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Message box meta-templates

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This is the {{[imbox](#)}} or **image message box** meta-template.

It is used to build message box templates for file (image) pages, such as {{[cleanup-image](#)}} etc. It offers several different colours, uses default images if no image parameter is given and it has some other features.

This template works almost exactly like {{[ambox](#)}} and uses the same parameters. deploying this template. Feel free to convert any message boxes used on file pages to use this meta-template. If you find any tricky cases then list them on the talk page of this template and you'll

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Usage

Simple usage example:

```
{{imbox | text = Some text.}}
```



Some text.

Complex example:

```
{{imbox
| type      = style
| image     = [[Image:Emblem-question-yellow.svg|40px]]
| style     = width: 400px;
| textstyle = color: red; font-weight: bold; font-style: italic;
| text      = The message body text.
}}
```



The message body text.

Image message box types

The following examples use different **type** parameters but use no image parameters thus they use the default images for each type.



type=speedy ? Speedy deletion templates.



type=delete ? Deletion templates.



type=content ? Major warnings and problems.



type=style ? Minor warnings and problems.



type=notice ? Notices and messages of any kind, both permanent and temporary.



type=move ? Move and rename messages and proposals.



type=protection ? Protection templates.



type=license ? License templates.



type=featured ? Featured image templates.

Other images

The default images shown above are mostly for convenience. In many cases it is more appropriate to use more specific images. These examples use the **image** parameter to specify an image other than the default images.

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type = style
This image is used for {{cleanup-image}}.



type = move
image = [[Image:To Commons.svg|52px]]



type = license
image = [[Image:Heckert GNU white.svg|48px]]
This image is used for the GFDL license templates.

Special

Some other parameter combinations.



No type and no image given (**default**)

No type and **image=none** ? No image is used and the **text** uses the whole message box area.



type = license
image = [[Image:Imbox license.svg|40px]]
 [[Image:Ambox warning yellow.svg|40px]]
imageright = [[Image:Shuttle.svg|30px]]



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type = license
image = [[Image:Imbox license.svg|40px]]
below = {{imbox | type = content | text = ""This license tag is deprecated!"" }}



This license tag is deprecated!

Parameters

List of all parameters:

```
{{imbox
| type = speedy / delete / content / style / notice /
      move / protection / license / featured
| image = none / [[Image:Some image.svg|40px]]
| imageright = [[Image:Some image.svg|40px]]
| style = CSS value
| textstyle = CSS value
| text = The message body text.
| below = More text or another imbox.
}}
```

type

If no **type** parameter is given the template defaults to type **notice**. That means it gets a blue border.

Other images

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image

No parameter = If no **image** parameter is given the template uses a default image. Which default image it uses depends on the **type** parameter.

An image = Should be an image with usual wiki notation. 40px - 50px width are usually about right depending on the image height to width ratio. (But the message box can handle images of any size.) For example:

```
image = [[Image:Gnome-dev-camera.svg|40px]]
```

none = Means that no image is used.

imageright

No parameter = If no **imageright** parameter is given then no image is shown on the right side.

An image = Should be an image with usual wiki notation. 40px - 50px width are usually about right depending on the image height to width ratio. (But the message box can handle images of any size.) For example:

```
imageright = [[Image:Nuvola apps bookcase.png|40px]]
```

Anything = Any other object that you want to show on the right side.

style

An optional CSS value used by the entire message box table. Without quotation marks " ". For example:

```
style = margin-bottom: 0.5em;
```

textstyle

An optional CSS value used by the text cell. For example:

```
textstyle = text-align: center;
```

text

The message body text.

below

A full width area below the images and text area. Can take a text or any kind of object, for instance another imbox:

```
below = {{imbox | type = content | text = This license tag is deprecated. }}
```

Technical details

Namespace "Image:" was renamed to "File:" on 11 December 2008. This template was created long before that, and that is why it is named "imbox" as in "image message box".

If you need to use special characters in the text parameter then you need to escape them like this:

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```
{{imbox
| text = <div>
Equal sign = and a start and end brace { } work fine as they are.
But here is a pipe {{!}} and two end braces <nowiki>}}</nowiki>.
And now a pipe and end braces <nowiki>|}}</nowiki>.
</div>
}}
```



Equal sign = and a start and end brace { } work fine as they are. But here is a pipe | and two end braces }}. And now a pipe and end braces |}}.

This template uses the imbox CSS classes in [MediaWiki:Common.css](#) for most of its looks, thus it is fully skinnable.

Internally this meta-template uses HTML markup instead of wiki markup for the table code. That is the usual way we make meta-templates since wiki markup has several drawbacks. For instance it makes it harder to use parser functions and special characters in parameters.

The default images for this meta-template are in png format instead of svg format. The main reason is that some older web browsers have trouble with the transparent background that Forsight Wiki renders for svg images. The png images here have hand optimised transparent background colour so they look good in all browsers. Note that svg icons only look somewhat bad in the old browsers, thus such hand optimisation is only worth the trouble for very widely used icons.