Top 10 Coolest Wiki Macros

These ten macros are some of the coolest macros available. Though a fully functioning page will require the use of many other, more 'basic' macros, these ten can be used both to extend the functionality of the page in creative ways, as well as offer a sense of aesthetic design to an otherwise straightforward site.

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Gliffy - NO LONGER SUPPORTED

This macro allows the user to create many different types of diagrams and place them on the page. Some examples of what Gliffy can do are floor plans, venn diagrams, flowcharts, network diagrams and more. It is also possible to extend permission to other users to edit these diagrams on the page. Gliffy Documentation
Workflow

This macro allows the user to create a 'workflow', whereby certain pages go through different 'states' such as *draft, ready, reviewed, and published*. This process starts with whoever is doing the draft, who then 'submits' it to the reviewers to review. If they accept it, they submit it to the editor-in-chief, whose ultimately decides if the page will be published (and hence available for outside users to view) or it will go back to the drawing boards as a draft. **Workflow Documentation**
Task List

This macro allows the user to create a 'task list' that everyone can see. Each task is given a low, medium, or high priority, and can be assigned to a user or a group of users. The tasks can be checked off once they are completed, with the date of the creation and completion of the task available as well. This macro can be useful in projects where it is necessary to split up various tasks amongst many people. In this case, the 'task list' macro can be used to assign these tasks to specific members of the group, as well as assign a priority value to them. Task List Documentation
Widget Connector

This macro allows the user to embed various types of content from the Internet, such as videos, Flickr slideshows, Twitter streams and more. They are useful in that instead of just offering a link to a specific page, the Widget macro allows the user to directly embed this content onto the page, allowing faster access and a more streamlined design. Widget Documentation

Survey

This macro allows the user to create a short survey on the page. The survey consists of a short question and/or comment with a few choices available. Each user may vote only once, and the results of the voting so far are shown once a user has voted. This macro can either be used as a cool addition to an already fully functional page or as a method of democratic, policy decision making. Survey Documentation
RSS Feed

This macro allows the user to embed an RSS Feed from an external site on the page. RSS Documentation

Chart

This macro allows the user to create a chart based on data in a table. This macro is more useful than just an ordinary image of a chart, because the data can be edited with ease at any time. Furthermore, the style of the chart including its type, its axes, etc. can also be changed. Chart Documentation
Gallery

This macro allows the user to create a gallery of images that are taken either from the current page, or another specified page. Gallery Documentation

View File Macro (Microsoft Office Excel/Word/Powerpoint)

This macro allows the user to embed an office document directly onto the page. The document is not simply an attachment on the page; rather, it is directly shown on the page, improving both efficiency and aesthetic design. Furthermore, other users may edit these documents right on the page (if they have permission). View File Macro Documentation
Contributors

This macro allows the user to show which users have edited the current page, other pages in the hierarchy, or watchers of these pages. Useful perhaps in a classroom setting to see how often students are actively participating on the page. [Contributors Documentation]

Screenshot: Example list of Contributors

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