

# How to use the excerpt macro in Confluence wiki pages

## Q: How to use the excerpt macro in Confluence wiki pages

### Context

- MIT's central wiki service on wikis.mit.edu
- The Knowledge Base formerly known as Hermes on kb.mit.edu

### Answer

Confluence contains a pair of useful macros for displaying an excerpt from one page on another page. These macros are:

- `excerpt`, which goes on the page you are trying to reference
- `excerpt-include`, which goes on the page on which you want to include the excerpt from the reference page

There are several ways to insert macros into Confluence wiki pages, including the macro browser. This article describes using wiki markup. If you're using the rich text editor, make sure to click on the **Wiki Markup** tab to edit wiki markup directly. These macros are also documented in the Confluence Full Notation Guide, which you can open from the Help Tips sidebar when you are editing a page.

### Wiki markup on the page you are excerpting from

## The Declaration of Independence

Select a page template to start from.

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{excerpt}When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people  
connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the sep  
Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of man  
causes which impel them to the separation.{excerpt}

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that th  
unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happin  
are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the gov  
becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to  
laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form,  
their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long  
transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are mor  
than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. B  
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### Wiki markup on the page you are displaying the excerpt on

## My list of things I wrote

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# [The Declaration of Independence]
{excerpt-include:The Declaration of Independence|nopanel=true}
# [The Constitution]
{excerpt-include:The Constitution|nopanel=true}
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### What the page looks like when saved

#### The Declaration of Independence

Added by Oliver Thomas, last edited by Oliver Thomas on Apr 25, 2012 18:09

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the politic to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of N respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel ther

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Gove powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that G for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and : alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a hi direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Fact

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless sus obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

### What the page looks like when saved; excerpt included

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1. [The Declaration of Independence](#)

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2. [The Constitution](#)

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Just provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.