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Special pages

Special pages are an important tool for wiki maintainers to track changes in the wiki and to analyze important information about all wiki pages.

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Characteristics of special pages

- Their main purpose is:
 - to track changes
 - to view statistics and logs
 - to provide bulk editing tools for administrators, (e.g. , global find/replace, import/export pages)
 - to detect problems (e.g., broken redirects, uncategorized pages)
- They cannot be created or edited by any user
- They are listed on the page `Special:Special Pages`
- Some pages are only shown to users with admin rights
- They have their own (pseudo-)namespace `Special`
- Users with admin rights see more special pages than other users

Accessing special pages

To access a list of all Special pages, click Special pages in the [Global actions](#) menu or navigate directly to the `Special: Special Pages` page. Some frequently used special pages are also linked directly from the Global Actions menu.

It is not possible to create a redirect page that links to a special page.

Useful special pages

Numerous special pages for administrators and wiki maintainers are available. Take some time to click through them and see which ones are useful to you. The overview page also contains all special pages provided by BlueSpice.

If you want to use some specific pages frequently and they are not already listed in your wiki's navigation, you can create links to these pages in your [user menu](#).

Maintenance lists

- **Wanted pages/ Wanted files / Wanted templates:** Pages and files that are linked or used on wiki pages, but that don't exist.
- **Dead-end pages:** Pages that do not link to other pages.
- **Orphaned Pages:** Pages that are not linked from or transcluded into other pages.
- **Uncategorized Pages:** Pages that do not belong to any category.
- **Short Pages:** Pages with little or no content.
- **Broken Redirects:** Redirects to non-existent pages.

Lists of pages

- **All pages:** All pages of the wiki are listed here. The default view shows all pages in the main namespace. You can switch to any namespace by selecting it from the namespace drop-down menu and then clicking go. If your wiki administrators have set up namespaces that are only used in your wiki, they will be listed at the end of the menu selection.
- **Categories:** All categories that exist in your wiki. If they are shown in red, they are used as tags on pages, but don't have their own wiki page yet.

- **List of redirects:** Shows all redirected pages and their target pages.

Users and rights

Active users list: Shows the users who have performed an activity in the last 30 days.

User rights: Shows what user groups a user belongs to.

Recent changes and logs

- **Logs:** Shows all logs such as the *deletion log* or the *move log* (only available to users with admin rights). An individual log can be picked from the drop down menu.
- **Recent changes:** Lists changes that have occurred recently. Users can [save multiple filters](#) to see different views of the change log.

Data and tools

- **Popular pages:** Lists the pages with the most page views.
- **System messages:** Lists system messages available in the MediaWiki namespace. They can be customized by administrators to override default messages.
- **Replace text:** Allows a global search and replace option for the wiki (admins only).

Redirecting special pages

- **Random page:** Takes you to a randomly selected page of the wiki.
- **Random redirect:** Takes you to a randomly selected redirected page of the wiki.

High use pages

- **Most used categories:** Displays the categories with the most member pages (with number of members).
- **Most linked-to pages:** Lists pages linked to most frequently (with number of links).

Page tools

- **Export pages:** Text and edit history of a specific page can be exported to another wiki using this form.
- **Import pages:** External wiki pages can be imported here as XML data.
- **Import CSV:** Allows to create new wiki pages from a [csv-file](#).

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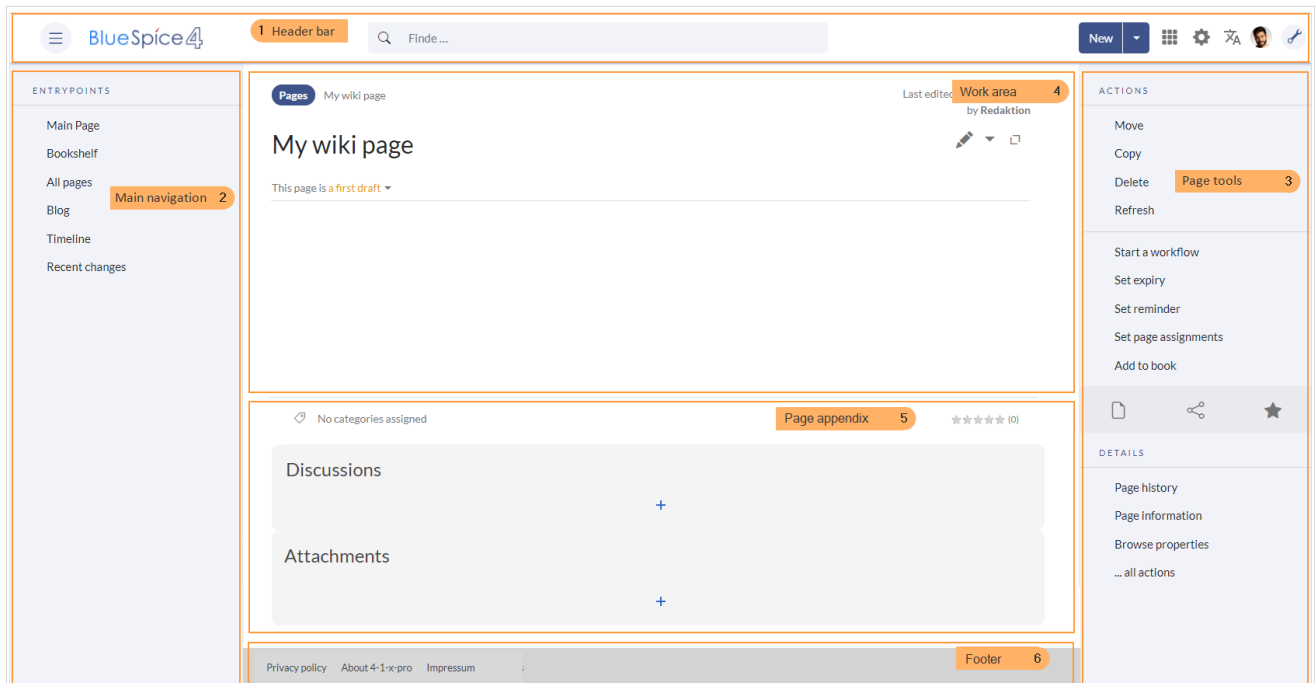
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BlueSpice Layout

The user interface is divided into distinct areas that group various wiki functions in a meaningful way. Here you get an overview of all features of the standard skin "Discovery".



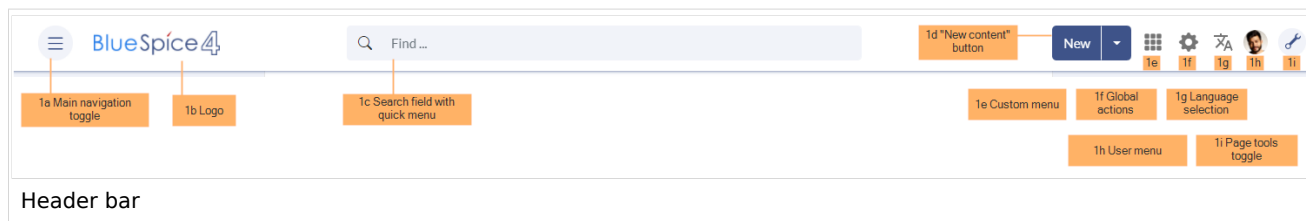
Main areas of the "Discovery" skin

| Bereich | Beschreibung |
|-------------------|--|
| 1-Header bar | Contains important elements such as the logo area, the search field and the buttons for various navigation menus (mega menus). |
| 2-Main navigation | The "heart" of the site organization. The navigation links can be customized by admin users. This area also displays the book navigation. |
| 3-Page tools | Contains all the actions that can be performed on a page. In addition, information such as the version history or the page information can be accessed from here. |
| 4-Work area | All content is created and edited here. The work area is divided into the title area and the actual page content. |
| 5-Page appendix | Additional information such as category membership, discussions and attachments are displayed in the supplementary area. In addition, page recommendations and ratings are displayed if they are activated for the page. |
| | The footer contains links to legal information as well as to external |

| Bereich | Beschreibung |
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| 6-Footer | websites relating to MediaWiki. |

Header bar

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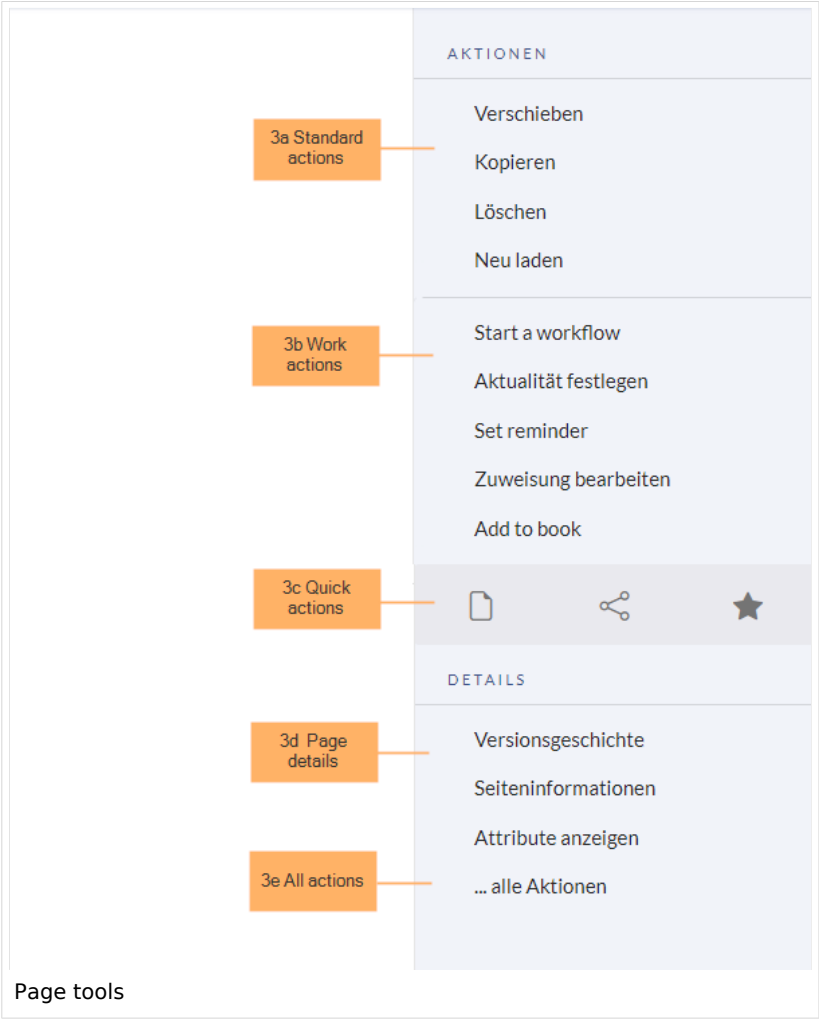
| Funktion | Beschreibung |
|---|--|
| 1a-Main navigation toggle | Allows users to show and hide the main navigation. |
| 1b-Logo | The logo can be changed using the special page FlexiSkin . |
| 1c-Search field | Page titles that match the search expression are displayed in a quick menu while the search term is being entered. Pressing the Enter key takes you to the search center, which displays the results of a full-text search and allows filtering the results. |
| 1d-"New content" button | The "New" button allows to create a new page. A subpage can be created directly via the submenu or a new file can be uploaded. A multi-upload is only possible via the Manual:Extension/ExtendedFileList . |
| 1e-Custom menu | Allows users with admin rights to create an additional mega menu. The button is only displayed once the additional menu has been created. |
| 1f-Global actions | Direct links to many special pages as well as administrative pages of the wiki. |
| 1g-Language selection | If a page includes links to pages in different versions via language codes that were defined in the Interwikilinks , a mega menu is shown for the language selection. |
| 1h-User menu | Users manage their own settings, tasks and notifications here. A red circle appears above the user avatar if unread notifications exist. |
| 1i-Page tools toggle | Allows users to show and hide the page tools of a page. |

Main navigation

Links to the most important wiki pages are shown here. Administrators have the option to [customize the main navigation](#).

Page tools

The page tools area contains all the actions that can be performed on a page. In addition, information such as the version history or the page information can be called up from here.



| Funktion | Beschreibung |
|---------------------|---|
| 3a-Standard actions | Move , Copy, Delete, Refresh |
| 3b-Extended actions | Start a workflow , Set expiry , Set reminder, Set page assignments, Add to book |
| 3c-Quick actions | Export options, Share, Add to watchlist |
| 3d-Page details | Page history, Page information, Browse properties |

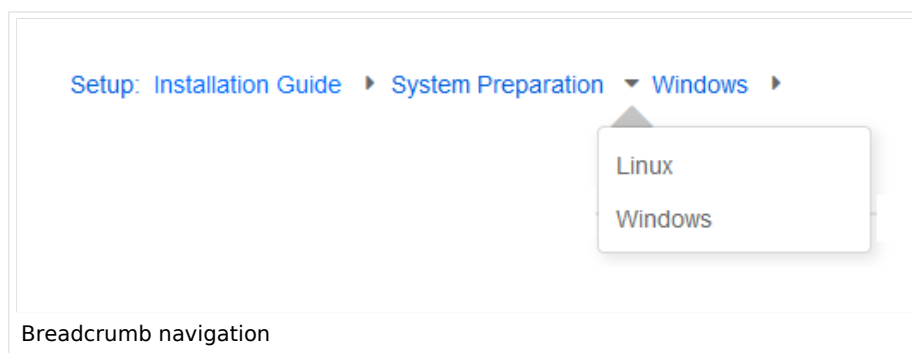
| Funktion | Beschreibung |
|----------------|---|
| 3e-All actions | Opens a dialog window, in which all possible actions on this page are listed. |

Work area

Breadcrumb navigation

The breadcrumb navigation at the beginning of the work area consists of links that map the path of the current page:

Namespace (=root node) > Pagename > Subpage level 1 > ... > Subpage level x



If the page *<namespace>:Main_Page* (language variations: de:*Hauptseite* / fr:*Accueil* / zh:) exists, the root node links to that page.

If this page does not exist, the root node links to "All pages" (*Special:Allpages*) with the namespace selector preset to the respective namespace. If the root node should link to a different page (e.g., *<namespace>:Portal*), then this page needs to be redirected to the page *<namespace>:Main_Page*.

Page appendix

To hide the page appendix area, the following CSS rules can be added to the page *MediaWiki:Common.css*:

Hide entire area:

```
#data-after-content {display:none} /* Hide discussions and attachments */
```

Hide attachment only (only up to BlueSpice v4.1):

```
#social-stash-cnt {display:none} /* hide only attachments */
```

Hide discussions only:

```
#social-topics-cnt {display:none} /* hide only discussions */
```

The areas above can also be hidden by namespace, e.g.:

```
.ns-0 #data-after-content, .ns-3000 #data-after-content {display:none} /*Hide only in  
some namespaces*/
```

Footer

The footer contains links to legal information as well as to external websites relating to MediaWiki. The links to the legal information can be adjusted by wiki administrators via pages in the *MediaWiki* namespace.

- [Customize the footer](#)



[Technical Reference: BlueSpiceDiscovery](#)

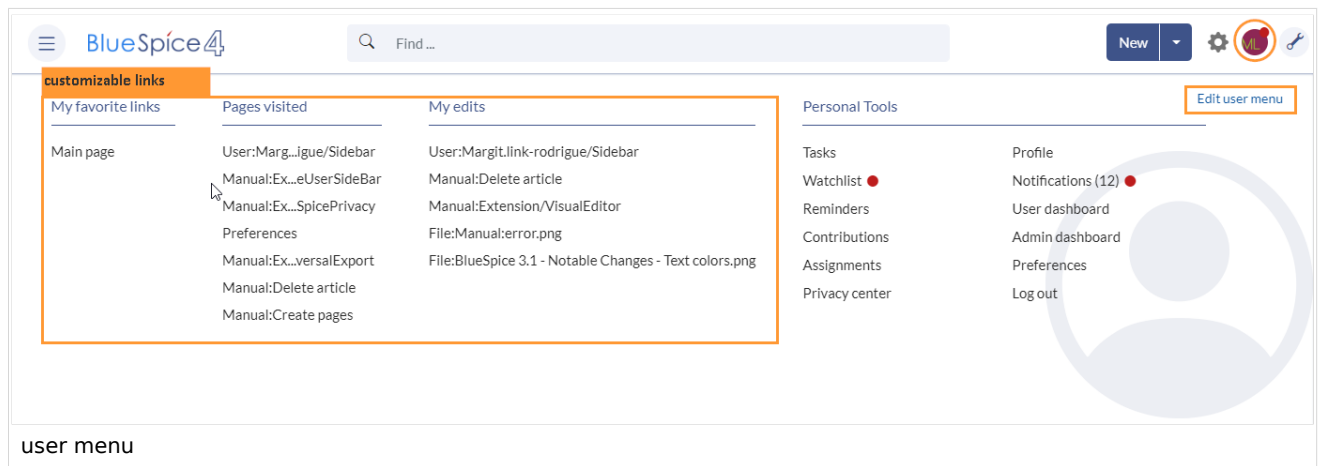
User menu

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Overview

Users can customize their personal navigation menu. The mega menu can be opened by clicking on the profile picture in the top toolbar. The user menu consists of two sections: Customizable links and Personal tools. Only the customizable links can be edited.



By default, the menu shows the following information:

- Pages visited (widget PAGESVISITED)
- My edits (widget YOUREDITS)

These widgets can be removed individually when a user customizes the sidebar.

Visual edit mode

 Visual menu editor is available from BlueSpice 4.2.

Click *Edit user menu* to switch to edit mode.

To add a new menu heading:

1. **Click** *Add new element*.
2. **Enter** the text for your menu header. In a multilingual wiki, you can also enter a [message key](#).

Adding links in source editing mode

The syntax used to define the sidebar corresponds to the [main navigation](#). Entries starting with a single star ("*") create menu headings or sections while entries with two stars ("**") create links.

* My bookmarks

** Wiki_Page1|Label

** https://externallink.com|Label

Related info

- Reference:BlueSpiceUserSidebar

➔ Technical Reference: BlueSpiceUserSideBar

Reference:Data Transfer

Extension: Data Transfer

➔ [all extensions](#)

| Overview | | | |
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| Description: | Allows for importing and exporting the contents of a wiki's pages in XML and CSV form, using template calls to define the fields. | | |
| State: | stable | Dependency: | MediaWiki |
| Developer: | Yaron Koren | License: | GPL v2+ |
| Type: | MediaWiki | Category: | Export |
| Edition: | BlueSpice pro, BlueSpice Farm, BlueSpice Cloud | Version: | 4.1+ |
| For more info, visit Mediawiki . | | | |

Please note that data transfer is not an ideal solution for securing your wiki or transferring wiki pages from one MediaWiki site to another. The pages "Special: Export" and "Special: Import" integrated in MediaWiki should be used for this purpose.

Accessibility

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| Test status: | 2-testing complete |
| Checked for: | Authoring tool |
| Last test date: | 2022-10-10 |
| WCAG level: | AA |
| WCAG support: | supports |
| Comments: | Special page that allows to upload a spreadsheet. Form tested with screen reader. |
| Extension type: | extended |
| Extension focus: | admin |