



# ParaParaWiki Editing Guide

*Welcome to the information page for ParaParaWiki — what I hope will soon become the #1 **community-centered** resource for information on Para dancing and music! This page is meant to be a guide to creating and editing wiki pages so that there is a uniform feel to the site.*

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— Bill Shillito / DM Ashura

## Basics of Wiki Formatting

[This tutorial](#) is a good start if you've never edited a wiki-type page before.

Here are a few formatting basics:

- Section headers are enclosed in `= equals signs =`.
- Subsection headers are enclosed in `== double equals signs ==`. The more equals signs, the lower in the hierarchy.
- *Italic text* goes between `'two single quotes'`.
- **Bold text** goes between `'''three single quotes'''`.
- To link to a website, use `[single brackets]`.
  - By default, whatever you enclose in brackets is the URL of the page the link goes to. If you want these to be different, the syntax is `[target_page display_text]`. So, for example, if you want to display [ParaParaWiki](#) but have the link go to <https://www.paraparawiki.com/>, you would put `[https://www.paraparawiki.com/ ParaParaWiki]`.

- To link to a page, use `[[double brackets]]`.
  - By default, whatever you enclose in brackets is also the name of the page the link goes to. If you want these to be different, the syntax is `[[target page | display text]]`. So, for example, if you want to display [List of terms related to ParaPara](#) but have the link go to the page called [Glossary](#), you would put `[[Glossary | List of terms related to ParaPara]]`.
    - **This is especially important for songs with the same name (see below under “Linking”).**
- To create a bulleted list, put an asterisk (\*) at the beginning of the line.
  - To create subitems, increase the number of asterisks (\*\*, \*\*\*, etc.)
- To create a numbered list, put a number sign (#) at the beginning of the line.
  - To create subitems, increase the number of number signs (##, ###, etc.)
- To create a line break when not making a list, put `<br>` at the end of the line.
- To make sure a table of contents appears, put `__FORCETOC__` anywhere in the document.
- To cite a source, put the source between `<ref>` and `</ref>` tags, then put a `<references />` tag at the end of the document (preferably under `== References ==`).
- To embed a YouTube video, put the video between `<youtube>` and `</youtube>` tags.  
 Example: `<youtube>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZrDT4tZ6Ck</youtube>`

## Linking

The most important thing to keep in mind is that the true power of a wiki format is its linkability! Include links to other pages in the wiki wherever possible, so that users can easily click through it to find what they want to know about a given song, video, etc.

To make a new page, you can do one of two things:

- Click on an existing [red link](#) to create that page.
- Type the name of the page you want to create at the top right in the search bar, and if nothing comes up, there will be text that says:

**Create the page (your page here) on this wiki!**

Click the [red link](#) to create the page.

Please note:

**Before creating a new page,  
always search for it in the search bar  
to see if it exists already under another name.**

There are a number of pages that have suffixes to disambiguate them — for example, there are many songs called Fantasy, so that’s why we have [Fantasy \(Melissa\)](#) and [Fantasy \(Virginelle\)](#).

Also see for example [Super Eurobeat \(video series\)](#), [Super Eurobeat \(album series\)](#), and [Super Eurobeat \(Dave Rodgers feat. Futura\)](#), or [Domino \(song\)](#) and [Domino \(artist\)](#).

- We also need disambiguation pages for some of the more common cases. To do this:
  - Create a page called “***Your title*** (disambiguation)” for whatever search term has multiple pages.
    - For example, look at [Super Eurobeat \(disambiguation\)](#).
  - Then, create a page just called “*Your title*” for that page, and add a redirect to the disambiguation page with the following syntax:  
`#REDIRECT [[Your title (disambiguation)]]`
    - For example, look at the page source at [Super Eurobeat](#).

There are also a number of categories to pull lots of pages together, such as [Category:Artists beginning with Q](#) or [Category:Maniac video series](#). To categorize a page you’re working on, just add `[[Category:Your category name]]` anywhere in the document. (This [list of categories](#) may be useful.)

**Red links** on a page mean that the page being linked to doesn’t exist. If you click on a red link (and you have an account), you’ll be taken to an area where you can create the page. Sometimes, a link may be red even though the page does exist; if this happens, you can edit the page with the red links and re-save it to turn the red links blue.

Since most of our pages were automatically created based on data from other pages, you might find instances where there’s a small page with very little content due to a misspelling. (For example, while I was editing this document, I found a page called Fantasy (Mellisa) because it was a misspelling of [Fantasy \(Melissa\)](#).)

If you see this, put any missing info from the smaller page onto the larger page. Then, put `[[Category:Delete]]` anywhere on the smaller page. This won’t actually delete the page, but I’ll look over it to make sure everything looks good and delete it myself.

## Page Guidelines

Here are some guidelines for what information should go on each page (wherever possible), as well as a link to an example page from which you can copy the source and modify for new pages.

### Song page

- Song information
  - Genre
  - Artist
  - Vocalist(s)

- Writer(s)
- Producer(s)
- Label
- Album information
  - Albums it appeared on
    - Whether that version is a nonstop or extended
    - Length of SEB versions and of extended versions where possible.
- Choreography information
  - DVD's/videos it appeared on
  - Video links.
    - If you put multiple videos, indicate which routine each video is pointing to.  
Example: [X-RaVE](#)
- Lyrics
  - Put between `<pre>` and `</pre>` tags.
- References in other media, if applicable

Example: [Superbad](#)

## Artist page

This is specifically for keeping track of artist aliases (i.e. Domino, NOT Alessandra Mirka Gatti).

- Songs by that artist, sorted by who the vocalist is in each case
- Any other biographical information
- Website, if applicable

Example: [Go 2](#)

## Person page (vocalists, dancers, etc)

- Person information
  - Name
  - Date of birth
  - Labels worked under (if vocalist)
  - Clubs danced for (if dancer)
  - Any other biographical information
- Aliases (if vocalist)
  - Songs done under each alias
- Biography
- Pictures
- Links to **public** social media (Twitter, etc.)

Example: (None yet)

## Release page (can be used for albums, videos, etc.)

- Release information
  - Name
  - Genre
  - Publisher (or club)
  - Series (if part of one)
  - Date released
  - Format
  - Product code/catalogue number
- Dancers featured (if video)
- Song list
- Art if possible
  - [Upload a file](#) first, then refer to it as follows: `[[image:filename|thumb]]`
- Interesting notes
- Amazon link or something if possible

Video example: [Starfire XIV](#)

Album example: [Super Eurobeat 148](#)

## Label page

- Label information
  - Date founded
  - People in charge
  - Artists/vocalists who've worked on that label
- Discography
- Website

Example: (None yet)

## Club page

- Club information
  - Name
  - Location
  - Date founded
  - Date closed (if applicable)
  - Hours of operation
- Discography (if applicable)
- Para events
- History

- Pictures
- Links to website/social media/channels

Example: (None yet)

## Circle page

*Yes, this is where you can put all sorts of info on your own ParaPara circle! Unlike Wikipedia, which is supposed to be strictly informational, we want ParaParaWiki to be a resource for the community as a whole, and that means highlighting the activities of everyone involved!*

- Circle information
  - Name
  - Location
  - Members
- Videos (if applicable)
- Para events (if applicable)
- Links to website/social media/channels

Example: [EKS-D](#)

## To be added:

- Moving pages
- Redirects