

Getting Started

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Welcome to the XWiki "Get Started" page. This guide provides basic information on how to set up and use XWiki. Start by learning more about [wikis](#).

XWiki's use cases are diverse: collaborative intranet, knowledge base, CMS, competitive intelligence, public debate, collaborative creation of school courses, web site creation, etc. Read more on [what wikis can be used for](#), [what makes XWiki special](#) and a [second generation wiki](#).

You can visit the [references page](#) to see a list of varied projects based on XWiki. You can add your own project to the same page by filling in a short form. You can also go to the [XWiki project homepage](#) to see some of the companies that use XWiki or check out the [testimonials page](#) to view what our users have to say.

Basic information

The first thing you want to do is [download](#) and [install XWiki](#). For first time XWiki users and for users who wish to quickly try out XWiki we recommend installing the [standalone distribution](#). You can also [try it online](#) if you're not looking to install XWiki from scratch.

Then, as you log in to your wiki, the first thing you see is the wiki homepage.



XWiki is divided into Wikis and Pages. Inside a wiki, you can create a hierarchy of pages, by creating pages inside other pages. This feature is called [Nested Pages](#). From this area you can [add new pages](#) by clicking the "Create" button.



Whenever you want to [modify a page](#), click on the "Edit" button, make your changes and save the page. The modified page now replaces the previous version. Each version of the page is stored in the [page history](#) and can be reverted to, if needed. More page actions, such as Administer, Copy, Rename, Delete, Export, are also available from the last two menus on the right.



From the upper right corner you may click on your [profile](#), or the notifications menu.



By expanding the drawer menu on the right you can log in, register, access your profile or go to the [wiki administration](#). You can also access the wiki, page or user [indexes](#), as well as add a new wiki.



You can easily edit/modify the content of the first page to replace it with your own content.

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Lateral menus are handled using panels. A [panel](#) is a widget you can see on the left and/or right of every page of your wiki in the standard version of XWiki. By default you will see a small sized Applications and Navigation panels on the left and medium sized panels on the right.

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The tabbed area at the bottom of the page features by default [comments](#), [attachments](#), [page history](#) and page information.

The screenshot displays the XWiki 'Home' page. On the left, there are two panels: 'Applications' (containing Dashboard, Help, Sandbox, and More applications) and 'Navigation' (containing Home). The main content area has a blue header with the XWiki logo and search, notification, and user icons. Below the header, the page title is 'Home', last modified by superadmin on 2018/09/24 18:13. The content includes a welcome message, a video titled 'Discover XWiki - EN ver...', and sections for 'The basics' and 'Extend your wiki'. The bottom of the page features a tabbed area with 'Comments (0)', 'Attachments (0)', 'History', and 'Information'. The 'Comments' tab is active, showing a comment form with a text area, 'Preview', 'Add comment', and 'Cancel' buttons. The footer indicates 'XWiki Jetty HSQLDB 10.8' and a 'Show tour' link.

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The basics
To make the most out of your wiki, log-in and:
Use the button above to *edit* this page and start customizing your wiki to your needs.
Use the button above to *add* more pages to your wiki and create the *hierarchy* that best organizes your content.
Use the breadcrumbs located above the title to *navigate* inside your pages. It's easy to get lost in a big wiki without them.
You can also use the [Sandbox](#) for more demo content and generally a place to experiment with your wiki's features.
[Learn more on how to use XWiki with the Getting Started Guide](#).

Extend your wiki
To extend the power and functionalities of your wiki with the features that you need, head over to the [Extension Manager](#) where you can search for and install extensions.
To browse through the 900+ community contributed extensions available for XWiki, head over to the [Extensions Repository](#).

Create your application
Go beyond the available extensions and define the *structure* of your data based on *your* needs, creating *your* own applications with [App Within Minutes \(AWM\)](#).
AWM will take care of making it easy for you and your users to create and manage the data.

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You can check the [complete list of features](#). You can also [get started with the first steps](#) or skip directly to [more advanced topics](#).

If you need more help with your wiki or you'd like to get in touch with the community please visit the [support page](#). There you'll find more information on:

- [Community support](#)
- [Professional support](#)

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The screenshot shows the XWiki Home page interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Blog, Dashboa..., Invitation, Panels, Sandbox, Scheduler, User Index, and More applicati... (callout 6). The main content area is titled 'Home' and includes a 'Welcome to your wiki' section (callout 5) with a 'Send Message' form (callout 2) and an 'Activity Stream' (callout 1). The 'Activity Stream' shows recent actions like 'Get Started Guide' and 'Profile of Silvia Macovei'. Below this is a 'Tags' section and a 'Comments' section (callout 7) with a text input field and buttons for 'Preview', 'Add comment', and 'Cancel'. On the right, there are 'Tips' and 'My Recent Modifications' sections. The footer contains copyright information: 'Copyright 2004-2016 XWiki XWiki Enterprise 8.1'.

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- Dashboard
- Help
- Sandbox
- + More applications

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