

4 Concepts

Each installed instance of a wiki is made up of different types of pages. Each page type serves a specific role in the wiki and, therefore, contains different elements which are described here.

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Wiki instance

A wiki instance has the following main characteristics:

it has its own configuration

it has its own data storage with

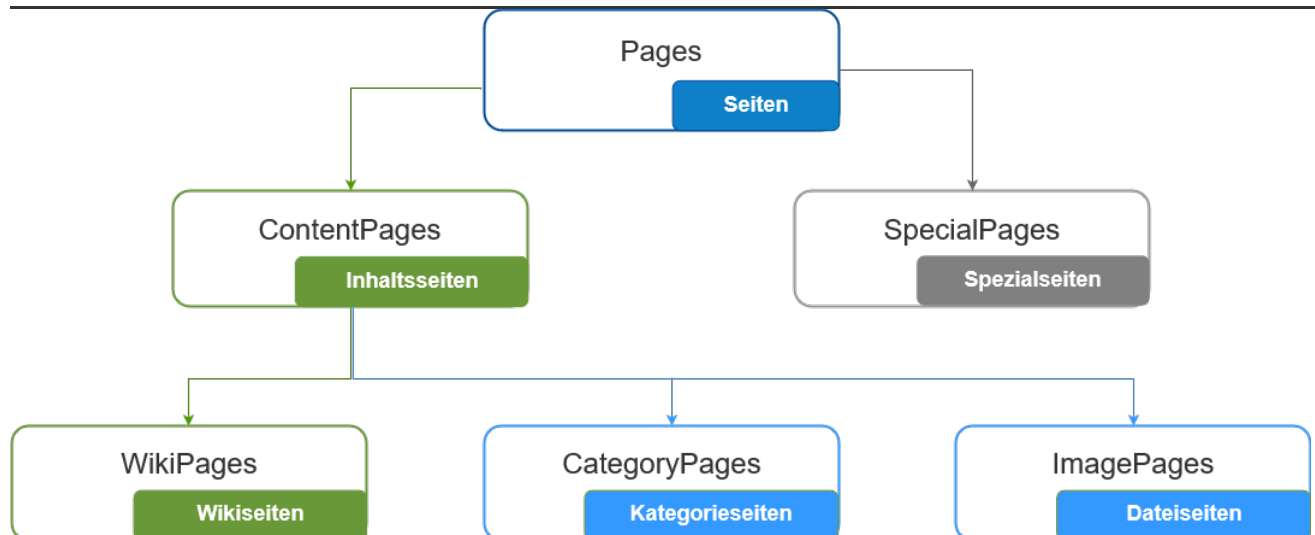
its own database (for pages, users, user<->groups, user settings, ...)

its own file repo (for uploaded files)

it can be part of a wiki farm

Wiki pages

The pages modell



Content page

Content pages are all editable wiki pages. They can be **wiki pages** that are created by all users with the goal to share information on the wiki. **Category pages** are created when a page was added to a category and a user subsequently saves the necessary category page. A **file description page** is created when a file is uploaded to the wiki.

Wiki page

Wiki pages are the actual "content pages" that users create when they add information to a wiki. They can be "blank" at the beginning or based on a page template that already contains some content with a predefined structure.

Characteristics:

content is added by users

revised and has a version history

has an associated "Talk" page

Special page

Each wiki contains a large number of special pages. These pages are built-in and not editable. All special pages are located in the pseudo-namespaces "Special" and are listed on the page

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automatically created content

overview pages or administrative tools

Types of special pages:

Maintenance reports (e.g., broken redirects, uncategorized pages, wanted pages)

Lists of pages (e.g., all pages, categories, forms, templates, high-use pages)

User admin pages (e.g., active users list, blocked users, user rights)

BlueSpice special pages (e.g., category manager, namespace manager, privacy admin) and many others

If you want to create your own special page, you can find the necessary information at [Mediawiki.org](https://mediawiki.org).

Category page / file description page

To display all pages that share a category tag, a category page has to be created. Otherwise, users won't have a list of pages that are in a particular category.

When a file (e.g. image or PDF) is uploaded to the wiki, a corresponding description page is created. This page shows all necessary file information and provides access to important file management tools.

Characteristics:

hybrid page between special and wiki page

editable/deletable like a wiki page

automatically generated content like a special page

Related info

- mediawiki.org/wiki/Manual:Special_pages