Section 3—  **Inserting a wikilink**

A wikilink is a hyperlink from a word or phrase in one Wikipedia article to another Wikipedia article (the name gives away the specifics: it’s a *wiki*link because it is a link within Wikipedia’s domain). All links within an article should connect to Wikipedia articles. Hyperlinks to articles on outside domains should be used as citations (if they are verifying the claim with an independent source) or included in the external links section of the article for readers to go to learn more.

**Example 1 – Inserting wikilinks with Visual Editor**

An article on the town of [Edenton, North Carolina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edenton,_North_Carolina) has a section on sports. There is a mention of a notable summer league baseball team, called the Coastal Plain League. There’s also a Wikipedia article about the team, but the article doesn’t make that connection. Insert a wikilink to connect these articles.

* Click **Edit** to open the Visual Editor
* Highlight the text to be linked (in this case, the words “Coastal Plain League”)
* Choose the link tool from the editing toolbar



* The **Link** dialog box opens. On the **Search pages** tab, the search box is automatically populated with the highlighted text “Coastal Plain League” and a list of suggested articles is available to choose from:

![A screenshot of a social media post

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* Select the chosen article, then click **Done**
* **Save** your changes. The wikilink is embedded in the text!

**Example 2**: **Inserting wikilinks with source editor.** (You likely won’t need to do it, but just in case you find yourself in the source code editor, here’s how to edit wikilinks).

* Click **Edit** **Source**
* Highlight the **text** you’d like to link
* Click on the **link tool** in the menu bar, which works very much like the one in Visual Editor



* The **Link** dialog box opens and will populate with suggested articles for you to link to
* Select the article and press **insert link** and source code for the wikilink will appear
* Save your changes

**You can also type code yourself:**

* + When the phrase or word that you are linking from is the same as the title of the article you are linking to, all that’s required are two left square brackets and two right square brackets on either side of the word or phrase.
    - E.g.: [[Coastal Plain League]]
  + If the word or phrase and the title of the article are different you differentiate this with a vertical pipe.
    - E.g. [[Coastal Plain League|summer baseball]]

The formula is:

* + - * Two left square brackets: “[[“
      * The article title of the target page: “Coastal Plain League”
      * Vertical pipe: “|” (on your keyboard, it’s shift + the backslash key)
      * The text as you want it displayed: “summer baseball”
      * Two right square brackets: “]]”
  + Save your changes!

No matter which route to wikilinking you take, the wikilink will appear on your page.