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TWiki Shorthand Basics

If you can enter text, you're ready for TWiki. With a few simple, intuitive TextFormattingRules, you'll be able to use plain text to create well-styled postings, instantly. Here's a fast-track guide to shorthand basics...

- Separate each **paragraph** with a blank line.
- To display a word or phrase in **bold type**, put it in asterisks: `*bold type*`.
- To display a word or phrase in *italic*, put it in underscores: `_italic_`.
- To display a word or phrase in ***bold italic***, put it in *double* underscores: `__bold italic__`.
- To link to another Wiki topic, type the WikiWord for that topic. To link to a Wiki topic in another web, type the name of the web, and a dot, first: `Sandbox.WebHome`.
- If you enter a WikiWord for a topic that doesn't exist, it'll appear highlighted with a red-link, prompting you (or someone else) to start off the new topic by clicking the link - NewTopic (click the link, but don't save, to preserve the example!).
- When entering WikiName signatures - like, guest - include "Main." as a prefix, since all TWiki member pages are in the Main web: `Main.YourName`.
- For an external link, type the full URL: `http://twiki.org/`.
- To prevent a WikiWord from becoming a link, type `<nop>` or an exclamation point first: **`<nop>NoLinkPlease`** or **`!NoLinkPlease`**.
- To indent with a bullet, enter `[space][space][space][asterisk][space]`.
    - Use multiples of 3 spaces to start **nested bullets**.
        - That's 3-6-9-...
- To create a numbered list:
    1. Start items in a **numbered list** with `[space][space][space][1][space]`.
    2. The "1" (or **any number**) will be replaced by the correct number, in order.
    3. To add a new paragraph without restarting list numbering, use the %BR% variable, like below:
       Text added (in new paragraph)
    4. and list numbering continues.
- Always start **counting** spaces for bullets and such from the beginning of a new line.
- To include an image, type its URL. You also can Attach an image to the page and display it with text `%ATTACHURL%/yourimagefilename.jpg`
- To display a word or phrase in `MONOSPACED TYPE`, put it in equal signs: `=like this=`.
  Use `==two==` for bold: **`bold mono`**.
- Use **`<verbatim>`** to enclose code excerpts, filenames, and other unformatted text:
  `<verbatim>`
  `unformatted text!`
  `</verbatim>`

  ⚠ *NOTE:* VARIABLES can be set within verbatim tags, that is, they are not disabled
- Use **`<literal>`** to enclose anything that TWiki must not touch under any circumstances, such as in-line HTML code.
- Follow GoodStyle recommendations when editing topics.
- See TextFormattingRules for the complete set of formatting rules.

Related topics: WikiSyntaxSummary, WikiWord, WikiNotation, TextFormattingRules, TWikiEditingShorthand, TWikiRenderingShortcut, TWikiShorthand

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