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There are four sorts of links in FORwiki:

1. [\*\*internal links\*\*](#) to other pages in the wiki
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3. [\*\*interwiki links\*\*](#) to other websites registered to the wiki in advance
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## Internal links

To add an internal link, enclose the name of the page you want to link to in double square brackets. When you save the page, you'll see the new link pointing to your page. If the page exists already it is displayed in blue, if it does not, in red. Selflinks to the current page are not transformed in URLs but displayed in bold. (If you really want to link to the current page, use an anchor (see below), or [[#top|current page]] which always links to the top.)

The first letter of the target page is automatically capitalized, unless otherwise set by the admins, and spaces are represented as underscores (typing an underscore in the link will have a similar effect as typing a space, but is not recommended, since the underscore will also be shown in the text).

Description	You type	You get
Internal link	[[Main Page]]	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
Piped link	[[Main Page different text]]	<a href="#">different text</a>
Redirect	#REDIRECT [[Main Page]] See also <a href="#">Help:Redirects</a>	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
Internal link to an anchor	[[#See also]]  <u>Section headings</u> and the <u>top</u> of the page are automatically anchored.	<a href="#">#See also</a>
Internal link to an anchor at another page	[[Help:Images#See also]]	<a href="#">Help:Images#See also</a>
	[[{{TALKPAGENAME}} Discussion]]	<a href="#">Discussion</a>

## Help:Links

Internal link to the current page's talk page	See also <a href="#">Help:Magic words#Page names</a>	
Internal link to a subpage	[ [/example]]  Shortcut for [[Help:Links/example]]. See also <a href="#">Help:Subpages</a> .	<a href="#">/example</a>
Internal link to a category page	See also <a href="#">Help:Categories</a>	
Internal link to an image or a file of other types	[ [media:example.jpg]]  [ [media:example.pdf]]  See also <a href="#">Help:Images</a>	<a href="#">media:example.jpg</a>  <a href="#">media:example.pdf</a>

## External links

Description	You type	You get
External link	<a href="http://forwiki.eu">http://forwiki.eu</a>	<a href="http://forwiki.eu">http://forwiki.eu</a>
External link with different label	[ <a href="http://forwiki.eu">http://forwiki.eu</a> FORwiki]	<a href="#">FORwiki</a>
External link numbered	[ <a href="http://forwiki.eu">http://forwiki.eu</a> ]	[1]
External link icons	video sound document  External link icons may differ depending on the file type of the target.	video sound document
External link to the same host	[ <a href="http://{{SERVERNAME}}/pagename">http://{{SERVERNAME}}/pagename</a> ]	[2]
External link to other host passing the pagename	[ <a href="http://google.com/search?q={{PAGENAMEE}}">http://google.com/search?q={{PAGENAMEE}}</a> ]	[3]
Mailto link	[mailto:info@example.org email me]	email me
Mailto named with subject line and body	[mailto:info@example.org?Subject=URL%20Encoded%20Subject&body=Body%20Text info]	info

 **Tip for wiki admins:** Which protocols (like http:) are allowed for links is controlled by the \$wgUrlProtocols setting.

 **Tip for wiki admins:** To remove the ?external link icons? from next to each of the external links, add the following to the page located at MediaWiki:Monobook.css on your wiki.

```
<source lang="css">
1. bodyContent a.external,
2. bodyContent a[href ^="gopher://"] {

background: none;
padding-right: 0;

} </source>
```

## How to avoid auto-links

By default, when you write a URL as is, it will be transformed to an external link.

To avoid that effect, put the URL between `<nowiki>` tags as in:

```
<nowiki>http://forwiki.eu</nowiki>
```

## Interwiki links

Interwiki links are links with the internal link markup to a website registered in advance. For example, you can link to the Sunflower article on <http://forwiki.eu> by typing `[[FORwiki:Sunflower]]`, which will result in a link [FORwiki:Sunflower](#). This is because `http://forwiki.eu` is registered to your wiki by default with the prefix of `forwiki`. *This link may not work properly, if the admin of your wiki has changed the setting.*

Similar to internal page links, you can create piped links, with alternate link label, e.g.  
`[[FORwiki:Sunflower|big yellow flower]]`.

Basically this is an abbreviation for longer URLs. A very similar link could be created as a normal external link by typing `[http://forwiki.eu/Sunflower Sunflower]`, but interwiki links allow you to type out an easy and compact link, almost as if you are linking to a page on your own wiki.



**Tip for wiki admins:** See [Manual:Interwiki](#) for the management of interwiki links of your wiki.

## Interlanguage links

If your wiki has other language versions, you may find `?interlanguage links?` in the [sidebar](#), just below [toolbox](#) in the box named `?in other languages?`

Interlanguage links behave similar to interwiki links, except that they are listed in the sidebar. To create an interlanguage link from a page, just type `[[language_prefix:pagename]]` wherever you like in the page; the language prefix is the prefix specified at your wiki for the other language version.

If you want to make the interlanguage link to appear in the content of the page, you can add a colon before the language prefix, e. g. `[[ :en:Sunflower]]`.