

# Wiki Syntax

Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware has a rich and flexible system for formatting and presenting pages. This page describes how to format text, using wiki syntax, on wiki pages and other area that support [wiki](#) formatting (including articles, forums, and blogs).

## About wiki syntax

Wiki syntax is a markup language used in a wiki web page. (For a broader overview of wiki syntax, please see [Why Wiki Syntax Is Important](#).) To avoid requiring users to learn HTML, wiki syntax uses common characters in uncommon ways (or character combinations that are not normally used together) and provides them with a special meaning. Some of the character combinations only work at the beginning of a line, while others can be inserted anywhere in the text and are active until a closing combination of characters is met.

Wiki syntax uses a character repeated twice for most functions, but it also has a few two-character combinations. With a two-character combination, the characters are reversed to turn off the function. Monospaced text provides a good example of this; the minus (-) and plus (+) characters are used to start the using monospaced text and plus (+) and minus (-) characters specify the end of it.

## Quick reference - basic text formatting

Desired Formatting	Syntax	Result or description
Bold	<code>__text__</code>	<b>text</b>
Centered	<code>::text::</code>	text
Colored Text	<code>~~blue:text~~</code>	text
Italic	<code>"text"</code>	"text"
Monospaced	<code>-+text+-</code>	-+text+-
Underlined	<code>===text===</code>	<u>text</u>
Text in a box	<code>^text^</code>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">text</span>
Display syntax	<code>~np~__not bold__~/np~</code>	~np~__not bold__~/np~
Headings	<code>!Heading 1</code> <code>!!Heading 2</code> <code>!!!Heading 3</code>	Heading 1 Heading 2 Heading 3

Desired Formatting	Syntax	Result or description
Show/Hide sections	!+, !!-	(Headings display with plus or minus sign in brackets which, when clicked, show or hide the content following the heading.)
Autonumbered Headings	!#, !!#, !+#, !-# ...	(Headings display numbered in outline format.)
Table of contents	{toc}, {maketoc}	These create a table of contents for the current page based on structures (toc) or headings (maketoc).
Dynamic variables	%Name%	Inserts an editable variable. See <a href="#">Dynamic Variable</a> .
External links	[http://example.com] [http://example.com example.com]	<a href="http://example.com">http://example.com</a> <a href="http://example.com">example.com</a>
Square brackets	[[foo]]	[foo]
Wiki references/links	((Homepage)) ((Homepage the homepage))	<a href="#">Homepage</a> <a href="#">the homepage</a>
Lists	* at the left margin for bullet lists # for numbered lists ;Word:definition for definition lists	(Use * or # or ; and : at the left margin - in left-to-right languages - to create lists.)
Indentation	+ or ++ at the left margin	(Creates an indent for each plus character, useful in a list to place following text at the same indent level as the list item.)
Table	row1-col1   row1-col2   row1-col3 (here you need a physical carriage returns) row2-col1   row2-col2   row2-col3	row1-col1    row1-col2    row1-col3 row2-col1    row2-col2    row2-col3
Title bar	--Title--	<u>Title</u>
Line break	Linebreak "%%" (useful especially in tables)	Linebreak (useful especially in tables)
Multi-page pages		