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You can format your text using wiki markup. This consists of normal characters like asterisks, single quotes or equation marks which have a special function in the wiki, sometimes depending on their position. For example, to format a word in *italic*, you include it in two single quotes like `' 'this' '`

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Text formatting markup

Description	You type	You get
	character formatting - <i>applies anywhere</i>	
Italic text	<code>' 'italic' '</code>	<i>italic</i>
Bold text	<code>'''bold'''</code>	bold
Bold and italic	<code>''''bold & italic''''</code>	<i>bold & italic</i>
Escape wiki markup	<code><nowiki>no 'markup'</nowiki></code>	no "markup"
	section formatting - <i>only at the beginning of the line</i>	
Headings of different levels	<code>=level 1=</code>	Level 1
	<code>==level 2==</code>	Level 2
	<code>===level 3===</code>	Level 3
	<code>====level 4====</code>	Level 4
	<code>=====level 5=====</code>	Level 5
	<code>===== level 6=====</code>	Level 6
	An article with four or more headings will automatically create a table of contents.	
Horizontal rule	<code>----</code>	<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>
Bullet list	<code>* one</code>	• one
	<code>* two</code>	• two
	<code>* three</code>	• three
	<code>** three point one</code>	◆ three p
	<code>** three point two</code>	◆ three p
	Inserting a blank line will end the first list and start another.	
Numbered list	<code># one</code>	1. one
	<code># two
spanning several lines
without breaking the numbering</code>	
	<code># three</code>	
	<code>## three point one</code>	

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```
## three point two
```

Definition list

```
;item 1
:definition 1
;item 2
:definition 2-1
:definition 2-2
```

Adopting definition list to indent text

```
:Single indent
::Double indent
::::Multiple indent
```

This adoption may be controversial from the viewpoint of accessibility.

```
# one
# two
#* two point one
#* two point two
# three
#; three item one
#: three def one
# four
#: four def one
#: this rather looks like the continuation of # four
#: and thus often used instead of <br />
```

Mixture of different types of list

```
# five
## five sub 1
### five sub 1 sub 1
## five sub 2
;item 1
:* definition 1-1
:* definition 1-2
:
;item 2
:# definition 2-1
:# definition 2-2
```

The usage of # : and * : for breaking a line within an item may also be controversial.

Preformatted text

```
preformatted text is done with
a '''space''' at the
```

```
2. two
spanning several lines
without breaking
numbering
3. three
1. three point one
2. three point two
```

```
item 1
definition 1
item 2
definition 2-1
definition 2-2
```

Single indent

Double indent

```
1. one
2. two
◆ two point one
◆ two point two
3. three
three item one
three definition one
4. four
four definition one
this rather looks like the continuation of # four
the correct way is
# four
and thus often used instead of <br />
```

```
5. five
1. five sub 1
1
2. five sub 2
```

```
item 1
◆ definition 1-1
◆ definition 1-2
item 2
1. definition 2-1
2. definition 2-2
```

preformatted text is done with a **space** at the

`''beginning''` of the line

beginning of the li

This way of preformatting only applies to section formatting, and character formatting markups are still effective.


Paragraphs

MediaWiki ignores normal line breaks. To start a new paragraph, leave an empty line. You can force a line break within a paragraph with the HTML tags `
`.

HTML

Some HTML tags are allowed in MediaWiki, for example `<code>`, `<div>`, `` and ``. These apply anywhere you insert them.

Description	You type	You get
Strikethrough	<code>Strikethrough</code>	Strikethrough
Fixed width text	<code><tt>Fixed width text</tt></code>	Fixed width text
Blockquotes	<pre>text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text <blockquote> quote quote quote quote quote quote </blockquote> text text text text text text text text text text text</pre>	<p>quote quote quote quote quote</p> <p>text text text text text text text text text</p>
Comment	<code><!--This is comment--></code>	Text can only be viewed in the edit window.
Completely preformatted text	<code><pre>this way, all markups are '''ignored'''</pre></code>	this way, all markups are

 **Tip for wiki admins:** If you trust your users you can allow full HTML by setting `$wgRawHtml = true;` in `LocalSettings.php`.

Other formatting

Beyond the text formatting markup shown above, here are some other formatting references:

- [Links](#)
- [Images](#)
- [Tables](#)