

Wiki Contributor Training Handout

Session 7b: Basic Editing Functions - Wikitext

Below is information and examples pertinent to this training session.

All editing examples for this handout are in WikiEditor. See handout 7a for editing examples in VisualEditor.

- Wikitext Editing:
 - Syntax/code used by MediaWiki software (also called “wikicode”)
 - Simplified elements of HTML
- Choose the “Edit source” tab to start editing



- Broken Links:
Replace the incorrect URL with the correct URL
- Bold – three individual apostrophes on either side of the word

'''practice'''

- Italicize – two individual apostrophes on either side of the word

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- Underline – use this code: `<u>WORD</u>`
- Special Characters – select “Special characters” in WikiEditor



This opens a special character menu. Select the alphabet you need and click on the needed character.

- Undo – Ctrl+Z or Cmd+Z

- Headings – place two or more equal signs on either side of the text

Examples:

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- Bullet list (small) – add an asterisk before each item

Example:

*Item 1

*Item 2

*Item 3

- Bullet list (large) – is a more complicated process, be sure to copy the code exactly

Example:

```
{|
|-
|
<ul class= "column-spacing-fullscreen" style= "padding-right:5px;">
<li>Item 1</li>
<li>Item 2</li>
<li>Item 3</li>
<li>Item 4</li>
<li>Item 5</li>
<li>Item 6</li>
<li>Item 7</li>
<li>Item 8</li>
<li>Item 9</li>
<li>Item 10</li>
<li>Item 11</li>
<li>Item 12</li>
</ul>
|}
```

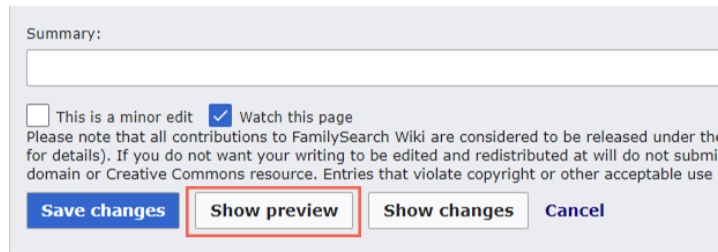
- Line break – used to add white space between lines of text on a wiki page.

Example:

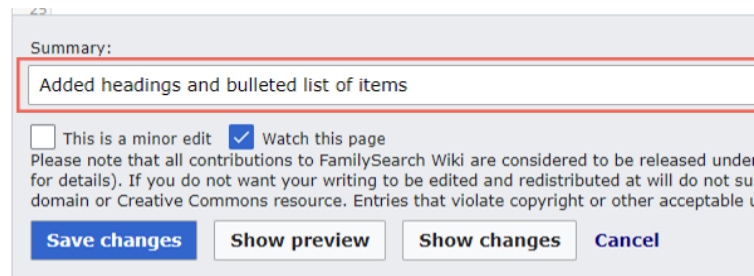
 - one line of white space

 - multiple lines of white space

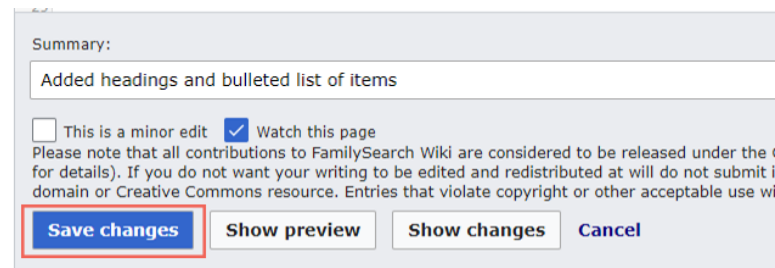
- Click “Show Preview” – when done editing to see what the changes look like



- Write a “Summary” of changes that were made



- Select – “Save changes” to save changes



For more information go to:

- [Manual of Style](#)
- [Wiki University Wikitext](#) – Tutorial
- Wiki Administration: wikisupport@familysearch.org
- Session 7b Assessment Quiz: <https://forms.office.com/r/yhKVvY8AUv>