Wiki-Syntax Links

In this page, you'll learn how to include links in your Wiki pages, including links to other Wiki pages within the same TikiWiki site, links to an external Wiki site, and links to the Web.
## Quick Reference

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In HTML5 it is possible to use [//foo.example.org/foosite] to preserve the protocol (http or https).
Notes:

1. Tiki includes two options that modify the default link syntax: **WikiWords** and **AutoLink**.

2. To enable **WikiWords**:
   - From the **Administration: Wiki page**, select the **Features** tab.
   - On the Features tab, enable the **WikiWords** option.

   If the **WikiWords** feature is disabled, you *must* use double parenthesis to create a Wiki page link.

3. To enable **AutoLinks**:
   - From the **Administration: Text Area page**, select the **General Settings** tab. In Tiki 4.x this is renamed to **Editing & Plugins**.
   - On the General Settings tab, in the Miscellaneous area, enable the **AutoLinks** option.

   If the **AutoLinks** features is disabled, you must use the square brackets to create a link to an external page.
Linking Within a Tiki Site
When using the **WikiWords** option, Tiki will automatically detect Wiki page names and correctly format them as hyperlinks.

The following are methods of creating links to Wiki pages.

- **TheWikiWay**
  Two or more words are stuck together (no spaces, but accept - [dash] and _ [underscore]), and each is capitalized. You must enable the **WikiWords** option to use this method.

- **((The Wiki Way))**
  Use double parentheses around the page name to Wiki page names that include spaces or when the **WikiWords** option is not enabled.

- **(token-name(The Wiki Way))**
  Use a *token-name* reference to link to wiki pages using a *semantic link*, a qualifier. Semantic links were introduced in **Tiki 3.0** and have to be enabled separately. See **Semantic Admin** for more information. Trick: This can be also used to put a class on a link.

This table lists additional methods for creating links to wiki pages.
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<tr>
<td>Specify link text</td>
<td>((PluginVersion s</td>
<td>The Versions Plugin))</td>
<td>The Versions Plugin</td>
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<tr>
<td>Link to a heading or anchor on another page and specify link text</td>
<td>```((Using Wiki Pages</td>
<td>#The_Wiki_Menu</td>
<td>The Wiki Menu)) (but no spaces around pipes)```</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>```[Wiki+Plugin#Plugin_Syntax</td>
<td>Plugin_Syntax]```</td>
<td>Plugin Syntax</td>
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### Syntax Tips:

- **#** character: Used to create anchors for headings.
- **(but no spaces around pipes)**: Indicates that spaces should not be used around the pipe symbol (`|`) in the syntax.
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<tr>
<td>Link to a heading on the same page</td>
<td>[#Related_Pages]</td>
<td>Related Pages</td>
<td>Note the # character and underscores replacing spaces.</td>
</tr>
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<td>To...</td>
<td>Syntax</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Comment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Link to a page with a specific tab showing (but no line break before #)</td>
<td>[PluginImg?cookieTab=3 #Parameters</td>
<td>Params Tab3</td>
<td>Works on pages where PluginTabs is used as well as pages with built-in tabs. Linking to a heading in this example also</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use a custom color for the link text</td>
<td>`((Wiki-Syntax Text</td>
<td><del>#ff000 0:Syntax for Text</del>))`</td>
<td><strong>Syntax for Text</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip**

See `PluginAlink` and `PluginAname` for how to set anchors in a page and to link to them. These plugins can be used to create a link to an anchor within the same page.

**Help!**

- If you save the page but see a question mark (?) after the page name, and you're
Sure the page exists, search for the page in the Search module to make sure you’ve typed the name correctly.

- When using WikiWords, Tiki will try to convert any word with odd capitalization into a Wiki link. Use double, reversed parentheses around a word to indicate that it should not be a wiki link — even when the WikiWords option is enabled. For example:

))WordStar(( will not become a link.

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**SEMANTIC WIKI**

Starting from version 3.0, Tikiwiki supports semantic qualifiers on Wiki Links. To add a qualifier to the wiki link, the following syntax must be used:

(qualifier-name(The Wiki Way))

- Qualifiers may contain lowercase letters (a-z) and dashes.
- The qualifier name will be added as a CSS class on the link to customize the display.
- Semantic relationships can be managed by administrators from Semantic Admin. Relationships can be viewed from Module semantic_links.
For all other types of pages within a TikiWiki site, a shortened address can be used with square brackets. Here are some examples:

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<th>Syntax</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>Article number 19</td>
<td>[tiki-read_article.php?articleId=19]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Article number 19</td>
<td>[tiki-read_article.php?articleId=19</td>
<td>News from doc.tw.o!]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Galleries</td>
<td>[tiki-galleries.php</td>
<td>Galleries]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAQ number 8</td>
<td>[tiki-view_faq.php?faqId=8</td>
<td>FAQ on Images]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type of Page</td>
<td>Syntax</td>
<td>Result</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shadowbox popup</td>
<td>[<a href="http://doc.tikiwiki.org/tiki-print.php?page=Wiki-Syntax+Links">http://doc.tikiwiki.org/tiki-print.php?page=Wiki-Syntax+Links</a></td>
<td>See this page</td>
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**Tip**
These are only a few examples - any page within a TikiWiki site can be linked this way, just make note of the last part of the path when you're on that page and use that for the link.

Note: Use [[foo] to display [foo]]
Attachments and Image Links

To create a link to an attachment to a wiki page, use PluginAttach or PluginFile. If you'd like for an image to act as a link, so that clicking on the image takes you to another page, see the link image tab under Parameters on the PluginImg page.

LINK TO AN IMAGE IN A POPUP

[display37|Click here to see the image in a popup|shadowbox]

Click here to see the image in a popup
Display a Specific Tab

If PluginTabs is used on a page, the following syntax can be used to display specific tab within that page without refreshing the page:

Here are the key parts of the syntax:

• tikitabs(2) (with version 7.0) or tikitabs(2,4,1) (before 7.0):
  • 2 means the second tab will be displayed when the link is clicked
  • 4 means there are 4 tabs in total (before 7.0)
  • Always use 1 for the third number (before 7.0)
• href="#tab2" - this can be any text, except that it should start with a #
• Tab 2 - this will be the text that shows as a link

Here's an example:
  
  Tab 2
Navigation Links

Here are some plugins that provide navigational links:

- **PluginAname** - creates an anchor on a wiki page.
- **PluginAlink** - links to an anchor in a wiki page. Use in conjunction with PluginAname
- **PluginBack** - creates a link to go back one page
- **PluginBacklinks** - shows all the pages that link to a page
- **PluginRedirect** - causes links to a page to redirect to another page
Linking to Other Wiki Sites

If the site administrator has enabled this option, shortened links to pages in an external Wiki can be created. You'll need to know the short name that the administrator has set up to use this feature - the information may be documented on the site in a TikiWiki Manual of Style or you can ask your administrator. See External Wikis for a complete explanation as well as the shortcut links for external wikis that have been defined on this site (under the heading List external wiki references).
## Linking to Web Pages

You can link to any page on the Web that has a valid URL. By default, Tiki creates a local cache of the page so that it will be available even if the remote Web site is down. Here are some examples of the syntax:

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Syntax</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Link to an external web page</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wikitranslation.com">http://www.wikitranslation.com</a></td>
<td><img src="http://www.wikitranslation.com" alt="Result" /></td>
</tr>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Syntax</td>
<td>Result</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify link text</td>
<td>[<a href="http://www.wikitranslation.com">http://www.wikitranslation.com</a></td>
<td>WikiTranslation]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With AutoLinks(enabled)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wikitranslation.com">http://www.wikitranslation.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.wikitranslation.com">http://www.wikitranslation.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Using a color font</td>
<td>[<a href="http://www.tikiwiki.org">http://www.tikiwiki.org</a></td>
<td><del>#ff0000:tw</del>]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Open in new window (if feature activated)

Syntax: [http://tiki.org|hello tiki.org]

Result: hello tiki.org

See the Quick Reference section above for how to set the AutoLinks administrative option. In addition, two more administrative options related to external links:

- **To open external links in new window:**
  Go to Admin Home > Text Area > Features section and check Open external links in new window and click "Change Preferences." If this feature is disabled, external links open in the existing browser window.

- **To disable the external link icon (関わ):**
  Go to Admin Home > Editing and Plugins > General Settings > External links and images and uncheck External link icon then click "Change Preferences." With this disabled, the icon (関わ) will no longer appear at the end of any external links. Keeping
it enabled allows users to know when they are being directed to another site.

**Important**: If you are linking to a PDF file, a multimedia file, or any file other than an HTML page, please include the *nocache* directive, as in the following examples:

- [http://www.somesite.org/docs/chapter1.pdf |nocache]
- [http://www.somesite.org/docs/chapter1.pdf|Chapter One|nocache]

**Help!**

- If the link doesn't work, try copying the URL into your browser window, and click Enter. If the page exists, go back and check your typing. Chances are you'll find that you've made a typing error. Did you type both brackets correctly?
Opening links in semitransparent popup (colorbox)

You need to add the extra text "|box" (or maybe "|shadowbox" in earlier releases, if box doesn't work for you) after the label of your external link. You can also add some params, if needed, for the external resource, followed by semicolons.

**Example1**
Show a YouTube video in semitransparent popup (colorbox) in full screen size.

[http://www.youtube.com/v/KBewVChucWw&autoplay=1|You Tube video in their flash player|box]

Which would produce:
You Tube video in their flash player

**Example2**
Show a YouTube video in semitransparent popup (colorbox) but with defined smaller size than full screen:

[http://www.youtube.com/v/KBewVChucWw&autoplay=1|You Tube video in their flash player|shadowbox;width=405;height=348;]

Which would produce:
You Tube video in their flash player
Linking to Email Addresses

To link to an Email Address, enclose the *mailto URL* within square brackets, as in the following examples:

- *Type this:* [mailto:johndoe@someplace.com]
  
  *To get this:* mailto:johndoe@someplace.com

- *Type this:* [mailto:johndoe@someplace.com | John Doe]
  
  *To get this:* John Doe
Tips

- to enter a text between brackets. Put 2 open brackets, the text and one closing brackets like this [[xxxx] that will output [xxxx]

The following syntax:

{HTML()Home Page(HTML)}
Link Cache

Whenever Tiki finds a link to an external site in a Wiki page the link is cached in the Tiki cache, this allows the Wiki users to visit the page even if the site is offline or the page is removed or changed.

When you make a link in a Wiki page, you can choose to request that it not be cached. This is done by adding the phrase after the link description between the square brackets. Admins, see Link Cache.
Related Pages

- **AutoLinks** - enable the option for Tiki to automatically recognize external links as links
- **External Wikis** - create shortcut links to other wiki sites
- **PluginAlink** - links to an anchor in a wiki page. Use in conjunction with **PluginAname**
- **PluginAname** - creates an anchor onto a wiki page
- **PluginAttach** - a plugin for placing a link to an attachment on a page
- **PluginBack** - creates a link to go back one page
- **PluginBacklinks** - shows all the pages that link to a page
- **PluginFile** - similar to **PluginAttach**
- **PluginImg** - turn an image into a link
- **PluginRedirect** - causes links to a page to redirect to another page