

This page describes some of the ideas that guide the design and implementation of PmWiki. [Patrick Michaud](#) doesn't claim that a

1. Favor writers over readers

At its heart, PmWiki is a collaborative authoring system for hyperlinked documents. It's hard enough to get people (including Pm)

2. Don't try to replace HTML

PmWiki doesn't make any attempt to do everything that can be done in HTML. There are good reasons that people don't use wel

This principle also follows from the "favor writers over readers" principle above--every new feature added to PmWiki requires som

Another reason for avoiding arbitrary HTML is that ill-formed HTML can cause pages to stop displaying completely, and arbitrary

3. Avoid gratuitous features (or "creeping featurism")

In general PmWiki features are implemented in response to specific needs, rather than because someone identifies something th

4. Support collaborative maintenance of public web pages

Although this wasn't at all the original intent of PmWiki, it became quickly obvious that [WikiWikiWeb](#) principles could be used to m

5. Be easy to install, configure, and maintain

With a gzip-compressed file size of just around 200K, uploading PmWiki to your server is a speedy operation. Do a chmod or two

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