

Wikipedia Frequently Asked Questions

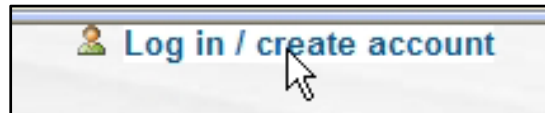
Wikipedia is a large and popular online encyclopedia. What makes Wikipedia unique when compared to other online encyclopedias is that anyone can create and edit Wikipedia's content. While this means information on Wikipedia can be inaccurate, the site provides an excellent starting point for online research, provided that students verify information in multiple sources. Wikipedia also provides students with the opportunity to take on the role of an instructor and create educational resources that can be accessed by anyone around the world.

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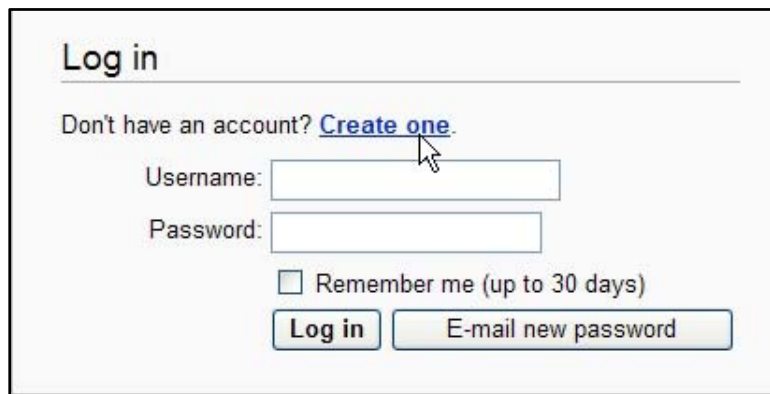
1. How do I create a new page in Wikipedia?

In order to create a new page in Wikipedia, you need to have a Wikipedia account.

1. Go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page.
2. Click the **Log in/create account** link on the top of the home page.



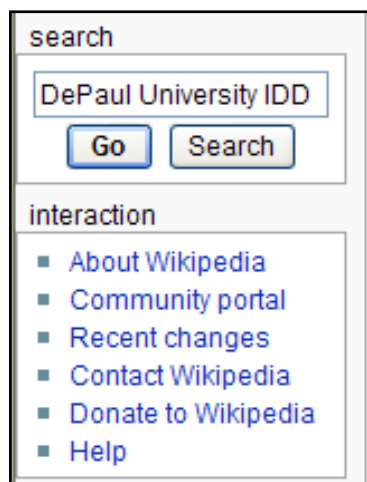
3. To create an account, click the **Create one** link.

A screenshot of the 'Log in' form on Wikipedia. The form is titled 'Log in' and includes a link 'Don't have an account? Create one.' with a mouse cursor pointing at it. Below the link are two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. There is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me (up to 30 days)'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Log in' and 'E-mail new password'.

4. Fill out the required information and click the **Create Account** button.

Once you have either created an account or logged into Wikipedia, you can begin the process of creating a page.

1. Search for the subject about which you'd like to create a Wikipedia page. If there is already a page on this topic, you may want to consider contributing to that page. (Instructions on how to contribute to an existing entry are provided in the "How do I edit a page?" section.)

A screenshot of the Wikipedia search bar and interaction menu. The search bar is labeled 'search' and contains the text 'DePaul University IDD'. Below the search bar are two buttons: 'Go' and 'Search'. Below the search bar is a section titled 'interaction' which contains a list of links: 'About Wikipedia', 'Community portal', 'Recent changes', 'Contact Wikipedia', 'Donate to Wikipedia', and 'Help'.

- If your topic does not already have a page, the search results will display a message stating, "No article title matches." Click the **Create the page** link to create the page.

Search results

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

You searched for **DePaul University IDD Department** (all pages starting with "DePaul University IDD Department" | all pages that link to "DePaul University IDD Department")

Did you mean: DePaul University *DIED Département*

No article title matches

You can search again:

- Titles on Wikipedia are **case sensitive**, except for the first character; please check alternate capitalizations and consider adding a **redirect** here to the correct title.
- See all pages that begin with **this prefix**.
- See all pages within Wikipedia that **link to this page**.

You can create this article:

- Read **Wikipedia:Your first article**.
- Gather references to the source(s) of your information.
- Create the page** including your references.

Or you can **request** that this page be created.

- You will be directed to an editable page that allows you to create the content for your Wikipedia entry.

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Editing DePaul University IDD Department

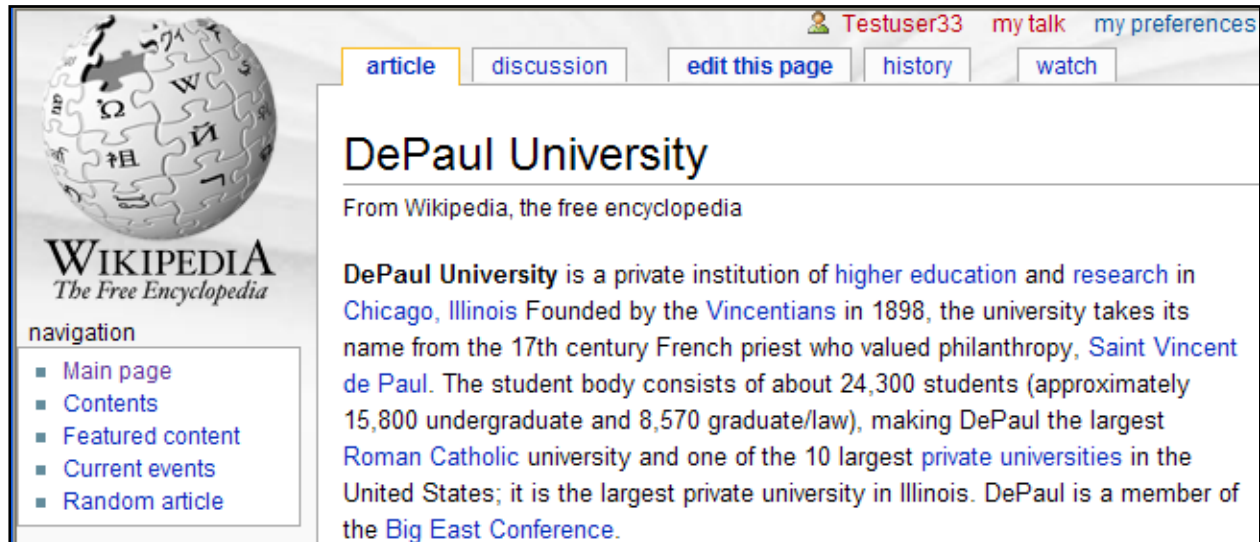
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- Before creating an article**, please read **Wikipedia:Your first article**, or **search** for an existing article to which you can **redirect** this title.
- To experiment, please use the **sandbox**.
- When creating an article, **provide references** to **reliable published sources**. An article without references may quickly be deleted.
- You can also start your new article at **Special:MyPage/DePaul University IDD Department**. You can develop the article, with less risk of deletion, ask other editors to help work on it, and **move** it into "**article space**" when it is ready.

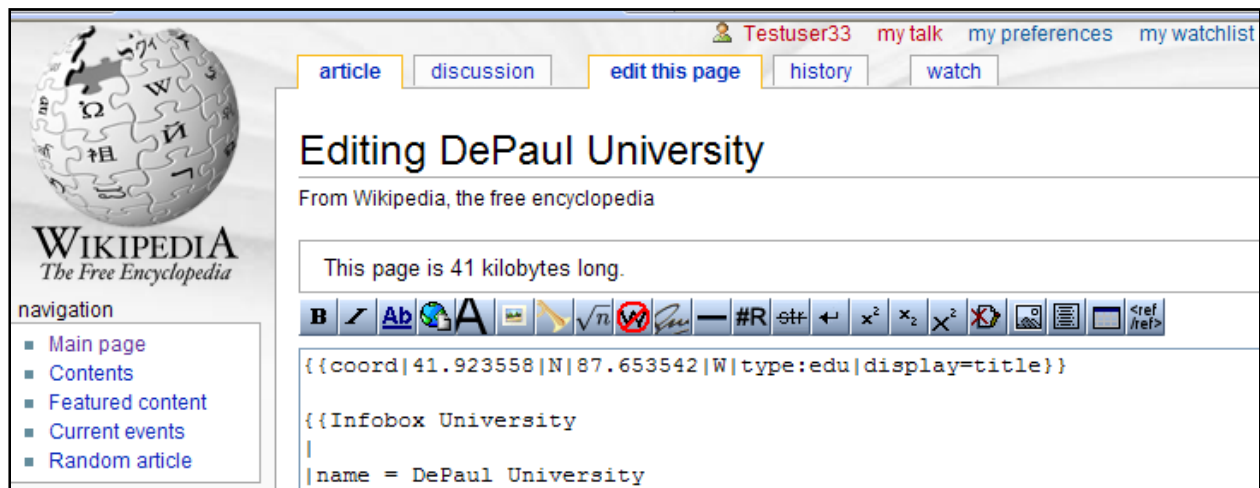
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2. How do I edit a page?

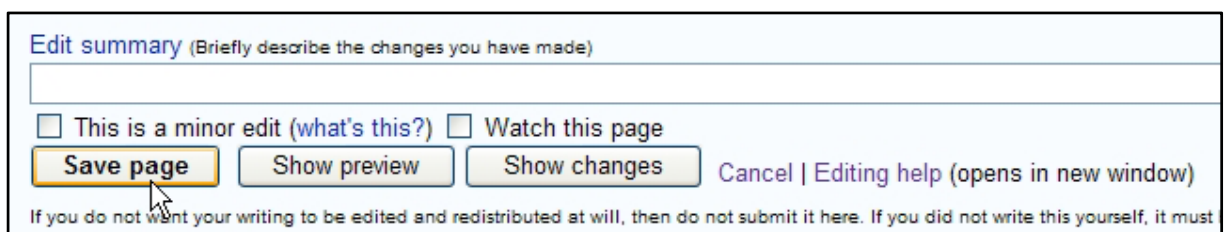
1. Go to the page you'd like to edit.
2. At the top of the page, click the **edit this page** tab.



3. Once you've clicked the **edit this page** tab, you should see a text-editing toolbar and a text area with all of the current information from this Wikipedia entry. You can use this text editor to delete, change, or add content to the page.



4. When you have finished editing, be sure to click the **Save page** button to save any of your changes.



3. How do I create a hyperlink in an article?

There are two main types of links you'll probably create in Wikipedia pages: links to other Wikipedia pages and links to other websites. You can create these links by using specific formatting as you edit a page. (Instructions on how to edit a Wikipedia page are provided in the "How do I edit a page?" section.)

1. To link to another Wikipedia page, simply type the title of that Wikipedia page inside double brackets:

[[DePaul University]]



DePaul University

2. To link to a website outside of Wikipedia, use single brackets around the information for the link. In the brackets, copy (Ctrl+C on a PC or ⌘+C on a Mac) and paste (Ctrl+V on a PC or ⌘+V on a Mac) the web address, add a space, and type the word(s) you'd like to use as the link.

[<http://depaul.edu/> DePaul University]



DePaul University 

Note: Links to other Wikipedia pages appear in a slightly darker blue than links to other websites. Links to other websites also include a small arrow symbol to indicate that the link leads to a website outside of Wikipedia.

While these are two of the most typically used link types, there are many other ways to add specific formatting to links. For more information on link formats, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Link>.

4. How do I create a section in an article?

You can create sections in a Wikipedia article by using specific formatting as you are editing a page.

1. To create a section heading, enclose the heading title in double equal signs.

==Section 1==



Section 1

2. Subheadings can also be created. For each equal sign added to the text, the subheading will decrease by one level.

===Subheading 1===

====Subheading 2====

=====Subheading 3=====



Subheading 1
Subheading 2
Subheading 3

3. Once there are more than three sections created in a Wikipedia article, Wikipedia will automatically generate a Table of Contents at the top of the page.

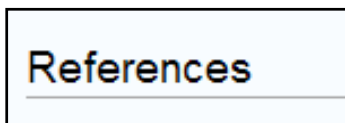
Contents [hide]
1 Section 1
2 Section 2
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5. How do I add footnotes to an article?

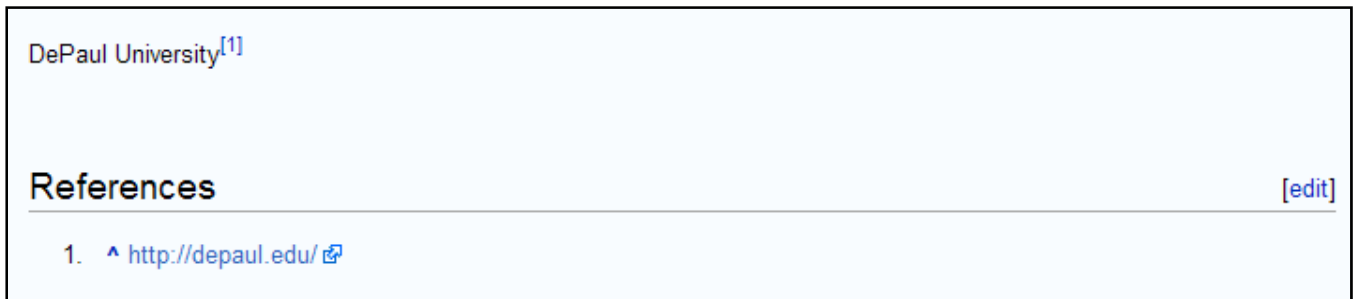
1. Create a section for your References by inserting `==References==` at the end of the article. (Instructions on how to create sections in a Wikipedia page are provided in the “How do I create a section in an article?” section.) Additionally, you need to include the `<references/>` below the section heading as shown below.

`==References==`
`<references/>`



2. To insert a footnote in the text of the article, enclose the citation in the tags `<ref>` `<ref/>`. This will automatically insert a superscript number that links to the citation, and the citation will be included under the References section as shown in the example below.

DePaul University`<ref>`<http://depaul.edu/>`</ref>`



3. As you continue to add footnotes in the text of the article, those references will be listed and automatically numbered under the References section.

