

Formatting Syntax

 [DokuWiki](#) supports some simple markup language, which tries to make the datafiles to be as readable as possible. This page contains all possible syntax you may use when editing the pages. Simply have a look at the source of this page by pressing the *Edit this page* button at the top or bottom of the page. If you want to try something, just use the [playground](#) page. The simpler markup is easily accessible via  [quickbuttons](#), too.

Basic Text Formatting

DokuWiki supports **bold**, *italic*, underlined and monospaced texts. Of course you can ***combine*** all these.

```
DokuWiki supports bold, //italic//, __underlined__ and 'monospaced'
texts.
Of course you can __//'combine'//__ all these.
```

You can use _{subscript} and ^{superscript}, too.

```
You can use <sub>subscript</sub> and <sup>superscript</sup>, too.
```

You can mark something as ~~deleted~~ as well.

```
You can mark something as <del>deleted</del> as well.
```

Paragraphs are created from blank lines. If you want to **force a newline** without a paragraph, you can use two backslashes followed by a whitespace or the end of line.

This is some text with some linebreaks

Note that the two backslashes are only recognized at the end of a line
or followed by
a whitespace \\this happens without it.

```
This is some text with some linebreaks\\ Note that the
two backslashes are only recognized at the end of a line\\
or followed by\\ a whitespace \\this happens without it.
```

You should use forced newlines only if really needed.

Links

DokuWiki supports multiple ways of creating links.

External


External links are recognized automagically: <http://www.google.com> or simply www.google.com - You can set the link text as well: [This Link points to google](#). Email addresses like this one: andi@splitbrain.org are recognized, too.

```
DokuWiki supports multiple ways of creating links. External links are
recognized
automagically: http://www.google.com or simply www.google.com - You can set
link text as well: [[http://www.google.com|This Link points to google]].
Email
addresses like this one: <andi@splitbrain.org> are recognized, too.
```

Internal

Internal links are created by using square brackets. You can either just give a [pagename](#) or use an additional [link text](#).

```
Internal links are created by using square brackets. You can either just
give
a [[pagename]] or use an additional [[pagename|link text]].
```

 [Wiki pagenames](#) are converted to lowercase automatically, special characters are not allowed.

You can use [namespaces](#) by using a colon in the pagename.


```
You can use [[some:namespaces]] by using a colon in the pagename.
```

For details about namespaces see  [namespaces](#).



Linking to a specific section is possible, too. Just add the section name behind a hash character as known from HTML. This links to [this Section](#).

```
This links to [[syntax#internal|this Section]].
```

Notes:

- Links to [existing pages](#) are shown in a different style from [nonexisting](#) ones.
- DokuWiki does not use  [CamelCase](#) to automatically create links by default.
- When a section's heading is changed, its bookmark changes, too. So don't rely on section linking too much.

Interwiki

DokuWiki supports  [Interwiki](#) links. These are quick links to other Wikis. For example this is a link to Wikipedia's page about Wikis:  [Wiki](#).

```
DokuWiki supports [[doku>Interwiki]] links. These are quick links to other
```

Wikis.
 For example this is a link to Wikipedia's page about Wikis: `[[wp>Wiki]]`.

Image Links

You can also use an image to link to another internal or external page by combining the syntax for links and [images](#) (see below) like this:

```
[[http://www.php.net|{{wiki:dokuwiki-128.png}}]]
```



Please note: The image formatting is the only formatting syntax accepted in link names.

The whole [image](#) and [link](#) syntax is supported (including image resizing, internal and external images and URLs and interwiki links).

Footnotes

You can add footnotes ¹⁾ by using double parentheses.

```
You can add footnotes ((This is a footnote)) by using double parentheses.
```

Sectioning

You can use up to five different levels of headlines to structure your content. You should always start with *Headline Level 1* Type. If you have more than three headlines (of any level), a table of contents is generated automatically - this can be disabled by including the string `~~NOTOC~~` in the document.

Headline Level 1

Headline Level 2

Headline Level 3

Headline Level 4

Headline Level 5


```

===== Headline Level 1 =====
==== Headline Level 2 ====
==== Headline Level 3 ====
=== Headline Level 4 ===
== Headline Level 5 ==

```

By using four or more dashes, you can make a horizontal line:

Images and Other Files

You can include external and internal  images with curly brackets. Optionally you can specify the size of them.




Real size:



Resize to given width:



Resize to given width and height²⁾:

Resized external image: 

```

Real size:                {{wiki:dokuwiki-128.png}}
Resize to given width:    {{wiki:dokuwiki-128.png?50}}
Resize to given width and height: {{wiki:dokuwiki-128.png?200x50}}
Resized external image:  {{http://de3.php.net/images/php.gif?200x50}}

```

By using left or right whitespaces you can choose the alignment.



```

{{ wiki:dokuwiki-128.png}}
{{wiki:dokuwiki-128.png }}
{{ wiki:dokuwiki-128.png }}

```

Of course, you can add a title (displayed as a tooltip by most browsers), too.



```

{{ wiki:dokuwiki-128.png |This is the caption}}

```

If you specify a filename (external or internal) that is not an image (gif, jpeg, png), then it will be displayed as a link instead.

For linking an image to another page see [Image Links](#) above.

Lists

Dokuwiki supports ordered and unordered lists. To create a list item, indent your text by two spaces and use a * for unordered lists or a - for ordered ones.

- This is a list
 - The second item
 - You may have different levels
 - Another item
1. The same list but ordered
 2. Another item
 1. Just use indention for deeper levels
 3. That's it

```
* This is a list
* The second item
  * You may have different levels
* Another item

- The same list but ordered
- Another item
  - Just use indention for deeper levels
- That's it
```

Also take a look at the [FAQ on list items](#).



Text Conversions

DokuWiki can convert certain pre-defined characters or strings into images or other text or HTML.

The text to image conversion is mainly done for smileys. And the text to HTML conversion is used for typography replacements, but can be configured to use other HTML as well.

Text to Image Conversions

DokuWiki converts commonly used [emoticons](#) to their graphical equivalents. Those [Smileys](#) and other images can be configured and extended. Here is an overview of Smileys included in DokuWiki:

-  FIXME
-  DELETEME

Text to HTML Conversions

Typography: [DokuWiki](#) can convert simple text characters to their typographically correct entities. Here is an example of recognized characters.

→ ← ↔ ⇒ ⇐ ⇔ » « – — 640x480 © ™ ® „He thought 'It's a man's world'...”

```
-> <- <-> => <=> <=> >> << -- --- 640x480 (c) (tm) (r)
```

"He thought 'It's a man's world'..."

The same can be done to produce any kind of HTML, it just needs to be added to the [pattern file](#).

Quoting

Some times you want to mark some text to show it's a reply or comment. You can use the following syntax:

```
I think we should do it
> No we shouldn't
>> Well, I say we should
> Really?
>> Yes!
>>> Then lets do it!
```

I think we should do it

```

| No we shouldn't
|
| | Well, I say we should
|
| Really?
|
| | Yes!
|
| | | Then lets do it!
```

Tables

DokuWiki supports a simple syntax to create tables.

Heading 1	Heading 2	Heading 3
Row 1 Col 1	Row 1 Col 2	Row 1 Col 3
Row 2 Col 1	some colspan (note the double pipe)	
Row 3 Col 1	Row 3 Col 2	Row 3 Col 3

Table rows have to start and end with a | for normal rows or a ^ for headers.

```
^ Heading 1      ^ Heading 2      ^ Heading 3      ^
| Row 1 Col 1   | Row 1 Col 2   | Row 1 Col 3   |
| Row 2 Col 1   | some colspan  | |
```

```
| Row 3 Col 1 | Row 3 Col 2 | Row 3 Col 3 |
```

To connect cells horizontally, just make the next cell completely empty as shown above. Be sure to have always the same amount of cell separators!

Vertical tableheaders are possible, too.

	Heading 1	Heading 2
Heading 3	Row 1 Col 2	Row 1 Col 3
Heading 4	no colspan this time	
Heading 5	Row 2 Col 2	Row 2 Col 3

As you can see, it's the cell separator before a cell which decides about the formatting:

```

|           ^ Heading 1           ^ Heading 2           ^
^ Heading 3 | Row 1 Col 2           | Row 1 Col 3           |
^ Heading 4 | no colspan this time |                       |
^ Heading 5 | Row 2 Col 2           | Row 2 Col 3           |

```

You can have rowspans (vertically connected cells) by adding `:::` into the cells below the one to which they should connect.

Heading 1	Heading 2	Heading 3
Row 1 Col 1		Row 1 Col 3
Row 2 Col 1	this cell spans vertically	Row 2 Col 3
Row 3 Col 1		Row 2 Col 3

Apart from the rowspan syntax those cells should not contain anything else.

```

^ Heading 1   ^ Heading 2           ^ Heading 3           ^
| Row 1 Col 1 | this cell spans vertically | Row 1 Col 3           |
| Row 2 Col 1 | :::                       | Row 2 Col 3           |
| Row 3 Col 1 | :::                       | Row 2 Col 3           |

```

You can align the table contents, too. Just add at least two whitespaces at the opposite end of your text: Add two spaces on the left to align right, two spaces on the right to align left and two spaces at least at both ends for centered text.

Table with alignment		
right	center	left
left	right	center
xxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx

This is how it looks in the source:

```

^           Table with alignment           ^^^
|           right|           center   |left   |
|left       |           right|       center |
| xxxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxxx |

```

Note: Vertical alignment is not supported.

No Formatting

If you need to display text exactly like it is typed (without any formatting), enclose the area either with `<nowiki>` tags or even simpler, with double percent signs `%%`.

This is some text which contains addresses like this: `http://www.splitbrain.org` and `**formatting**`, but nothing is done with it. The same is true for `//__this__ text//` with a smiley `;-)`.

```
<nowiki>
This is some text which contains addresses like this:
http://www.splitbrain.org and **formatting**, but nothing is done with it.
</nowiki>
The same is true for %%//__this__ text// with a smiley ;-)%%.
```

Code Blocks

You can include code blocks into your documents by either indenting them by at least two spaces (like used for the previous examples) or by using the tags `<code>` or `<file>`.

```
This is text is indented by two spaces.
```

```
This is preformatted code all spaces are preserved: like          <-this
```

```
This is pretty much the same, but you could use it to show that you quoted a
file.
```


Those blocks were created by this source:

```
This is text is indented by two spaces.
```

```
<code>
This is preformatted code all spaces are preserved: like          <-this
</code>
```

```
<file>
This is pretty much the same, but you could use it to show that you quoted a
file.
</file>
```

Syntax Highlighting

 [DokuWiki](#) can highlight sourcecode, which makes it easier to read. It uses the [GeSHi](#) Generic Syntax Highlighter - so any language supported by GeSHi is supported. The syntax is the same like in the

code and file blocks in the previous section, but this time the name of the used language is inserted inside the tag. Eg. `<code java>` or `<file java>`.

```
/**
 * The HelloWorldApp class implements an application that
 * simply displays "Hello World!" to the standard output.
 */
class HelloWorldApp {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World!"); //Display the string.
    }
}
```

The following language strings are currently recognized: *4cs, abap, actionscript-french, actionscript, actionscript3, ada, apache, applescript, asm, asp, autoconf, autohotkey, autoit, avisynth, awk, bash, basic4gl, bf, bibtex, blitzbasic, bnf, boo, c, c_mac, caddcl, cadlisp, cfdg, cfm, chaiscript, cil, clojure, cmake, cobol, cpp, cpp-qt, csharp, css, cuesheet, d, dcs, delphi, diff, div, dos, dot, ecmascript, eiffel, email, erlang, fo, fortran, freebasic, fsharp, gambas, genero, genie, gdb, glsl, gml, gnuplot, groovy, gettext, gwbasic, haskell, higest, hq9plus, html, icon, idl, ini, inno, intercal, io, j, java5, java, javascript, jquery, kixtart, klonex, klonexcpp, latex, lisp, locobasic, logtalk, lolcode, lotusformulas, lotusscript, lscript, lsl2, lua, m68k, magiksf, make, mapbasic, matlab, mirc, modula2, modula3, mmix, mpasm, mxml, mysql, newlisp, nsis, oberon2, objc, ocaml-brief, ocaml, oobas, oracle8, oracle11, oxygene, oz, pascal, pcre, perl, perl6, per, pf, php-brief, php, pike, pic16, pixelbender, plsql, postgresql, povray, powerbuilder, powershell, progress, prolog, properties, providex, purebasic, python, q, qbasic, rails, rebol, reg, robots, rpmspec, rsplus, ruby, sas, scala, scheme, scilab, sdlbasic, smalltalk, smarty, sql, systemverilog, tcl, teraterm, text, thinbasic, tsql, typoscript, unicon, vala, vbnet, vb, verilog, vhdl, vim, visualfoxpro, visualprolog, whitespace, winbatch, whois, xbasic, xml, xorg_conf, xpp, z80*

Downloadable Code Blocks

When you use the `<code>` or `<file>` syntax as above, you might want to make the shown code available for download as well. You can do this by specifying a file name after language code like this:


```
<file php myexample.php>
<?php echo "hello world!"; ?>
</file>
```


[myexample.php](#)

```
<?php echo "hello world!"; ?>
```

If you don't want any highlighting but want a downloadable file, specify a dash (-) as the language code: `<code - myfile.foo>`.

RSS/ATOM Feed Aggregation

 [DokuWiki](#) can integrate data from external XML feeds. For parsing the XML feeds, [SimplePie](#) is used. All formats understood by SimplePie can be used in DokuWiki as well. You can influence the rendering by multiple additional space separated parameters:

Parameter	Description
any number	will be used as maximum number items to show, defaults to 8
reverse	display the last items in the feed first
author	show item authors names
date	show item dates
description	show the item description. If  HTML is disabled all tags will be stripped
n[dhm]	refresh period, where d=days, h=hours, m=minutes. (e.g. 12h = 12 hours).

The refresh period defaults to 4 hours. Any value below 10 minutes will be treated as 10 minutes. [DokuWiki](#) will generally try to supply a cached version of a page, obviously this is inappropriate when the page contains dynamic external content. The parameter tells [DokuWiki](#) to re-render the page if it is more than *refresh period* since the page was last rendered.

Example:

```
{ {rss>http://slashdot.org/index.rss 5 author date 1h } }
```


- [Man Who Stole Beyonce's Hard Drives Gets Five-Year Sentence](#) von BeauHD (2026-05-14 01:00)
- [SOLAI Launches \\$399 Solode Neo Linux AI Computer](#) von BeauHD (2026-05-14 00:00)
- [Software Developers Say AI Is Rotting Their Brains](#) von BeauHD (2026-05-13 23:00)
- [Windows Update Is Getting Automatic Rollbacks For Faulty Drivers](#) von BeauHD (2026-05-13 22:00)
- [Fragnesia Made Public As Latest Linux Local Privilege Escalation Vulnerability](#) von BeauHD (2026-05-13 21:00)

Control Macros

Some syntax influences how DokuWiki renders a page without creating any output it self. The following control macros are available:

Macro	Description
~~NOTOC~~	If this macro is found on the page, no table of contents will be created
~~NOCACHE~~	DokuWiki caches all output by default. Sometimes this might not be wanted (eg. when the <php> syntax above is used), adding this macro will force DokuWiki to rerender a page on every call

Syntax Plugins

DokuWiki's syntax can be extended by  [Plugins](#). How the installed plugins are used is described on their appropriate description pages. The following syntax plugins are available in this particular DokuWiki installation:

- [Add New Page plugin 2026-04-24](#) von [Damien Regad](#), [Benjamin Santalucia](#), [Sam Wilson](#) and other contributors
Adds a "new page form" to any wiki page.
- [caption plugin 2024-11-22](#) von [Till Biskup](#)
adding figure and table captions
- [catlist plugin 2023-12-16](#) von [Félix Faisant](#)
List pages and namespaces recursively
- [Dw2Pdf plugin 2026-01-08](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#) and [Luigi Micco](#)
DokuWiki to PDF converter
- [Info Plugin 2020-06-04](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#)
Displays information about various DokuWiki internals
- [MediaList Plugin 2016-08-24](#) von [Satoshi Sahara](#)
show a list of media files referred in a given page or stored in a given namespace.
- [Mikio plugin 2026-01-28](#) von [James Collins](#)
Mikio Plugin adds a heap of layout and Bootstrap 4 elements that can be used on your DokuWiki pages
- [nspages plugin 2024-11-22](#) von [Guillaume Turri](#)
Presents a toc of the selected namespace using `<nspages>`
- [orphanswanted plugin 2023-05-30](#) von [Doug Edmunds](#), [Cyrille37](#), [Federico Ariel Castagnini](#), [Andy Webber](#), [Matthias Schulte](#), [Christian Paul](#), [alexdraconian](#)
Display Orphans, Wantedds and Valid link tables
- [Pagelist Plugin 2023-08-27](#) von [Matthias Schulte](#), [Michael Hamann](#), [Michael Klier](#), [Gina Haeussge](#)
Lists pages in a nice formatted way
- [tabbox plugin 2018-04-29](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#)
Insert a tabbed box in a page
- [Tag Plugin 2023-10-17](#) von [Michael Hamann](#), [Gina Häussge](#), [Christopher Smith](#), [Michael Klier](#), [Esther Brunner](#)
tag wiki pages
- [Templater Plugin 2024-05-19](#) von [Daniel Rodrigues \("Nerun"\)](#) and [Jonathan Arkell](#).
Displays a wiki page (or a section thereof) within another, with user selectable replacements.
- [Translation Plugin 2025-05-20](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#)
Supports the easy setup of a multi-language wiki.
- [Wrap Plugin 2023-08-13](#) von [Anika Henke](#)
Universal plugin which combines functionalities of many other plugins. Wrap wiki text inside containers (divs or spans) and give them a class (choose from a variety of preset classes), a width and/or a language with its associated text direction.

¹⁾
This is a footnote

²⁾
when the aspect ratio of the given width and height doesn't match that of the image, it will be cropped to the new ratio before resizing

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