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Redirects

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What is a redirect?

A redirect is a technique to automatically forward users from one page to another. If you redirect a page that has content, the user will not see the content of the redirected page, but only the content of the target page.

When to use a redirect

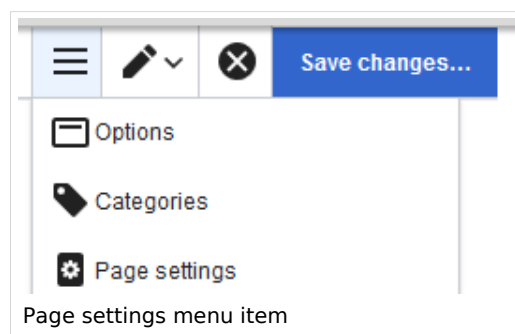
Pages are usually redirected in the following cases:

- abbreviations
- synonyms
- duplicate content
- spelling variants
- plural/singular
- renaming/moving a page

How to redirect a page

Visual editing mode

1. **Click** the options menu in the visual editor toolbar and **select** the *Page settings* link:



2. **Activate** the checkbox *Redirect this page to* and enter the name of the target page:

The screenshot shows the 'Options' dialog box in MediaWiki. On the left, a sidebar contains links to 'Categories', 'Page settings' (highlighted), 'Advanced settings', 'Languages', and 'Templates used'. The main panel is titled 'Options' and contains a 'Page settings' section with a checked checkbox for 'Redirect this page to'. Below this checkbox is a list of target pages: 'Manual:Edit articles' (selected), 'Manual:Edit pages', 'Manual:Edit existing articles', 'Manual:VisualEditor', 'Manual:Using the editor', 'Manual:Viewing and editing pages', 'Manual:VisualEditor/Files', 'Manual:Extension/ExtendedEditbar', and 'Manual:VisualEditor/Insert images'. At the bottom left of the dialog, the text 'redirect checkbox' is visible. The 'Apply changes' button is located in the top right corner.

3. Click *Apply changes*.

Source editing mode

At the very beginning of the page, insert the redirect instruction and save the page:

```
#REDIRECT [[pagename of target page]]
```

There is no need to delete the content of the page. The content is simply no longer visible to readers as long as the redirect is included on the page. If you remove the code for redirecting the page, the original content will be loaded again.

Managing page redirects

- All redirected pages on the wiki are listed on the special page `Special:ListRedirects`. In addition, there are pages for broken redirects as well as double redirects in the maintenance reports on the Special pages. You can navigate to them from *Global actions > Special pages*.
- To maintain the quality of your wiki, you should review these pages on a regular basis and fix any broken and double redirects.
- If you navigate to a redirected page, it shows the redirect source. A rounded arrow points to the target file:

Redirect info on the target page

- Clicking on the page name of the redirected page opens the original page:

Pages that link to "Setup:Installation Guide/System Preparation/Windows/Introduction"

What links here

Page:

Setup:Installation Guide/System Preparation/Windows/Introduction

Namespace: all

☐ Invert selection

Go

Filters

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The following pages link to **Setup:Installation Guide/System Preparation/Windows/Introduction**:

Displayed 2 items.

View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

- [Setup:Installation Guide/System Preparation/Windows](#) (← links | edit)
- [Setup:Installation Guide/System Preparation/Windows/Vorwort](#) (**redirect page**) (← links | edit)

View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

redirect link

Resolving double redirects

The page *Special:DoubleRedirects* lists all pages that are redirected from an already redirected page:

Double redirects

This page lists pages that redirect to other redirect pages. Each row contains links to the first and second redirect, as well as the target of the second redirect, which is usually the "real" target page to which the first redirect should point. ~~Crossed-out~~ entries have been solved.

Showing below up to **50** results in range **#1** to **#50**.

View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

- [Get creative - Working with information](#) (edit) → [Create pages](#) → [Manual:Create pages](#)
- [Edit existing articles](#) (edit) → [Create pages](#) → [Manual:Create pages](#)

Special page "Double redirects"

Let's look at the page *Edit existing articles* in the BlueSpice helpdesk. This page is redirected to a page *Create pages* that is again redirected to *Manual: Create pages*. The double redirect was caused by moving the page *Create pages* to the namespace *Manual*.

To resolve the double redirect, we open the page *Edit existing articles* in source view:

Edit existing articles

```
#REDIRECT [[Create pages]]
<!--
__NOTOC__<bs:bookshelf src="Book:User manual 3.1 - incomplete draft" />
==Edit existing articles==
Every existing article in a wiki should be modifiable. Simply switch into edit mode, change the
contents, and save. Easy!

===Entering edit mode===
You have two options to edit an article:
```

Original page

The page is not only redirected to the page *Create pages* but also contains a bookshelf tag. Therefore, we first check if the page is still part of the book. If it is, we need to decide if the book should include this page or the actual final target page of the redirect instead.

We now have some options to fix the redirect:

- Redirect to the final target page
- Redirect to a completely different page
- Delete the page

Since the helpdesk actually has an updated page about editing, we redirect to the final target page *Manual:Edit pages*:

Edit existing articles

```
#REDIRECT [[Manual:Edit pages]]
<!--
__NOTOC__<bs:bookshelf src="Book:User manual 3.1 - incomplete draft" />
```

Final target page

Sometimes, it might make more sense to simply delete the page. Before deleting an article, always check what other pages link to the page by reviewing the info under *Special:WhatLinksHere/Redirects*.

Related info

- [Rename and move pages](#)
- [Delete an article](#)
- [Creating subpages](#)
- <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Redirects>