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8.2 UserManual:Redirects

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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

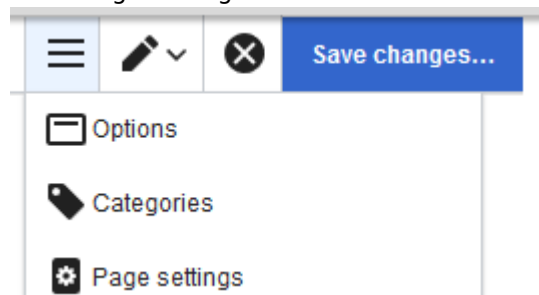
Pages are usually redirected in the following cases:

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

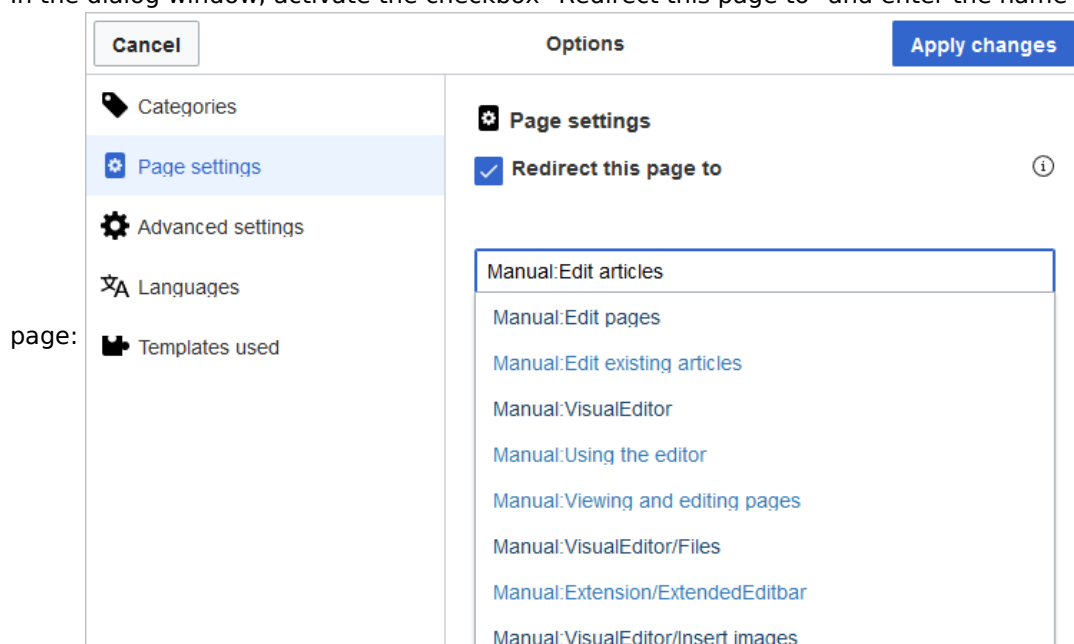
How to redirect a page

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



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.

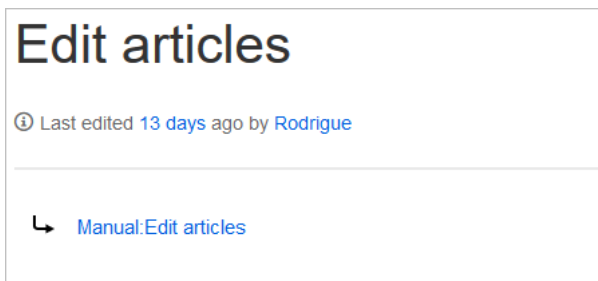
Managing page redirects

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>

Delete pages

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* .

Warning: The page you are about to delete has a history with 34 revisions: [Page history](#)

Warning: Other pages link to or transclude the page you are about to delete.

You are about to delete a page along with all of its history. Please confirm that you intend to do this, that you understand the consequences, and that you are doing this in accordance with [the policy](#).

Delete

Reason:

Other reason ▼

Other/additional reason:

This content is now maintained in our intranet instead of the wiki

☐ Watch this page

Delete page

Deleting a page

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](#)

Rename and move pages

Redirect to:

- [Manual:Rename and move pages](#)

Subpage

Redirect to:

- [Manual:Subpage](#)