

PDF Print Example

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Wiki fundamentals and PDF styling demo

Wikis are powerful collaboration platforms that allow teams to create, edit, and organize knowledge in a structured and accessible way. They are widely used across organizations of all sizes to centralize information, improve communication, and ensure that knowledge is not lost over time.

By providing an intuitive editing experience and built-in version control, wikis make it easy for both technical and non-technical users to contribute content and keep it accurate.

This page demonstrates typical wiki content elements and is designed to compare PDF output before and after customizing the standard PDF CSS in BlueSpice. It serves as a practical example for evaluating how layout, formatting, and styling can be improved to achieve more professional and readable PDF exports.



What is a wiki?

A wiki is a web-based system that enables collaborative content creation. It allows multiple users to edit and maintain pages easily, keeping information up to date and transparent.

Key characteristics:

- Simple editing interface
- Version control and history tracking
- Hyperlinking between pages
- Collaborative knowledge building

Typical use cases

1. Internal documentation
2. Knowledge bases
3. Project collaboration
4. Training materials
5. Process documentation

Example code block

Below is a simple example of preformatted text:

```
This is a preformatted text block.  
It preserves spacing and line breaks.  
Useful for plain text examples.
```

Syntax highlighting example

Here is an example using syntax highlighting:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
  <head>  
    <title>Example Page</title>  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <h1>Hello Wiki</h1>  
    <p>This is a sample HTML snippet.</p>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

Comparison table

The following table can help visualize differences in PDF output styling.

The styling for this wikitable with white background and was already created in MediaWiki:Common.css and applies both to the wiki page and to the PDF printout. The style change does not need to be duplicated in the PDF template.

Feature	Before CSS change	After CSS change
Font style	Default system font	Custom corporate font
Heading size	Standard sizes	Adjusted proportions
Table styling	Basic borders	Styled with colors and spacing
Image alignment	Default placement	Optimized layout and scaling
Code blocks	Plain formatting	Enhanced readability

Conclusion

This demo page includes various common wiki elements to illustrate how they are rendered in PDF output. By comparing the "before" and "after" versions, you can evaluate improvements made through custom CSS styling in BlueSpice.