

What is a "wiki"?

- Hawaiian word for "quick"
- "A wiki is a website on which users collaboratively modify content and structure directly from the web browser" - such as Wikipedia, where this definition comes from
- many other projects use wikis to collect information
 - places like the CoMakingSpace
 - open source projects like RepRap
 - people with similar interests, e.g. fans of games/series

– ...

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Welcome to the CoMakingSpace wiki! This wiki is the place to go for instructions and inspiration regarding all the tools and materials you might find yourself working with, no matter whether you are looking for help with a project of your own or want to share your wisdom with the community.

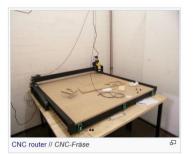
Besides general information, many pages will also let you know where you can find the described tools or materials and who can teach you how to use them.

By definition, the wiki will always be a work in progress - feel free to create and improve content and crosslink pages that may be tough to find. Let us know if you are having trouble getting started, we are always happy to help. And now, enjoy your visit!











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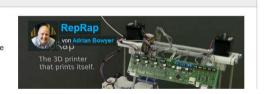
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Welcome to RepRap.org

RepRap is humanity's first general-purpose self-replicating manufacturing machine.

RepRap takes the form of a free desktop 3D printer capable of printing plastic objects. Since many parts of RepRap are made from plastic and RepRap prints those parts. RepRap self-replicates by making a kit of itself - a kit that anyone can assemble given time and materials. It also means that - if you've got a RepRap - you can print lots of useful stuff, and you can print another RepRap for a friend...



Anmelden



Simpsonspedia, das Simpsons-Wiki

Willkommen bei der Simpsonspedia

"The Simpsons" bzw. im Deutschen "Die Simpsons" ist mehr als nur eine Zeichentrickserie. Die Simpsonspedia wurde ins Leben gerufen, um Wissenswertes über die Kult-Fernsehsendung der gelben Familie zusammenzutragen. Sie soll dem suchenden Simpsons-Fan alle möglichen Informationen bereithalten

Wie auch eine Episode der Simpsons nicht von einer Person erstellt wird, so wächst das Simpsons-Wiki nur durch die Gemeinschaft der Simpsons-Begeisterten. An dieser Stelle geht der Appell an alle Fans der Simpsons, aktiv an dem Projekt mitzuarbeiten, damit sich der Simpsons-Wissensspeicher füllt. Nur zusammen ist es möglich, die Simpsonspedia zu vervollständigen, um so sehr viele Fragen von Fans und Interessierten beantworten zu können. Auf diese Art und Weise sind so bisher 9.898 Artikel entstanden, welche durch 7 aktive User betreut werden.

Aktuelles bei der Simpsonspedia:

- Ausgezeichnete Artikel: Die ersten Kandidaten für M Exzellente Artikel, I Lesenswerte Artikel und I Informative Listen wurden vorgeschlagen! Stimme mit darüber ab oder schlag selbst gute Artikel vor!
- Hauptcharaktere: Die Hauptcharakterartikel sollen überarbeitet werden. Du kannst dich an der Diskussion beteiligen und Vorschläge machen!
- HD-Episoden: Die HD-Episoden müssen dringend an das neue Format angepasst werden. Hilf der Simpsonspedia, in dem du sie umgestaltest!

Erforsche die Simpsonspedia! | Erfahre wie du mitarbeiten kannst! | Melde dich jetzt an! | Unterstütze die Simpsonspedia!

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What is "MediaWiki"?

- one of several wiki software options for running a wiki
- what you usually see on screen is rendered by MediaWiki from source code in a database
- other engines with similar functions: e.g. DokuWiki, LocalWiki, XWiki, TWiki, etc. etc.

most importantly: the backbone of our wiki and Wikipedia!

Let's Get Started!

Log in

Your Account

- eMail preferences: important for your interactions with others!
 - notification settings
 - allow other users to send you messages?

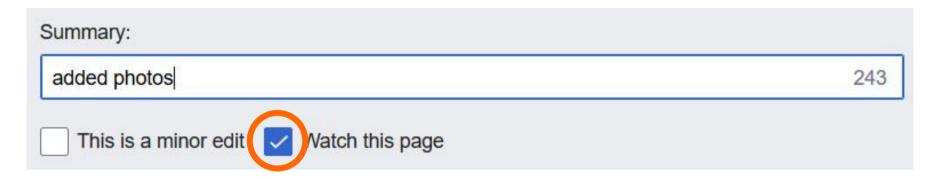


Practice #1: Basic User Page

- to create any new page, click on a red link or type the desired title into the search field!
- write some text ("Hello, I am...")
- include a link to something you are good at or interested in ("I would like to make...")
 - internal link syntax:
 [[target page|text to be shown]]
 - external link syntax:
 [target_site text to be shown]
- some users also share their (masked) eMail address
- your user page is a great sandbox, so we'll come back to it with more demonstrations :-)

Watchlist





- get a notification for every first change after you last visited the page
 - not tons of eMails in a row, just one between each of your views!
- very useful for pages in development and safety relevant ones (introductions!)
 - manual alternative: Recent Changes



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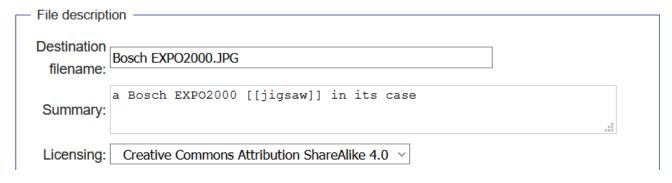
- did you bring a profile photo or one of a project?
- you can add that to a page now!

- files from Wikimedia Commons can also be linked, but might change unnoticed...
 - the CoMakingSpace wiki has a template { WMC} } that can be used to "flag" these for occasional maintenance/replacement
 - own photos are generally the better option

click "Upload File" to get to the upload page:



enter a meaningful name & ideally also a description



 there are many options to link a file, depending on the desired look – here are just a few:

basic



[[File:example.jpg|200px]]

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thumbnail



[[File:example.jpg|thumb|200px|example text]]

 there are many options to link a file, depending on the desired look – here are just a few:





example text

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<gallery>
File:example.jpg
File:example.jpg|example text
File:example.jpg
</gallery>
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Namespaces

- we already used pages from the "User:" and "File:" namespace, but there are many more!
- see at first glance what type of page you are heading to – e.g. material or project



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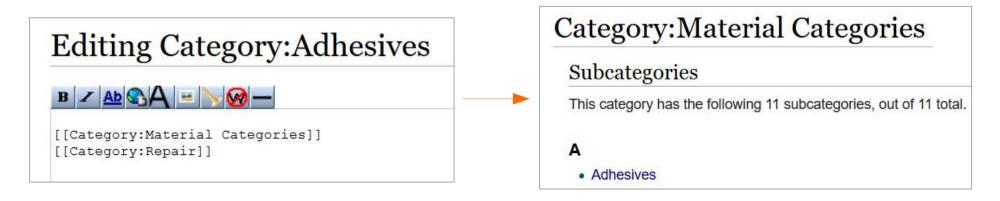
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Categories

- namespaces are not the best option to "group" pages for overview: every page can just belong to one space!
 - you can add a page to as many categories as you like, e.g. a project that involves electronics and 3D printing

 Categories: 3D Printing | Electronics
- hierarchy: categories can have subcategories, and can easily be made subcategories of other categories
 - just categorize a category!



Maintenance Categories

- besides getting an overview of pages with a certain topic, categories are useful as maintenance "flags"
 - e.g. "Pages with broken file links" by default
 - e.g. "Commissioning" with tools we are currently adding to the CoMakingSpace

Category: Maintenance Categories Supercategory for semi-automatically updated categories that help us keep an eye on things. Subcategories This category has the following 5 subcategories, out of 5 total. C Commissioning D Dwindling Supplies I Incomplete Pages

Practice #3: Category Linking

- a regular [[Link]] to a category will categorize the page you're on, and is invisible in the text!
- if you start with a colon, you can [[:Link]] to a category like to a normal page
- try it yourself with any page and (new) category!





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Toolbar

- available tools depend on the page you're on
- "What Links Here" can often help you find related projects or pages
 - caution: it could also be a "negative" link, e.g.
 "don't use this tool with xy" always read the page!
 - if you find a nicely related page that way,
 please add a link in the missing direction so it's easier to find for the next person!
- "Related Changes" shows you recent edits on any pages linked to or from the selected one



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Special Pages

- the "smart" section of a wiki: pages that are automatically updated and/or serve special internal functions
- Special:RecentChanges is probably the most interesting one for most users
- great to see where more work is needed if you feel like contributing but don't know where to begin, check out pages like...
 - Special:WantedPages
 - Special:LonelyPages
 - Special:ShortPages
 - Special:BrokenRedirects

Redirects

Simple Link Complicated or Long Page Name

#redirect[[Complicated or Long Page Name]]

- examples for useful redirects (in our wiki):
 - synonyms/translations to a page title
 - singular to plural
 - namespace-free titles, e.g. screws to "Material:Screws"
- double redirects don't work!
- please don't redirect misspellings too many very similar page names spoil the search suggestions

Practice #4: Redirects

- now, try redirecting your plain name to your User:Name "profile" page we created earlier!
 - create a page with your name or nickname
 - write #redirect before the link to your userpage
 - example: #redirect[[User:Maker]]



Templates

- redirects link somewhere different, but templates let you display something different from what you type in
 - longer standard texts, e.g. { incomplete} } which renders as "This page is INCOMPLETE and still missing some important information [...]"
 - maintenance "flags", e.g. { refill} } which renders
 as "nearly empty" and categorizes the page in
 Dwindling Supplies so we know when to buy new stuff
 - and even complicated elements such as "InfoBoxes"
 - we have special ones for tools, materials, software...
 - take a look at the InfoBoxes page for an overview!

Practice #5: Templates

- use UserInfoBox
 - go to Template:UserInfoBox and follow the instructions
 - basically copy/paste the blank, then fill in what you want
- creation are you happy with your user redirect?
 - some users who have long names, link their pages often and/or are especially lazy even link to their page with just one or two letters!
 - e.g. {{P}} which renders as [[User:Pakue|
 Patrick]]
 - have a look at Template:P and try imitating it, if you like

"Issues" on Github

github.com/comakingspace/do-something

- great when the scope of a maintenance category isn't quite enough for what you want to do, but you also don't want to create a full Project page
 - repair or detailed commissioning progress of a tool
 - development of upgrades like those on our CNC router
 - discussion forum for new ideas
- enables us to coordinate our work together without meeting for each single step!
- in the wiki, there should be a link to the corresponding issue whenever some equipment is not usable

Useful Links

- mediawiki.org
- wiki.comakingspace.de
- github.com/comakingspace/do-something

Next: Advanced Session?

- anyone interested in diving deeper?
 - develop templates
 - improve graphical navigation, e.g. with navigation galleries
 - projects overview that automatically "grabs" the first picture from each project page
 - ...?