

## Navigation

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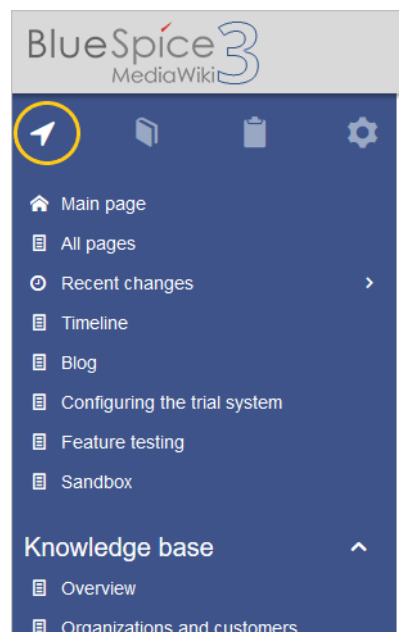
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## About the main navigation

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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:

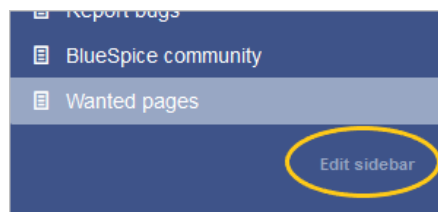


Users with administrator rights can change the menu items in the main navigation.

## Changing the menu items

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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
```

The menu items are structured as a list:

\* = menu header (collapsible)

\*\* = clickable menu item

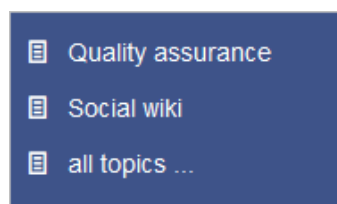
The syntax for a clickable menu item is `Page name|Page label`:

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:



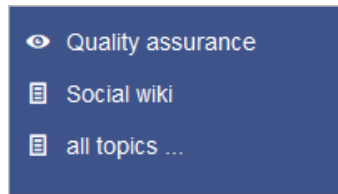
**To change the icon:**

1. Open the page *MediaWiki:Common.css* in edit mode.
2. Add the following lines to the end of the page and save the page:

```
#n-Quality-assurance > i:nth-child(1)::before {
  content: '\e9a1';
  font-family: 'entypo';
}
```

Note that the space in the label *Quality assurance* has to be replaced with a hyphen (*Quality-assurance*).

The icon is now customized to an *eye* icon:



Reload the page or empty the browser cache if the changes are not immediately visible.

If the text for the menu items contains special characters, there might be issues because they are converted in the HTML code of the page. In this case, right-click on the corresponding entry and, depending on the browser used, select "Examine element" or similar. You will now see the underlying source code and should see a line item that has this form:

```
<a id="n-MENUENTRY" class="list-group-item" .... >
```

Use the exact id value shown in the page inspector in your stylesheet. For example, the German menu item Qualitätssicherung is shown as *n-Qualit.C3.A4tssicherung*. The selector in *Common.css* is *#n-Qualit.C3.A4tssicherung*.

**Available icons**

You can see all available icons in the extensions folder of your installation ( *../extensions/BlueSpiceFoundation /resources/bs.icons.php*) of your wiki.

[A list with all icons](#) and their character keys is available on [wiki.hallowelt.com](#)

	bluespice	icomoon	fontawesome	entypo	bluespice-logo
icon-back in time	w898	icon-back	w895	icon-backgraph	w89a
icon-bar-chart	w900	icon-bar	w896	icon-barboard	w89b
icon-basket	w873	icon-bowl	w871	icon-bin	w872
icon-browser	w874	icon-book	w875	icon-buget	w876
icon-calculator	w878	icon-calende	w879	icon-camera	w87a
icon-check	w87c	icon-check	w87e	icon-circle-with-cross	w87f
icon-circle-with-plus	w880	icon-checke	w881	icon-circle-graph	w882
icon-closed	w88a	icon-clock	w88c	icon-code	w88e
icon-clean	w88d	icon-compass	w88f	icon-copy	w89e
icon-code	w89c	icon-cross	w89f	icon-cup	w89a

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

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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

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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

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