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VisualEditor: Insert Images

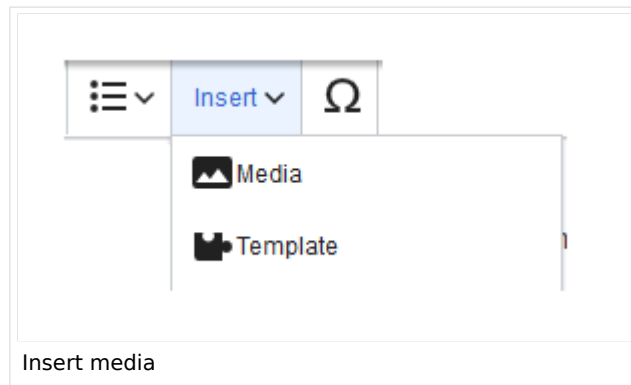
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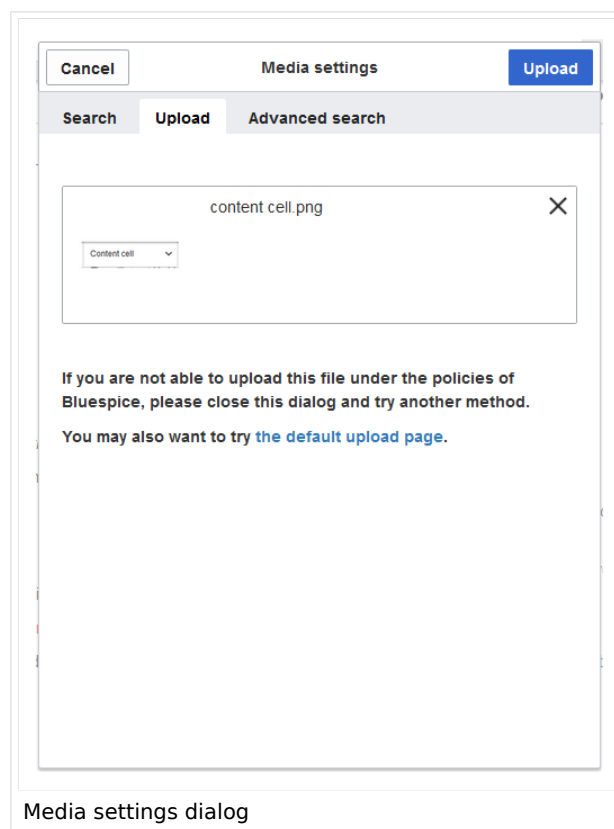
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How to insert an image on a page

In addition to text, images are probably the most important components of typical content pages. With VisualEditor, the images can be uploaded, inserted and formatted all in one step. Images are inserted via the menu item *Insert > Media*.

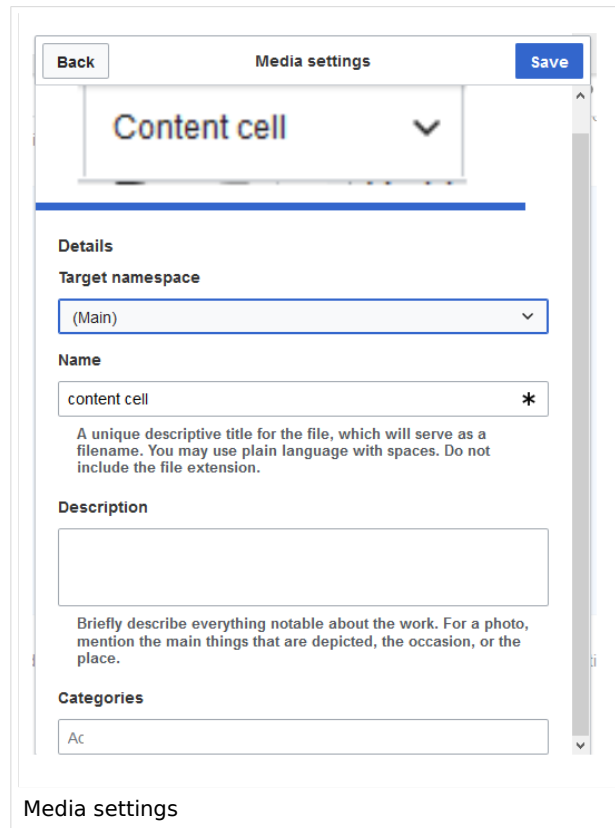


The dialog box *Media Settings* opens.



After uploading, you can edit the image settings: Details, General Settings, and Advanced Settings.

Details



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Content cell

Details

Target namespace

(Main)

Name

content cell *

A unique descriptive title for the file, which will serve as a filename. You may use plain language with spaces. Do not include the file extension.

Description

Briefly describe everything notable about the work. For a photo, mention the main things that are depicted, the occasion, or the place.

Categories

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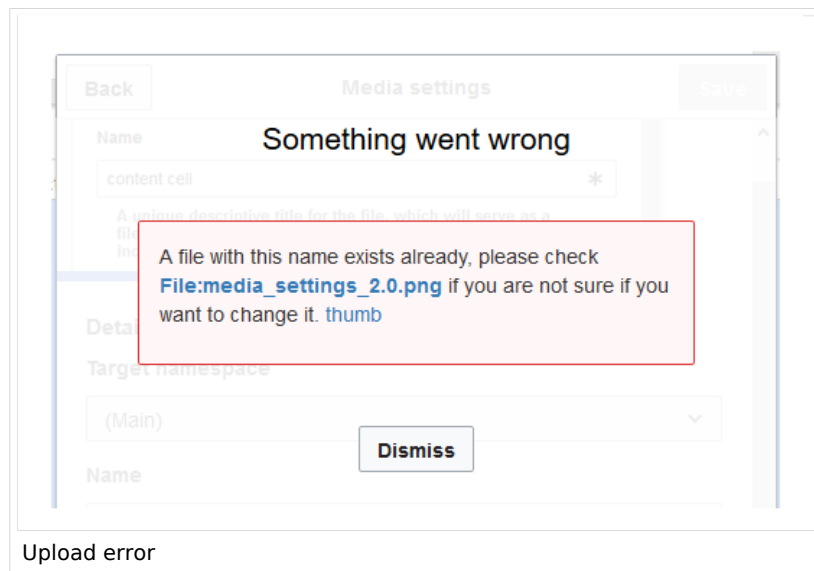
Media settings

Here you can assign a namespace and categories to a picture.

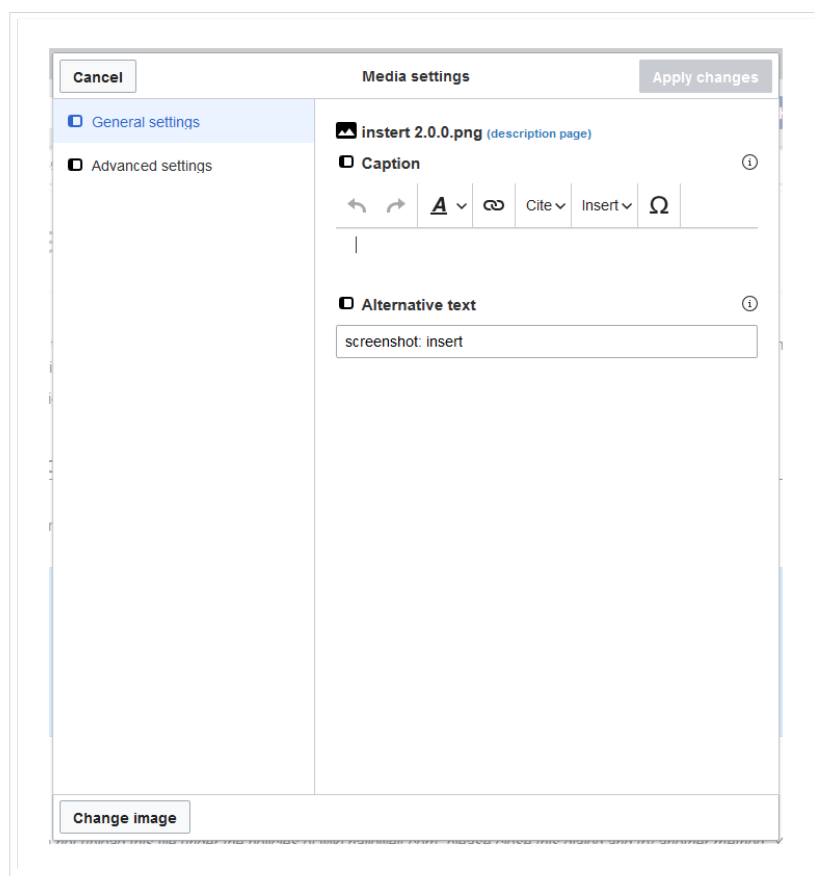
- **Target namespace:** The picture can be assigned directly to a namespace. The access rights of the namespace are also applied to the image. This means that only users with access to the namespace can view the image on the wiki.
- **Name:** Choose a name that makes it easy to find the image later during an image search. Or simply leave the current file name.
- **Description:** The description is mainly useful for photos or infographics when the image name does not adequately describe the image content.
- **Categories:** Here, the picture can be assigned to categories.

Note: When uploading a new file, you should check the file/page name for unusual special characters (e.g., `"`, `%`, `/`, `<`, `>`, `[`, `]`, `{`, `}`). Change the name to include only standard characters, since the server file system could have problems with them or since some characters have special meanings in MediaWiki. The special characters `(`, `)`, `&`, `+` can be used and are translated into their equivalent %-hex notation.

Error message when saving: If the image already exists, an error message is displayed. If you want to overwrite the existing file, you can click on the file name and overwrite the file via the image page in the wiki. This is done by clicking the "Upload a new version of this file" link in the "File Versions" section. In VisualEditor itself overwriting an image does not work.



General settings

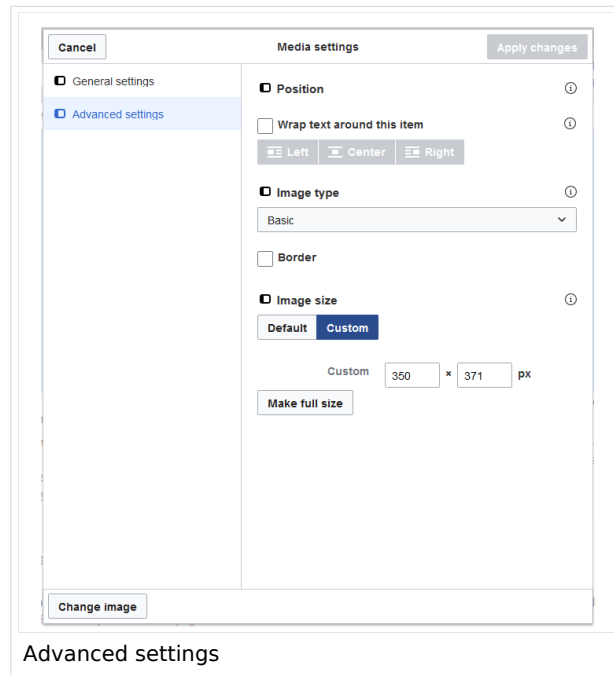


In the general settings, the image descriptions are added.

Caption: The caption is shown with framed images and thumbnails. Note: If you change an image to frameless and then back to "framed", you need to re-enter the caption.

Alternate text: The alternate text should be entered for each image since it replaces the image in certain contexts. For example, this so-called "alt" text is used by users who work with screen readers. Screen readers are used by users with visual limitations, but search engines can also read this text. In some business areas, the indication of the "alt" text is also required by law. If you are not sure, ask your company accordingly.

Advanced settings



In the advanced settings, you can set the position and image size.

The following settings are possible:

- **Position:**
 - Wrap text around this item:
 - *Left:* The image is displayed on the left side of the text, starting on the first line of the current paragraph.
 - *Center:* The image is displayed centered over the current paragraph.
 - *Right:* The image is displayed to the right of the text, starting on the first line of the current paragraph.
- **Image type:** If you insert an image with VisualEditor, the image is usually linked to the Media Viewer. To suppress the link on an image, you must add an empty link attribute to the image tag in the source code:
 - frameless picture with link (standard): `[[File:adult-chair-company-380769.jpg|frameless]]`
 - frameless picture without link: `[[File:adult-chair-company-380769.jpg|frameless|link=]]`


Image type	Output	Description
Thumbnail	 <p>This is the caption</p>	<p>The preview picture shows the image with a standard width of 300px. The width can be adjusted as required.</p> <p>In addition, the caption is displayed below the picture. A preview icon indicates that the image can be viewed in a larger size.</p>
Frameless		<p>The frameless version shows the picture without a frame. The width can be adjusted as required (here we set the example to 300px).</p> <p>The caption does not appear below the picture.</p> <p>By default, the image is inserted without text wrapping. It will break up</p>




Image type	Output	Description
		<p>a sentence exactly where it is inserted. By default, the image is centered.</p> <p>However, the image size and position can be adjusted as needed.</p>
Frame	 <p>Dies ist die Beschriftung</p>	<p>The framed version is similar to the preview picture. Compared to the preview, the magnifying glass symbol is not displayed and the image is inserted on the page full-size.</p> <p>The size cannot be adjusted.</p>
		<p>The basic version is like the frameless version.</p> <p>By default, text does not wrap, but the text is separated at the point where the image was inserted.</p>

Image type	Output	Description
Basic		The image is inserted in full width, while the frameless image is inserted in miniature image width (300px). The size can be adjusted.

- **Image size:**

- *Standard*: sets the image width to 300px (unless the standard width has been changed in the [user preferences](#)).
- *Custom*: allows setting a custom size.
- *Make full size*: resets the size to the actual image size.

Images and namespaces

You can save pictures and files in the general namespace (*pages*). If pictures should be accessible by all users, you can save these pictures in the main namespace if other namespaces have access restrictions. If you have created additional namespaces, you can also save images in these namespaces if you have the necessary access rights. Images are then only shown to users who have the necessary read permissions in these namespaces.

In the upload dialog, the namespace field always suggests the namespace of the current page for the image upload.

Changing an embedded image

Different image: In the editing mode of the page, it is possible to edit the image with a double-click. Use the "Change image" button to exchange the image with a different image.

Same image with different version: If you want to use a new version of the same image, open the "Special:Upload file" page in a new browser tab (so that you don't lose any changes on your wiki page). There, you can save already existing pictures with the same name again. The original image is kept as a version.