

Please also see the dedicated micro-site on this topic: <http://wysiwygproblems.com/>

## WYSIWYG vs Wiki syntax

When should you use wiki syntax vs WYSIWYG?

- Wiki engines normally save content as [wiki syntax](#) (aka wiki text or wiki markup).
- WYSIWYG editors such as [TinyMCE](#) or [CKEditor](#) by default save HTML.

There are some things that are better to do in Wiki syntax, and some things that are better to do in HTML. For example, [PluginGroup](#) permits you to show certain content to a group of users and other content to another group. This is impossible to with HTML.

Happily, Tiki offers both wiki and WYSIWYG-HTML, and you can even use both on the same page. This page is to help you choose when you should use one or the other.

## Wiki

What Wiki doesn't have	Workaround
Instant visibility of what it will look like	<a href="#">CodeMirror</a> or <a href="#">Live Preview</a>
Justified or right-aligned text	Use <a href="#">PluginDiv</a>
Easy edition of big tables	Use <a href="#">Spreadsheet</a> and <a href="#">PluginSheet</a> instead. In <a href="#">Tiki9</a> : Use <a href="#">PluginWysiwyg</a> instead for the table; and if Tiki version < 9: Use another wiki page in wysiwyg mode for the whole table, and include it with <a href="#">PluginInclude</a> from the previous page

## WYSIWYG

What WYSIWYG doesn't have	Workaround
Wiki links, and thus <a href="#">Backlinks</a>	Use page aliases when you rename pages so links are not broken. If page aliases are not working for you, use <a href="#">PluginRedirect</a> .
Clean diffs	Use HTML diff and expect long pages and false positives
<a href="#">Mobile editing</a>	<a href="http://dev.tiki.org/wish4168-WYSIWYG-Mobile-check-if-browser-is-supported-and-provide-relevant-error-message">http://dev.tiki.org/wish4168-WYSIWYG-Mobile-check-if-browser-is-supported-and-provide-relevant-error-message</a>
<a href="#">Edit by Section</a>	Use <a href="#">PluginInclude</a> instead

New in [Tiki9](#): If you need part of the page as [WYSIWYG](#) and part as wiki syntax, you can use [PluginWYSIWYG](#)

Improved in [Tiki9](#): WYSIWYG which saves in wiki syntax instead of HTML. To activate: `tiki-admin.php?page=wysiwyg` -> Use Wiki syntax in WYSIWYG

## Related

- [Why Wiki Syntax Is Important](#)

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- [Wiki vs WYSIWYG](#)
- [Wiki trade-offs](#)
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