References: Wikicode

Inserting a single reference

To add a single reference, insert the following code into the text where you want the inline citation to appear, placing the citation information between two "ref" tags, as shown below. Whatever information you place between the "ref" tags will need to be formatted just like any other wiki text:

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<ref>Plunkett, John. "Sorrell accuses Murdoch of panic buying", The
Guardian, London, 27 October 2005. Retrieved on 2005-10-27.</ref>
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Creating the list of references

To create a list of references, add "<references/>" or "{{reflist}}" to a section at the end of the article entitled "References, "Footnotes," or "Notes."

Multiple citations of the same reference

To cite the same reference several times, use the "name" parameter that is built into the wiki-software. For example, define the "Charmley" citation in the article in the following manner (it does not have to be the first citation, but it makes sense to try to define references early in the article):

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<ref name="Charmley">Charmley, John (2006). The Princess and the
Politicians. London: Penguin Books. ISBN 0140289712.</ref>
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Whenever you want to use that references again, simply enter:

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<ref name="Charmley"/>
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You are free to pick any footnote name, subject to a few rules. Footnote names are case sensitive and may not be a numeric integer. The quotes are optional unless the name includes a space, punctuation or other mark. Names should be kept simple and restricted to the standard English alphabet and numerals.

Citation templates

Citation templates are available in the editing window. They allow you to fill in fields in a form, which is then turned into a properly-formatted reference. While templates are easy to produce, they are often difficult to edit around because they produce a lot of wikicode.

To find the cite templates, look at the top bar of the editing window and click on "Cite." A box reading "Templates" will appear at the far left of the editing window. Click on the dropdown arrow and select the template most suitable for the source you have (book, journal, news, or web) and click on it. A box

with fields labeled "author, title," etc. will appear. Fill out as much information as you can. Click on "Preview" and then "show parsed preview" to make sure the note appears correctly." If you need more fields than the ones you see (e.g. "translator"), click on "show more fields." Finally, click "Insert."

Reference style

Wikipedia does not follow a single referencing style (e.g. MLA, APA, or Chicago). A single article should be consistent, however. Most importantly, any reference you add should be as complete as possible and include as much of the following information as possible. Some references will have more information than this and some less:

- Name of author(s)
- Title of work
- Page number(s)
- Publisher
- Place of publication
- Year of publication
- ISBN/ISSN/DOI
- Date of retrieval (for web sources)

Further information

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