

# Formatting Syntax

 **DokuWiki** supports some simple markup language, which tries to make the datafiles to be as readable as possible. This page contains all possible syntax you may use when editing the pages. Simply have a look at the source of this page by pressing „Edit this page“. If you want to try something, just use the [playground](#) page. The simpler markup is easily accessible via  [quickbuttons](#), too.

## Basic Text Formatting

DokuWiki supports **bold**, *italic*, underlined and monospaced texts. Of course you can **combine** all these.

```
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'monospaced' texts.
Of course you can **__//''combine''//__** all these.
```

You can use <sub>subscript</sub> and <sup>superscript</sup>, too.

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You can mark something as ~~deleted~~ as well.

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```

**Paragraphs** are created from blank lines. If you want to **force a newline** without a paragraph, you can use two backslashes followed by a whitespace or the end of line.

This is some text with some linebreaks

Note that the two backslashes are only recognized at the end of a line  
or followed by  
a whitespace \\this happens without it.

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or followed by\\ a whitespace \\this happens without it.
```

You should use forced newlines only if really needed.

# Links

DokuWiki supports multiple ways of creating links.

## External

External links are recognized automatically: <http://www.google.com> or simply [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) - You can set the link text as well: [This Link points to google](#). Email addresses like this one: [andi@splitbrain.org](mailto:andi@splitbrain.org) are recognized, too.

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automagically: http://www.google.com or simply www.google.com - You
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```

## Internal

Internal links are created by using square brackets. You can either just give a [pagename](#) or use an additional [link text](#).

```
Internal links are created by using square brackets. You can either
just give
a [[pagename]] or use an additional [[pagename|link text]].
```

 [Wiki pagenames](#) are converted to lowercase automatically, special characters are not allowed.

You can use [namespaces](#) by using a colon in the pagename.

```
You can use [[some:namespaces]] by using a colon in the pagename.
```

For details about namespaces see  [namespaces](#).

Linking to a specific section is possible, too. Just add the section name behind a hash character as known from HTML. This links to [this Section](#).

```
This links to [[syntax#internal|this Section]].
```

Notes:

- Links to [existing pages](#) are shown in a different style from [nonexisting](#) ones.
- DokuWiki does not use [CamelCase](#) to automatically create links by default, but this behavior can be enabled in the [config](#) file. Hint: If DokuWiki is a link, then it's enabled.
- When a section's heading is changed, its bookmark changes, too. So don't rely on section linking too much.

## Interwiki

DokuWiki supports [Interwiki](#) links. These are quick links to other Wikis. For example this is a link to Wikipedia's page about Wikis: [Wiki](#).

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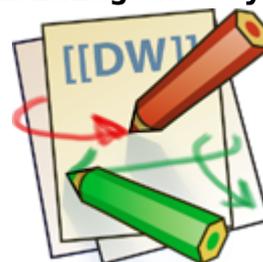
## Windows Shares

Windows shares like [this](#) are recognized, too. Please note that these only make sense in a homogeneous user group like a corporate [Intranet](#).

Windows Shares like `[[\\server\share|this]]` are recognized, too.

Notes:

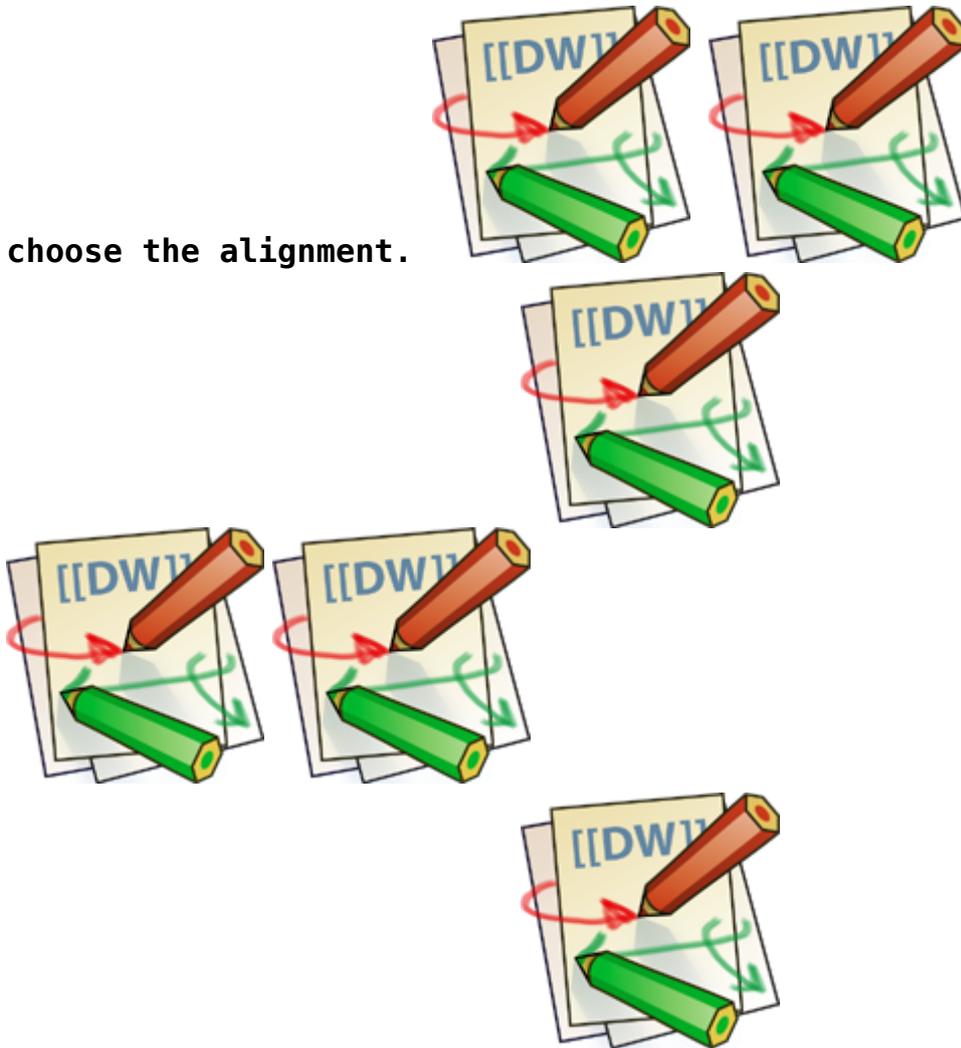
- For security reasons direct browsing of windows shares only works in Microsoft Internet Explorer per default (and only in the „local zone“).
- For Mozilla and Firefox it can be enabled through different workaround mentioned in the [Mozilla Knowledge Base](#). However, there will still be a JavaScript warning about trying to open a Windows Share. To remove this warning (for all users), put the following line in `conf/lang/en/lang.php` (more details at [localization](#)): `<code - conf/lang/en/lang.php> <?php / * Customization of the english language file * Copy only the strings that needs to be modified */ $lang['js']['nosmblinks'] = ; </code> ===== Image Links ===== You can also use an image to link to another internal or external page by combining the syntax for`



links and [images](#) (see below) like this:



choose the alignment.



Of course, you can add a title (displayed as a tooltip by most browsers), too.



For linking an image to another page see [Image Links](#) above. ===== Supported Media Formats ===== DokuWiki can embed the following media formats directly. | Image | gif, jpg, png | | Video | webm, ogv, mp4 | | Audio | ogg, mp3, wav | | Flash | swf | If you specify a filename that is not a supported media format, then it will be displayed as a link instead. By adding ?linkonly you provide a link to the media without displaying it inline [dokuwiki-128.png](#) [dokuwiki-128.png](#) This is just a link to the image. ===== Fallback Formats ===== Unfortunately not all browsers understand all video and audio formats. To

mitigate the problem, you can upload your file in different formats for maximum browser compatibility. For example consider this embedded mp4 video: When you upload a video.webm and video.ogv next to the referenced video.mp4, DokuWiki will automatically add them as alternatives so that one of the three files is understood by your browser. Additionally DokuWiki supports a „poster“ image which will be shown before the video has started. That image needs to have the same filename as the video and be either a jpg or png file. In the example above a video.jpg file would work.

==== Lists  
 ==== Dokuwiki supports ordered and unordered lists. To create a list item, indent your text by two spaces and use a \* for unordered lists or a - for ordered ones. \* This is a list \* The second item \* You may have different levels \* Another item - The same list but ordered - Another item - Just use indentation for deeper levels - That's it

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<code> * This is a list * The second item * You may have different levels * Another item - The same list but ordered - Another item - Just use indentation for deeper levels - That's it </code>
```

Also take a look at the [FAQ on list items](#).

==== Text Conversions  
 ==== DokuWiki can convert certain pre-defined characters or strings into images or other text or HTML. The text to image conversion is mainly done for smileys. And the text to HTML conversion is used for typography replacements, but can be configured to use other HTML as well.

==== Text to Image Conversions  
 ==== DokuWiki converts commonly used [emoticons](#) to their graphical equivalents. Those [Smileys](#) and other images can be configured and extended. Here is an overview of Smileys

included in DokuWiki: \*  8-) \*  8-0 \*  :-( \*  :-)

\*  =) \*  :-/ \*  :-\ \*  :-? \*  :-D \*  :-P

\*  :-0 \*  :-X \*  :-| \*  ;-)

\*  ^\_^ \*  m(

\*  :?: \*  :!: \*  LOL \*  **Fix Me!** \*  FIXME \*

 **Delete!**

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==== Text to HTML Conversions  
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Typography: DokuWiki can convert simple text characters to their typographically correct entities. Here is an example of recognized characters. → ← ↔ ⇒ ⇐ ⇨ » « – — 640×480 © ™ ® „He thought 'It's a man's world'...”

```
<code> → ← ↔ ⇒ ⇐ ⇨ » « – — 640×480 © ™ ® „He thought 'It's a man's world'...” </code>
```

The same can be done to produce any kind of HTML, it just needs to be added to the [pattern file](#). There are three exceptions which do not come from that pattern file: multiplication entity (640×480), 'single' and „double quotes“. They can be turned off through a [config option](#).

==== Quoting  
 ==== Some times you want to mark some text to show it's a reply or comment. You can use the following syntax: `<code>`

I think we should do it > No we shouldn't » Well, I say we should > Really? » Yes! »> Then lets do it! </code> I think we should do it > No we shouldn't » Well, I say we should > Really? » Yes! »> Then lets do it! ===== Tables ===== DokuWiki supports a simple syntax to create tables. ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ Heading 3 ^ | Row 1 Col 1 | Row 1 Col 2 | Row 1 Col 3 | | Row 2 Col 1 | some colspan (note the double pipe) || | Row 3 Col 1 | Row 3 Col 2 | Row 3 Col 3 | Table rows have to start and end with a | for normal rows or a ^ for headers. ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ Heading 3 ^ | Row 1 Col 1 | Row 1 Col 2 | Row 1 Col 3 | | Row 2 Col 1 | some colspan (note the double pipe) || | Row 3 Col 1 | Row 3 Col 2 | Row 3 Col 3 | To connect cells horizontally, just make the next cell completely empty as shown above. Be sure to have always the same amount of cell separators! Vertical tableheaders are possible, too. | ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ ^ Heading 3 | Row 1 Col 2 | Row 1 Col 3 | ^ Heading 4 | no colspan this time | | ^ Heading 5 | Row 2 Col 2 | Row 2 Col 3 | As you can see, it's the cell separator before a cell which decides about the formatting: | ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ ^ Heading 3 | Row 1 Col 2 | Row 1 Col 3 | ^ Heading 4 | no colspan this time | | ^ Heading 5 | Row 2 Col 2 | Row 2 Col 3 | You can have rowspans (vertically connected cells) by adding :: into the cells below the one to which they should connect. ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ Heading 3 ^ | Row 1 Col 1 | this cell spans vertically | Row 1 Col 3 | | Row 2 Col 1 | :: | Row 2 Col 3 | | Row 3 Col 1 | :: | Row 2 Col 3 | Apart from the rowspan syntax those cells should not contain anything else. ^ Heading 1 ^ Heading 2 ^ Heading 3 ^ | Row 1 Col 1 | this cell spans vertically | Row 1 Col 3 | | Row 2 Col 1 | :: | Row 2 Col 3 | | Row 3 Col 1 | :: | Row 2 Col 3 | You can align the table contents, too. Just add at least two whitespaces at the opposite end of your text: Add two spaces on the left to align right, two spaces on the right to align left and two spaces at least at both ends for centered text. ^ Table with alignment ^^ | right| center |left | |left | right| center | | xxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxx | This is how it looks in the source: ^ Table with alignment ^^ | right| center |left | |left | right| center | | xxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxx | xxxxxxxxxxxx | Note: Vertical alignment is not supported. ===== No Formatting ===== If you need to display text exactly like it is typed (without any formatting), enclose the area either with <nowiki> tags or even simpler, with double percent signs %%. This is some text which contains addresses like this: http://www.splitbrain.org and **formatting**, but nothing is done with it. The same is true for `//__this__text//` with a smiley ;-). This is some text which contains addresses like this: http://www.splitbrain.org and **formatting**, but nothing is done with it. The same is true for `//__this__text//` with a smiley ;-). ===== Code Blocks ===== You can include

code blocks into your documents by either indenting them by at least two spaces (like used for the previous examples) or by using the tags `<code>` or `<file>`. This is text is indented by two spaces. `<code>` This is preformatted code all spaces are preserved: like `<code>` `</code>` `<file>` This is pretty much the same, but you could use it to show that you quoted a file. `</file>` Those blocks were created by this source: This is text is indented by two spaces. `<code>` This is preformatted code all spaces are preserved: like `<code>` `</code>` `<file>` This is pretty much the same, but you could use it to show that you quoted a file. `</file>`

==== Syntax Highlighting ==== [DokuWiki](#) can highlight sourcecode, which makes it easier to read. It uses the [GeSHi](#) Generic Syntax Highlighter – so any language supported by GeSHi is supported. The syntax uses the same code and file blocks described in the previous section, but this time the name of the language syntax to be highlighted is included inside the tag, e.g. `<codejava>` or `<filejava>`. `<code java>`

```
/* The HelloWorldApp class implements an application that *
  simply displays „Hello World!“ to the standard output. */
class HelloWorldApp {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(„Hello World!“);
    Display the string.
  }
}
```

`</code>` *The following language strings are currently recognized:*

4cs 6502acme 6502kickass 6502tasm 68000devpac abap actionscript3  
actionscript ada aimms algol68 apache applescript aptsources arm  
asm asp asymptote autoconf autohotkey autoit avisynth awk  
bascomavr bash basic4gl batch bf biblatex bibtex blitzbasic bnf  
boo caddcl cadlisp ceylon cfdg cfm chaiscript chapel cil  
cloadrunner clojure cmac cmake cobol coffeescript c cpp cpp-qt  
cpp-winapi csharp css cuesheet cwinapi dart dcl dcpu16 dcs delphi  
diff div dos dot d ecmascript eiffel email epc e erlang euphoria  
ezt f1 falcon fo fortran freebasic freeswitch fsharp gambas gdb  
genero genie gettext glsl gml gnuplot go groovy gwbasic haskell  
haxe higest hq9plus html html4strict html5 icon idl ini inno  
intercal io ispfpnl java5 java javascript jcl j jquery julia  
kixtart klonec klonecpp kotlin latex lb ldif lisp llvm locobasic  
logtalk lolcode lotusformulas lotusscript lscript lsl2 lua m68k  
magiksf make mapbasic mathematica matlab mercury metapost mirc  
mk-61 mmix modula2 modula3 mpasm mxml mysql nagios netrexx newlisp  
nginx nimrod nsis oberon2 objc object ocaml-brief ocaml octave  
oobas oorexx oracle11 oracle8 oxygene oz parasail parigp pascal  
pcre perl6 perl per pf phix php-brief php pic16 pike pixelbender  
pli plsqli postgresql postscript povray powerbuilder powershell  
proftpd progress prolog properties providex purebasic pycon pys60  
python qbasic qml q racket rails rbs rebol reg rexx robots roff  
rpmspec rsplus ruby rust sas sass scala scheme scilab scl sdlbasic  
smalltalk smarty spark sparql sql sshconfig standardml stonscript  
swift systemverilog tclegg tcl teraterm texgraph text thinbasic  
tsql twig typoscript unicon upc urbi uscript vala vbnets vb

**vbscript vedit verilog vhdl vim visualfoxpro visualprolog  
 whitespace whois winbatch wolfram xbasic xml xoyo xorg\_conf xpp  
 yaml z80 zxbasic** There are additional **advanced options** available  
 for syntax highlighting, such as highlighting lines or adding line  
 numbers. **==== Downloadable Code Blocks ====** When you use the  
`<code>` or `<file>` syntax as above, you might want to make the shown  
 code available for download as well. You can do this by specifying  
 a file name after language code like this: `<code> <file php  
 myexample.php> <?php echo „hello world!“; ?> </file> </code> <file  
 php myexample.php> <?php echo „hello world!“; ?> </file>` If you  
 don't want any highlighting but want a downloadable file, specify  
 a dash (-) as the language code: `<code - myfile.foo>`. **=====**  
**Embedding HTML and PHP =====** You can embed raw HTML or PHP code  
 into your documents by using the `<html>` or `<php>` tags. (Use  
 uppercase tags if you need to enclose block level elements.) HTML  
 example: `<code> <html> This is some inline HTML </html> <HTML> <p  
 style=„border:2px dashed red;“>And this is some block HTML</p>  
 </HTML> </code> <html> This is some inline HTML </html> <HTML> <p  
 style=„border:2px dashed red;“>And this is some block HTML</p>  
 </HTML>` PHP example: `<code> <php> echo 'The PHP version: '  
 ; echo  
 phpversion(); echo ' (generated inline HTML)'; </php> <PHP> echo  
 '<table class=„inline“><tr><td>The same, but inside a block level  
 element:</td>'; echo '<td>'.phpversion().'</td>'; echo  
 '</tr></table>'; </PHP> </code> <php> echo 'The PHP version: '  
 ;  
 echo phpversion(); echo ' (inline HTML)'; </php> <PHP> echo  
 '<table class=„inline“><tr><td>The same, but inside a block level  
 element:</td>'; echo '<td>'.phpversion().'</td>'; echo  
 '</tr></table>'; </PHP>` Please Note: HTML and PHP embedding is  
 disabled by default in the configuration. If disabled, the code is  
 displayed instead of executed. **===== RSS/ATOM Feed Aggregation**  
**=====** **DokuWiki** can integrate data from external XML feeds. For  
 parsing the XML feeds, **SimplePie** is used. All formats understood  
 by SimplePie can be used in DokuWiki as well. You can influence  
 the rendering by multiple additional space separated parameters: ^  
 Parameter ^ Description ^ | any number | will be used as maximum  
 number items to show, defaults to 8 | | reverse | display the last  
 items in the feed first | | author | show item authors names | |  
 date | show item dates | | description| show the item description.  
 If **HTML** is disabled all tags will be stripped | | nosort | do  
 not sort the items in the feed | | n[dhm] | refresh period, where  
 d=days, h=hours, m=minutes. (e.g. 12h = 12 hours). | The refresh  
 period defaults to 4 hours. Any value below 10 minutes will be  
 treated as 10 minutes. **DokuWiki** will generally try to supply a  
 cached version of a page, obviously this is inappropriate when the  
 page contains dynamic external content. The parameter tells  
**DokuWiki** to re-render the page if it is more than refresh period  
 since the page was last rendered. By default the feed will be

**sorted by date, newest items first. You can sort it by oldest first using the reverse parameter, or display the feed as is with nosort. Example:**

- [Linus Torvalds: AI-Detected Bug Reports Make Kernel Security List 'Almost Entirely Unmanageable'](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 05:34)
- [America's Library of Congress Officially Inducts... the Soundtrack for the Videogame 'Doom'](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 03:34)
- [Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt Boomed During Graduation Speech About AI](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 01:46)
- [Small Town Fights Over Flock's AI-Enhanced Network of License Plate-Reading Cameras](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 00:39)
- [Microsoft Exchange Server Vulnerability Actively Exploited, in a Bad Week for Microsoft](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/17 22:56)
- [Linus Torvalds: AI-Detected Bug Reports Make Kernel Security List 'Almost Entirely Unmanageable'](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 05:34)
- [America's Library of Congress Officially Inducts... the Soundtrack for the Videogame 'Doom'](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 03:34)
- [Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt Boomed During Graduation Speech About AI](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 01:46)
- [Small Town Fights Over Flock's AI-Enhanced Network of License Plate-Reading Cameras](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/18 00:39)
- [Microsoft Exchange Server Vulnerability Actively Exploited, in a Bad Week for Microsoft](#) von EditorDavid (2026/05/17 22:56)

==== Control Macros ==== Some syntax influences how DokuWiki renders a page without creating any output it self. The following control macros are available: ^ Macro ^ Description | | ~NOTOC~ | If this macro is found on the page, no table of contents will be created | | ~NOCACHE~ | DokuWiki caches all output by default. Sometimes this might not be wanted (eg. when the <php> syntax above is used), adding this macro will force DokuWiki to rerender a page on every call | ==== Syntax Plugins ==== DokuWiki's syntax can be extended by  [Plugins](#). How the installed plugins are used is described on their appropriate description pages. The following syntax plugins are available in this particular DokuWiki installation:

- [Box Plugin 2022-08-16](#) von [Christopher Smith](#)  
Boxes with titles, colour and rounded corners. Syntax: <box width class colours|title> ... </box|caption> width, class, colours title & caption are optional. The title can include some wiki markup, the box contents can include almost any wiki markup.
- [Columns Plugin 2021-04-04](#) von [Mykola Ostrovskyy](#)  
Arrange information in multiple columns.
- [Dw2Pdf plugin 2022-10-08](#) von [Andreas Gohr and Luigi Micco](#)  
DokuWiki to PDF converter
- [Icons Plugin 2019-08-27](#) von [Giuseppe Di Terlizzi](#)  
Embed icons in Dokuwiki
- [iframe plugin 2016-02-02](#) von [Christopher Smith](#)  
Allows external URLs to be loaded into an iframe in your DokuWiki page.

- [Info Plugin 2020-06-04](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#)  
Displays information about various DokuWiki internals
- [Markdowku 2021-12-04](#) von [Julian Fagir](#), [Raphael Wimmer \(maintainer\)](#)  
Integrates Markdown into Dokuwiki syntax
- [nspages plugin 2023-02-18](#) von [Guillaume Turri](#)  
Presents a toc of the selected namespace using `<nspages>`
- [Page Redirect 2022-11-20](#) von [Elan Ruusamäe](#), [David Lorentsen](#)  
Redirects page requests based on content
- [Video Sharing Site Plugin 2022-02-03](#) von [Andreas Gohr](#)  
Easily embed videos from various Video Sharing sites. Example:  
`{{youtube>XXXXXX}}`
- [Wrap Plugin 2022-08-10](#) von [Anika Henke](#)  
Universal plugin which combines functionalities of many other plugins. Wrap wiki text inside containers (divs or spans) and give them a class (choose from a variety of preset classes), a width and/or a language with its associated text direction.

1) 2)

This is a footnote

3)

when the aspect ratio of the given width and height doesn't match that of the image, it will be cropped to the new ratio before resizing

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