Wiki Quick Format Guide

Intended for use with PBwiki, but most wikis use the same, or very similar, simple wiki formatting.

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Text formatting

Lists
One * (asterisk) plus a space at the beginning of a line makes a bullet point. For example:

* One bullet point

will give you:

• One bullet point

Use # plus a space at the beginning of a line to make a numbered list. For example:

# One numbered item

will give you:

1. One numbered item
Nested lists like this one are made by doubling the * or # for subpoints. For example:

# Point number one  
## Subpoint one  
## Subpoint two  
# Point number two

Will give you:

1. Point number one  
   a. Sub point one  
   b. Sub point two  
2. Point number two

**Character Formatting**

To make text bold, put 2 * (asterisks) before and after the word or phrase. For example:

**tough love** will give you tough love

In the same way, you can make a word or phrase italicized by putting 2 ' (apostrophes) before and after the word or phrase. For example

"word" will give you word

By using 2 _ (underscores) before and after, text can be __underlined__: __

Strikethrough is done by adding a space plus a - (dash) before and after. For example:

-word- will give you word
Here are the basics at a glance:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Effect</th>
<th>Preceding Text</th>
<th>Following Text</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bold</td>
<td><strong>(no spaces)</strong></td>
<td>(no spaces)**</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Italic</td>
<td>''(no spaces)''</td>
<td>(no spaces)''</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Underlined</td>
<td>__ (2 underscores)(no spaces)</td>
<td>(no spaces)(2 underscores)__</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strikethrough</td>
<td>-(one dash)(no spaces)</td>
<td>(no spaces)(one dash)-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Headlines and subheads**

One ! at the beginning of a line makes a huge headline  
Two !! make a big headline  
Three !!! and more--up to 6--make successively smaller headlines

**Other**  
3 - (hypens) on a line by themselves make a dividing line (horizontal rule) like this:  
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A box like the one above, is made by putting a space in front of the line. If it doesn't seem to work, try adding an extra blank line before/after it.

**Links**  
If you use two capital letters in a word with lowercase letters in between, the website will automatically recognize the word as a link to a page. For example, LookFunny and SandBox link to pages, but sandbox and Sandbox don't.

If you use a word like FunnyWord but don't yet have a page called FunnyWord, you can create that page just by clicking on the word. (Until the page is created, the link will have a dashed underline decoration. This way you can tell at a glance which pages have been created and which haven't.)

On the other hand, to prevent the word from becoming a link, add ~ (tilde) in front of it like this ~TeamSafety.
You can also just type or paste in URLs like http://pbwiki.com/ or put [ ] brackets around a word. Brackets will force the word to become a link even if it isn't in the FunnyWord style.

Just type in email addresses like dkp205@ufl.edu

A special "top" link (to return a user to the top of the page) can be made with <top>.

Uploaded Files
Uploaded files can be linked to in the same way as everything else--you'll just need the file's location (URL). You can find a list of all the files you have uploaded to your wiki by selecting the 'Files' link at the top or bottom of the page.

Tables
Table rows can be made by beginning and ending a line with | (vertical bar). The content of the row is placed between the bars. If more than one cell is desired for any particular row, an additional vertical bar | is used as the separator.

Use WikiStyle Characters Normally
The tags <raw> and <verbatim> can be used to prevent PBwiki from interpreting special characters like ** before and after a word, which normally would make the word bold. For shorter sections of text (a few words), use <raw>; for longer sections, use <verbatim>.

These tags act like HTML tags in that there is both an opening tag and a closing tag, the opening before the text and the closing after the text: <raw>**words that aren't bolded**</raw>.