

## Login

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## Why signing in?

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BlueSpice Wiki is provided with a user login. Depending on the configuration of your wiki, users can either register on their own or only after signing up with a system administrator.

If you are running a wiki that should be open for editing by everyone, then creating user accounts is not necessary. Often, however, a wiki is a platform for special interests, groups or companies. Not everyone should be allowed to edit such a wiki or it may be important that there is no external access to the wiki. Even for public wikis, certain areas are protected from unwanted changes. There are different options for registration and logging in:

- login is *not necessary*
- login is *necessary*, the user can *register independently*
- login is *necessary*, the user is *registered by an administrator*

## Advantages of a mandatory login

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**When you have a wiki account, you get access to the following features:**

- a user page, where you can present yourself and a discussion page where others can contact you
- a [watchlist](#) that displays articles of particular interest to you
- the chance to [customize the functionality](#) of BlueSpice Wiki to your own preferences
- a [signature](#) of your name when you write on discussion pages

## Creating a user account

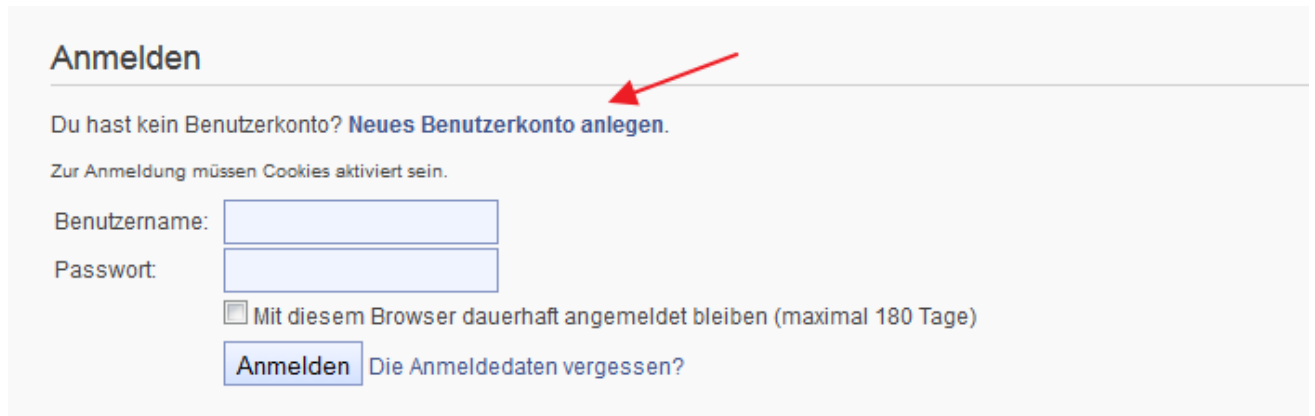
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Depending on the configuration of your wiki, there are different ways of registering a user account. Check with your wiki administrator to find out how to create an account.

## Account self-creation

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If you are able to create an account on your own, we call the wiki *half-open*.



The screenshot shows the 'Anmelden' (Login) section of a MediaWiki page. At the top, it says 'Anmelden'. Below that, it asks 'Du hast kein Benutzerkonto? [Neues Benutzerkonto anlegen.](#)' with a red arrow pointing to the link. Underneath, it states 'Zur Anmeldung müssen Cookies aktiviert sein.' There are two input fields: 'Benutzername:' and 'Passwort:'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Mit diesem Browser dauerhaft angemeldet bleiben (maximal 180 Tage)'. At the bottom, there is a blue 'Anmelden' button and a link 'Die Anmeldedaten vergessen?'.

The link "Create user account" takes you to the **registration form**. The information you have to give here is

- User name
- Password (which has to be given twice)
- Email address

## User account allocation by administrators

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The other possibility is a closed wiki. This means that users are only accepted via an administrator. The admin user creates the account for the user via [User manager](#) and sends the access data via email. The user then registers with that information and changes the password set by the admin. With this method there is no link "create account" in the login form.

## Registration with Captcha

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Many wikis have to fight against spam. CAPTCHA can be used as the first measure against non-human bots to make it difficult for them to create user accounts. Alongside the usual user name and password fields, the user can also give their real name alongside their chosen user name. The confirmation of the acceptance of the *terms of use* for the wiki by ticking a box can be asked for and required.

### Benutzerkonto anlegen

Haben Sie bereits ein Benutzerkonto? [Anmelden](#).

Zum Schutz gegen die automatisierte Erstellung von Benutzerkonten bitten wir Sie, die folgenden beiden Wörter in das untenstehende Feld einzugeben:



Benutzername:

Passwort:

Passwort wiederholen:

E-Mail-Adresse:

Die Angabe einer E-Mail-Adresse ist optional, ermöglicht aber die Zusendung eines Ersatzpasswortes, sofern Sie Ihr Passwort vergessen haben.

Bürgerlicher Name:

Optional. Damit kann Ihr bürgerlicher Name Ihren Beiträgen zugeordnet werden.

Hiermit akzeptiere ich die [Nutzungsbedingungen](#)

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Users who completed the registration process automatically receive an email to verify the information. This stops users giving fake email addresses. The user can login to the wiki after confirming the email address via the link that was provided in the email.

## Logging in

Once the user account exists, the user can login to the wiki. To do this, the user clicks the login link in the top menu. This loads the login form.

**Note:** Cookies must be activated in your browser to allow login.

## Login via LDAP and single sign-on

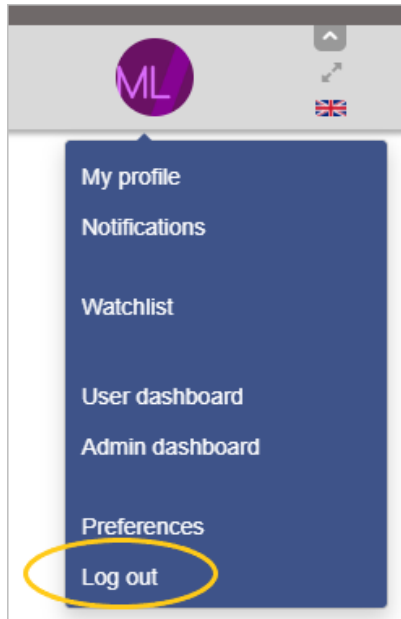
BlueSpice gives you the opportunity of connecting to an active directory/LDAP. BlueSpice free contains the extension [Manual:Extension/LDAPAuthentication](#).

BlueSpice also allows a single sign on: This means that the users, for example, from a company so not need to log in. The user is logged in automatically when the computer is authenticated at the work place.

## Logging out

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To log out, choose *Log out* in the user menu:



## Related info

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