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• [\(cur | prev\)](#)  13:14, 19 December 2018 Fbaeckmann ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#)) [m](#) .. (855 bytes) (+1) .. [\(undo\)](#) ([Tag: 2017 source edit](#))

Version history

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

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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

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- [Visual comparison of page versions \(VisualDiff\)](#)

## Visual version comparison (VisualDiff)

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**BlueSpiceVisualDiff** enables users to easily compare two versions of a wiki page.

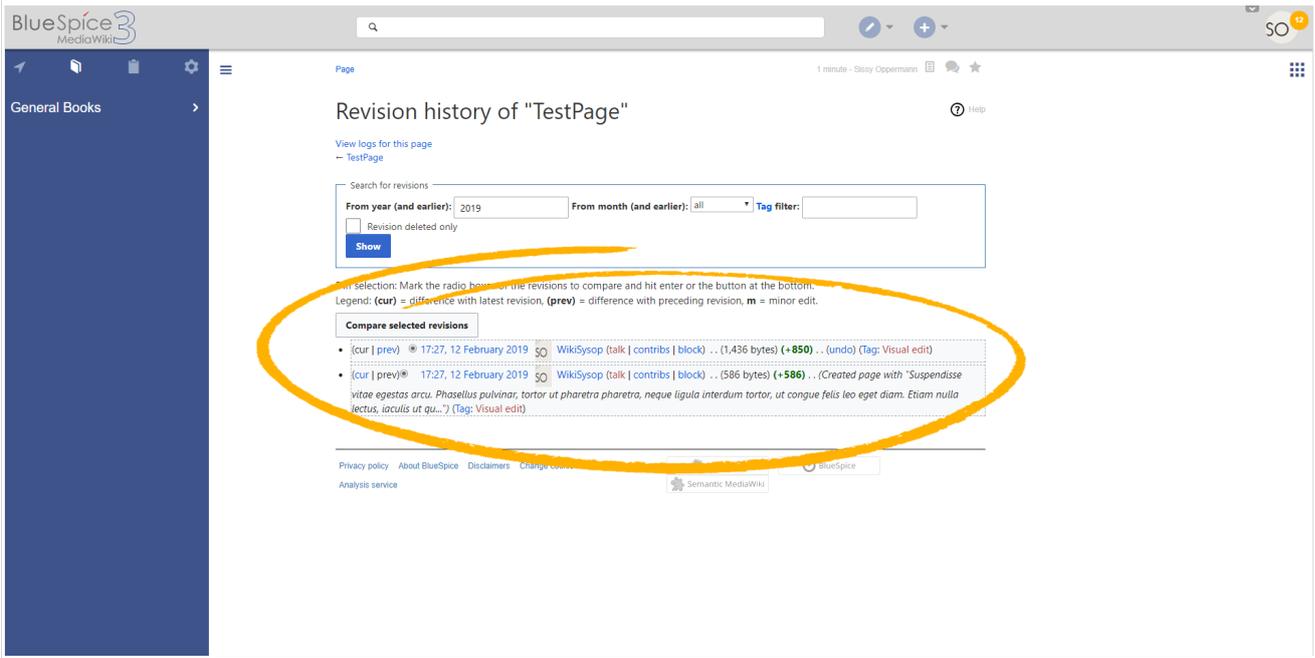
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## Comparing page versions

VisualDiff is integrated in the history page of every content page. Users with reading rights can access the version comparison by clicking on *Page > History* at the top of the content area.

Once in history view, select two versions (revisions) to compare (by marking the radio button in front of every revision) and click "Compare selected revisions".



The screenshot shows the 'Revision history of "TestPage"' page. At the top, there is a search box for revisions with fields for 'From year (and earlier): 2019', 'From month (and earlier): all', and 'Tag filter:'. Below the search box is a 'Show' button. A legend explains the comparison modes: (cur) = difference with latest revision, (prev) = difference with preceding revision, m = minor edit. A 'Compare selected revisions' button is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below this button, two revisions are listed, each with a radio button selected. The first revision is from 17:27, 12 February 2019, by WikiSysop, with a size of 1,436 bytes (+850). The second revision is from 17:27, 12 February 2019, by WikiSysop, with a size of 586 bytes (+586). The page also includes a sidebar with 'General Books' and a footer with 'Privacy policy', 'About BlueSpice', 'Disclaimers', 'Change view', 'Analysis service', and 'Semantic MediaWiki'.

Selecting revisions

This opens the compare view, with several modes of comparison available:

- VisualDiff - mode that this page describes.
- WikiText - shows difference in underlying wikitext.
- Classic - shows basic visual difference with old version on the left and new on the right. It highlights which lines were added or removed.

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**[quality revision]**  
**Revision as of 08:23, 21 July 2020 (edit)**  
 Mlink-rodrigue (talk | contribs)  
 m  
 (Tag: 2017 source edit)  
 ← Older edit

**[pending revision]**  
**Latest revision as of 08:34, 21 July 2020 (edit) (undo)**  
 Mlink (talk | contribs) [rollback 1 edit]  
 m  
 (Tag: Visual edit)

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Visual
WikiText
Classic

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### Usage

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VisualDiff color coding

## Reading the diff

A change can be “added”, “deleted”, “changed”, or be marked as “conflict” content. Due to the nature of wiki articles, “changed” and “conflict” are very rare. “Changed” will be shown, for example, if a word was linked subsequently. All other changes (although being “changed” as well) are shown as “added” or “deleted”.

Color code for text changes:

- Light blue: additions to the text.
- Orange and crossed-out: deletions from the text.
- Blue dashed lines: Changes in the structure of the article. This is usually the case when a word has been linked subsequently, or a header has been changed.

Color code for image changes:

- Light blue frame: added picture, or the current format of a changed image.
- Red frame: deleted picture, or the former format of a changed image.

**Important!** Changes that are only visible in the source view (e.g., changes to categories or tags) are not reflected in the visual comparison mode, you should always check the classic comparison mode in addition to “catch” these changes.

## Related info

- [Reference:BlueSpiceVisualDiff](#)