

The InterMap (also called InterWiki in some other wikis) is a system for defining links between [WikiWikiWeb](#) sites that was first developed by UseMod and Meatball (see [UseMod:InterWiki](#) and [Meatball:InterWiki](#)). The method is to use a word that stands for a path that is defined. InterMap links have the form `MapPrefix:PagePath`, where the host prefix is converted to a partial URL based on entries in the site's *intermap.txt* and *localmap.txt* files.

The default *intermap.txt* distributed with PmWiki (in the *scripts/* directory) includes the following InterMap entries:

```
PmWiki:      http://www.pmwiki.org/wiki/PmWiki/
Cookbook:    http://www.pmwiki.org/wiki/Cookbook/
Wiki:        http://www.c2.com/cgi/wiki?
UseMod:      http://www.usemod.com/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?
Meatball:    http://www.usemod.com/cgi-bin/mb.pl?
Wikipedia:   http://www.wikipedia.com/wiki/
PITS:        http://www.pmwiki.org/PITS/
PmL10n:      http://www.pmwiki.org/wiki/Localization/
Path:
```

You can map your own prefixes in your local page [Site.InterMap](#).

Thus, "[PmWiki:Variables](#)" becomes "<http://www.pmwiki.org/wiki/PmWiki/>" + "Variables," a link to the [PmWiki.Variables](#) page on the official PmWiki web site, [Wiki:FrontPage](#) is a link to the front page of the first WikiWikiWeb, and [Wikipedia:Stonehenge](#) takes you to the Wikipedia article about the famous megaliths in England.

Like other links, you can use the double-bracket syntax to get different link text:

```
* [[Meatball:StartingPoints | starting
points]] over at Meatball
* [[starting points ->
Meatball:StartingPoints]] over at
Meatball
```

- [starting points](#) over at Meatball
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If you want to link just to what the intermap says (e.g. <http://www.wikipedia.com/wiki/> for Wikipedia), then do `[[Wikipedia:. | Wikipedia's main page]]`, which produces [Wikipedia's main page](#). Note the . (period) after the Map: reference.

The special `Path:` InterMap entry can be used to create "[relative urls](#)" in [links](#).

The actual set of InterMap links at any site is defined by the site administrator via the [Site.InterMap](#) page and the *local/localmap.txt* file; for more details, see [PmWiki.CustomInterMaps](#).

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