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This page is about the policy for article titles. For section titles, see MOS:HEADINGS. For honorific and academic titles, see WP:CREDENTIAL. For names in articles, see WP:FULLNAME. For username policy, see WP:U.

"WP:NC" redirects here. For all the topical naming conventions, see Category:Wikipedia naming conventions. For the North Carolina WikiProject, see Wikipedia:WikiProject North Carolina.

"WP:AT" redirects here. For WikiProject about Austria, see Wikipedia:WikiProject Austria.

This page documents an English Wikipedia policy.

It describes a widely accepted standard that all editors should normally follow. Changes m

This page in a nutshell: Article titles should be recognizable, concise, r

Topic-specific naming conventions for article titles
All naming conventions
- Category:Wikipedia naming conventions

Nature
- Fauna (animals)
- Flora (plants)

Arts · Entertainment · Media
- Books
- Broadcasting
- Comics
- Films
- Manuscripts
- Music
- Operas

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- Television
- Video games
- Visual arts

People

- Clergy
- Ethnicities
- Ancient Romans
- Royalty and nobility
- Sports
  - Baseball players

Science · Technology · Transport

- Astronomy
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Programming languages
- Aircraft
- Ships

Government · Politics · Law

- Government and legislation
- Legal
- Political parties

Organizations

- Companies
- Latter Day Saints
- Sports teams

Numbers · Dates

- Numbers and dates

Places · Events

- Places
- Events

Lists · Categories

- Categories
- Lists
- Long lists
- Stub sorting

Language/country-specific

- Writing systems
- All languages
- All countries

- Armenian
- Bangladesh
- Burmese
- Chinese
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Indic
- Irish
- Japanese
- Korean
- Macedonian
- Mongolian
- New Zealand

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- Old Norse
- Polish
- Russian
- Tibetan
- Ukrainian

Formatting

- Capitalization
- Use English
- Definite or indefinite article at beginning of name
- Plurals
- Acronyms
- Technical restrictions
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Core content policies

- Neutral point of view
- No original research
- Verifiability

Other content policies

- Article titles
- Biographies of living persons
- Image use policy
- What Wikipedia is not
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A Wikipedia **article title** is the large heading displayed above the article's content, and the basis for the article's page name and URL.[1] The title indicates what the article is about and distinguishes it from other articles.[2]

The title may simply be the name (or a name) of the subject of the article, or, if the article topic has no name, it may be a description of the topic. Because no two articles can have the same title,[3] it is sometimes necessary to add distinguishing information, often in the form of a description in parentheses after the name. Generally, article titles are based on what the subject is called in reliable sources. When this offers multiple possibilities, editors choose among them by considering several principles: the ideal article title precisely identifies the subject; it is short, natural, distinguishable and recognizable; and resembles titles for similar articles.

This page explains in detail the considerations, or **naming conventions**, on which choices of article titles are based. This page does *not* detail titling for pages in other namespaces, such as categories. It is supplemented by other more specific guidelines (see the box to the right), which should be interpreted in conjunction with other policies, particularly the three core content policies: Verifiability, No original research, and Neutral point of view.