Hitchwiki Tutorial

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Formatting hitchwiki articles is a bit different from writing on a standard word processor. Hitchwiki (and other wikis in general) uses text codes to create particular elements of the page (e.g. headings). This "language" is known as *wikitext* and is designed for ease of editing.

Bold and italics

The most commonly used wiki tags are bold and italics. Bolding and italicizing are done by surrounding a word or phrase with multiple apostrophes (''):

You type	You get
`''italic''`	*italic*
`'''bold'''`	**bold**
`'''''bold italic'''''`	***bold italic***

On hitchwiki, the names of an article's subject are written in bold when they are first mentioned in the article. For example, the article Afghanistan begins:

> **Afghanistan** is a country in Asia. The capital is Kabul [...]

Italics may be used e.g. for the names of streets, villages or quotes/experiences of individual hitchhikers.

Headings and subheadings

Headings and subheadings are an easy way to improve the organization of an article. If you can see two or more distinct topics being discussed, you can break up the article by inserting a heading for each section.

Headings can be created like this:

You type	You get
`== Heading ==`	**Heading**
`=== Subheading ===`	**Subheading**

If an article has at least four headings, a table of contents will automatically be generated. Try creating a heading in the sandbox.

Great, if you got this easily, we can go further with linking between hitchwiki articles.

`Click here to start the next tutorial about linking articles together.`

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