

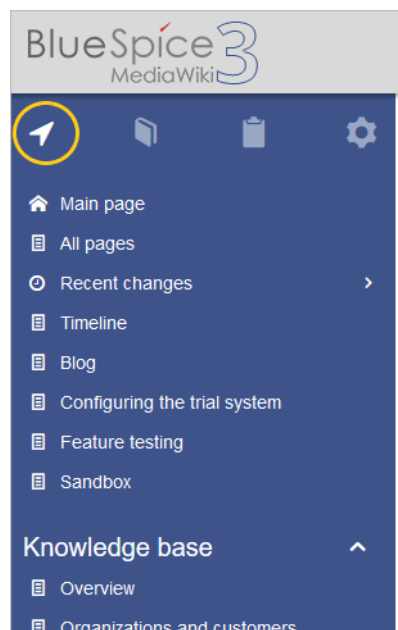
Navigation

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About the main navigation

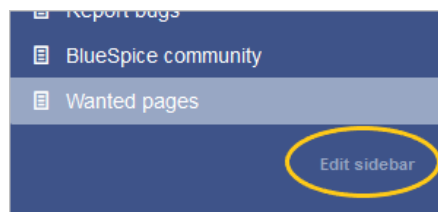
The main navigation is visible to all wiki users. By default, it is on the left side of the wiki layout. You can always switch to the main navigation by clicking on the associated icon at the top of the navigation bar:



Users with administrator rights can change the menu items in the main navigation.

Changing the menu items

To activate the edit link, hover over the last menu item in the main navigation:



The link *Edit sidebar* loads the page *Mediawiki:Sidebar*:

```
* Navigation
** Main_Page|Main page
** Special:AllPages|From A to Z
* Enterprise
** Company|Company
** Staff|Staff
** Sales and Marketing|Sales, Marketing, Projectmangement
** Products and services|Products
** Category:Organisation|Customers and Organisationen
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The menu items are structured as a list:

* = menu header (collapsible)

** = clickable menu item

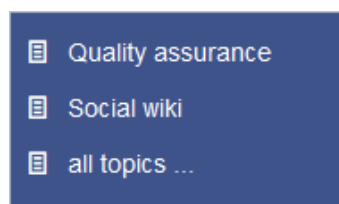
The syntax for a clickable menu item is `Page name|Page label`:

In the navigation example above, the page description *From A to Z* links to the page *Special:AllPages*.

Note: It is not possible to create sub-items in the navigation bar.

Changing the icons

You can assign different icons to each menu item in the main navigation. Let's assume you have a menu item called *Quality assurance*. The default BlueSpice icon is a *page* icon:



In the upper line you can click through different fonts, below you find the icons with the corresponding character keys. In *MediaWiki:Common.css* you have to adjust the entries *font-family* (entypo, fontawesome, icomoon, ...) and *content* (character key) accordingly.

Supporting language settings

If you want to make sure that your menu items are shown in the language a user has set under *Preferences*, you need provide a separate message page for each menu item. These message pages need to reside in the namespace *MediaWiki*. Since BlueSpice supports English and German (both de and de-formal), you need three language pages for each menu item in the sidebar.

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 or edit the page *MediaWiki:QA* and add the text for the English label (*Quality assurance*). Save the page.
2. Create or edit the page *MediaWiki:QA|de* and add the text for the German label (*Qualitätssicherung*). Save the page.
3. Create or edit the page *MediaWiki:QA|de-formal* and add the text for the German label (*Qualitätssicherung*). Save the page.
4. Create the 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 located in the different language message pages. 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.

Navigation in multilingual wikis

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 the 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.

Note: To avoid having to set up different navigation pages for formal (de-formal) and informal German (de), you can create a policy, which language setting should be used by your users.

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 or edit 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 or edit 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.
3. Create or edit the page *MediaWiki:QA-url/de-formal* 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 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 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

- [Translation of pages within a wiki](#)