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Navigation based on the user language setting

Note: These instructions do not apply in a farm environment or in separate language wikis. These instructions are used for maintaining languages in as single wiki.

Link labels

If you want the link labels in the main navigation or the [custom menu](#) to match the language a user has set under their *Preferences*, you need to provide a separate system message page for each menu item. These message pages need to be created in the namespace *MediaWiki*.

In the following example, we create a menu item called *Quality assurance*. A user who specified German (de) or formal German (de-formal) in their preferences, should see the label *Qualitätssicherung* instead.

To create the labels in EN, DE and DE-formal:

1. **Create** the page *MediaWiki:QA* and add the text for the English label (*Quality assurance*). Save the page.
2. **Create** the page *MediaWiki:QA|de* and add the text for the German label (*Qualitätssicherung*). Save the page.
3. **Create** a link on the page *MediaWiki:Sidebar*: `**About_quality_assurance|QA` This creates a link in the main navigation to the page *About quality assurance* and displays the label that is defined in the different language message pages for the message "QA". To test the languages, go to *Preferences > User Profile* in your user profile menu. In the section *Internationalisation*, set the language from English to German or vice versa and save the setting. The language of the menu item now displays in the correct language.

Link targets

If you have content in multiple languages, you want that users with English language preference settings not only see the corresponding menu labels. They should also be directed to an English page when they click on a menu item. Users with German language settings should see the German content after clicking on the German menu link. In this case, you also have to create separate link targets in addition to the language labels.

In the previous section, we already created the labels when a user switches languages. Now we also have to create different link targets for these pages. If the main language is English and the page is called *About quality assurance*, the translations can be located in subpages. For example, the German version is located under *About quality assurance/de*.

To create the link targets to the language pages:

1. **Create** the page *MediaWiki:QA-url* and add the link to the English page *About quality assurance*. The link is entered without brackets, in plain text. Save the page.
2. **Create** the page *MediaWiki:QA-url/de* and add the text for the German page (*About quality assurance /de*). The link is entered without brackets, in plain text. Save the page.

In the navigaion link to the *Quality assurance* page, change the link from

```
**About_quality_assurance|QA
```

to

```
**QA-url|QA
```

This achieves the language switch for the target pages (QA-url) and for the label (QA) of the menu item.

Depending on the language settings of the user, the user is now directly directed to the correct language version.

Related info

- [Interwikilinks](#)

Interwiki links

The extension **InterWikiLinks** allows creating abbreviations for various external wikis. The full URL only needs to be known when the interwiki link is defined and not every time it is used. You can find the interwiki links manager in the *Global actions* menu under *Management > Interwiki links*.

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Interwiki links manager

Interwiki links are managed from the page *Special:InterwikiLinks*. It can be loaded from the navigation item *Global actions > Management > Interwiki links*.

Interwiki links

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Prefix	URL	Actions
acronym	https://www.acronymfinder.com/~search/af.aspx?string=exact&Acronym=\$1	
advogato	http://www.advogato.org/\$1	
arxiv	https://www.arxiv.org/abs/\$1	
c2find	http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?FindPage&value=\$1	
cache	https://www.google.com/search?q=cache:\$1	
commons	https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/\$1	
de	https://bs4-de.wiki.bluespice.com/wiki/\$1	
dictionary	<a &form='Dict1&Strategy="&Query=\$1"' href="http://www.dict.org/bin/Dict?Database=">http://www.dict.org/bin/Dict?Database="&Form=Dict1&Strategy="&Query=\$1	

Interwiki link manager

Interwiki link syntax

Admins can create and delete Interwikilinks with the Interwiki links manager. Existing links can be edited by clicking the "wrench" icon when the link is selected or deleted by clicking the "X" button.

The syntax for interwiki links is:

```
http://URL_OF_THE_WIKI/$1
```

\$1 is the placeholder for the article title of the other wiki.

Cancel

Edit interwiki link

Done

Prefix: en

URL: https://en.wiki.bluespice.com/wiki/\$1

Interwiki link of the BlueSpice helpdesk

Using interwiki links on a page

In edit mode, links to other wikis are added just like links to local wiki pages, but with the interwiki prefix at the beginning.

For example:

The URL to the Wikipedia article "Tree house" is:

```
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree_house
```

Wikipedia is a default entry in the Interwiki link manager:

```
prefix: wikipedia, url: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/$1
```

As a result, a link to any wikipedia page can be inserted by using the wikipedia prefix.

```
[[wikipedia:Tree_house|Wikipedia article about tree houses]]
```

Special use case: multilingualism

If you want to maintain multiple language versions of your wiki on separate wikis, you can use interwiki links to cross-reference related pages.

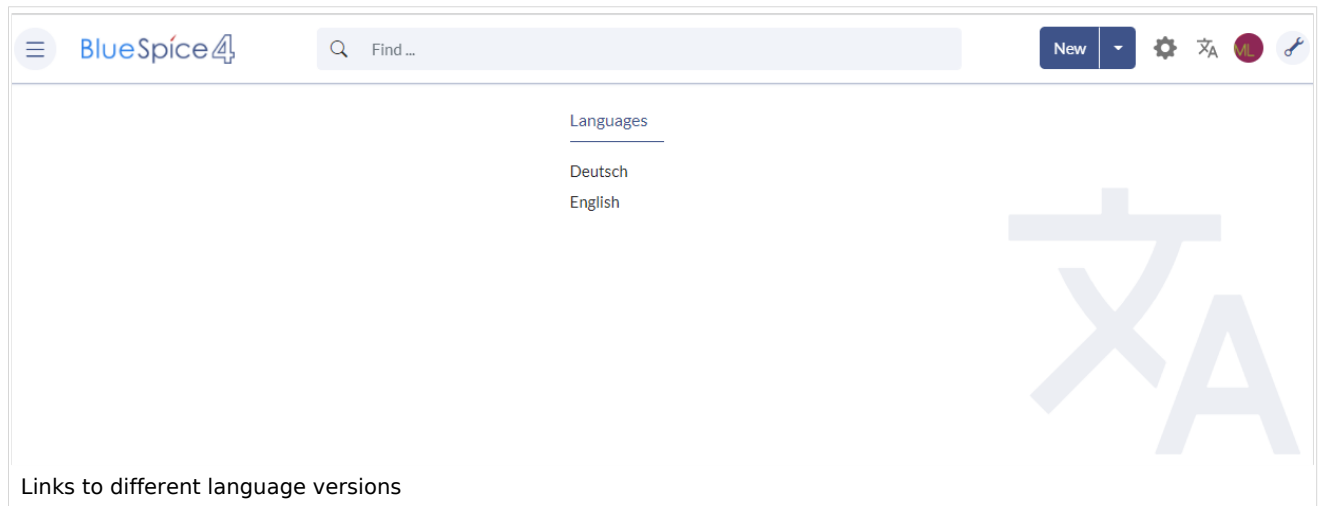
With BlueSpice, flag symbols are automatically inserted when the interwiki links with language abbreviations are set.

Linking the language versions:

1. Create interwiki links for the required languages and configure them in the *Interwiki link manager* (see above) of all language sites. The prefix must always be an [ISO-3166](#) country code, e.g. de, en, fr.
2. Add the interwiki links at the bottom of the related pages to create the language switch. **Example:** In the English article "Tree", insert the following interwiki links:

```
[[en:{{FULLPAGENAME}}]]  
[[de:Baum]]
```

The result of setting the first link is that the English flag will be shown in the language selection of the page header toolbar. This is not necessary and can also be omitted. The second link connects the page with the related german page "Baum" in the German wiki and generates the German flag as a switch in the header toolbar:



Special page "WithoutInterwiki"

To view a list of all pages on a wiki that don't have interwiki links, an administrator can review the page *Special:WithoutInterwiki*.

Related info

- [Reference:BlueSpiceInterWikiLinks](#)

➔ [Technical Reference: BlueSpiceInterWikiLinks](#)

Custom menu

Redirect to:

- [Manual:Extension/BlueSpiceCustomMenu](#)

➔ [Technical Reference: CustomMenu](#)

