

Simple Instructions for Updating The Chemical Toxicology (or any other page) on Wikipedia
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Creating an account

This step is optional as editing may be done anonymously. It is necessary, however, if you wish to create your own articles or to "watch" an article.

1. Point your browser to <http://en.wikipedia.org>
2. Click on "Log in / create account" in the upper right hand corner
3. Click "Create one" in the box in the center of the screen
4. Fill in the required fields
5. Click "Create account"

Logging In

1. Point your browser to <http://en.wikipedia.org> or navigate to the page you wish to edit
2. Click on "Log in /create account" in the upper right hand corner
3. Enter your username and password
4. Click "Log in"

Watching an article

1. Log in with your username and password
2. Navigate to the article of interest
3. Click on "watch" in the top center of the screen
4. To check on your watchlist, click on "my watchlist" in the upper right hand corner

Viewing an article's history

1. Navigate to the article of interest
2. Click on "history" in the top center of the screen
3. To view an older version of the article, click on its date.
4. To compare an older version with the one directly preceding it, click on (prev)
5. To compare an older version to the current version, click on (cur)
6. To compare any two versions, click on the radio buttons next to them and then click "Compare selected versions" at the top of the page
7. Often comments about what was changed will be included in italics next to the version information
8. Some users include some information about themselves that you may access by clicking on their username (just to the right of the date and time)
9. Clicking on "Talk" allows you to communicate with the user who made the edit
10. Clicking on "contribs" shows a complete history of all editing the user has done

Discussing an article

1. Click on "discussion" in the top center of the screen
2. Click on "edit this page" in the top center of the screen (follow directions for editing an article below)
3. In general on a discussion page "this page" refers to the article itself, while "this talk page" refers to the discussion page you are currently editing
4. You should sign and date all contributions to a discussion page by typing four tildes ~~~~ after your comment
5. For more information go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Talk_page

Editing an article

1. Click on "edit this page" in the top center of the screen
2. Make your edits
3. Click "Show preview"
4. If you like the preview, click "Save changes"
5. If you have questions, click "Editing help" or point your browser to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Cheatsheet>
6. The three most important things to know are how to link to another Wikipedia article, how to link to an outside website, and how to cite a reference

How to link to another Wikipedia article (Internal link)

Enclosing a word in double square brackets links to the page of that article. If the article doesn't exist, the link will be red and won't work. If you want the text of the link to be different than the name of the article to which it links, separate the name of the article from the displayed text by a vertical line |.

[[Name of page]]

[[Name of page|Text to display]]

How to link to an outside website (External link)

Typing a web address will automatically create a link to that page.

Enclosing a web address and text to display in a single set of square brackets will create a hyperlink to the target web address with the text to display on the page.

Include the "http://" part of the web address in your links.

<http://www.example.org>

[<http://www.example.org> Text to display]

How to cite a reference

Numbering is generated automatically

To create a footnote or reference, use this format:

Article text.<ref name="test">[<http://www.example.org> Link text], additional text.</ref>

To reuse the same note, reuse the name with a trailing slash:

Article text.<ref name="test" />

To display notes, add **either** of these lines to the References section

<references/>

{{Reflist}}

Simple codes (like making text bold or italic) can be found on the Cheatsheet by clicking "Editing help" on the edit page or by pointing your browser to

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Cheatsheet>

Wikipedia serves as its own user guide. To get started, point your browser to

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Welcoming_committee/Welcome_to_Wikipedia

Often pages in the user guide can be searched by typing in Wikipedia:topic where topic is the word/page/error message that you need help with

Good luck, and have fun!