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System Web Preferences

The following settings are **web preferences** of the System web. These preferences override the **site-level preferences** in System.DefaultPreferences and Main.SitePreferences, and can be overwritten by **user preferences** (your personal topic, eg: WikiGuest in the Main web).

Web Preferences Settings

These preference settings override the defaults for this web and it's subwebs only.

- Web settings:
 - ◆ Set WEBTOPICLIST = Welcome | Register | Changes | Topics | Index | Search | Go
 - ◆ Set WEBBGCOLOR = #FFD8AA
 - ◆ Set SITEMAPLIST = on
 - ◆ Set SITEMAPWHAT = Welcome, Registration, and other StartingPoints; Foswiki history & Wiki style; All the docs...
 - ◆ Set SITEMAPUSETO = ...discover Foswiki details, and how to start your own site.
 - ◆ Hide Table of Contents if the topic is included
 - ◇ Set TOC_HIDE_IF_INCLUDED = on
 - ◆ Set default Table of Contents title
 - ◇ Set TOC_TITLE = On this page:
 - ◆ The first header level to appear in the TOC:
 - ◇ Set TOC_MIN_DEPTH = 2
 - ◆ Use auto linking for the Foswiki documentation pages:
 - ◇ Set NOAUTOLINK = 0
- Default template for **new topics** for this web:
 - ◆ WebTopicEditTemplate: Site-level default topic template
- Comma separated list of **forms** that can be attached to topics in this web. See DataForms for more information.
 - ◆ Set WEBFORMS = DefaultPreferencesForm
- Copyright notice for the web.
 - ◆ Set WEBCOPYRIGHT =  Copyright © by the contributing authors. All material on this site is the property of the contributing authors.
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- Users or groups who **are not** / **are** allowed to **view** / **change** / **rename** topics in the System web: (See AccessControl).
 - ◆ # Set DENYWEBVIEW = WikiGuest
 - ◆ Set ALLOWWEBCHANGE = AdminGroup
 - ◆ Set ALLOWWEBRENAME = AdminGroup

- Users or groups allowed to change or rename this WebPreferences topic: (e.g., WebAdministratorsGroup?)
 - ◆ Set ALLOWTOPICCHANGE = AdminGroup
- Web preferences that are **not** allowed to be overridden by sub-web, user or topic preferences:
 - ◆ Set FINALPREFERENCES = NOSEARCHALL, ATTACHFILESIZELIMIT, WIKIWEBMASTER, WEBCOPYRIGHT, WEBTOPICLIST, DENYWEBVIEW, ALLOWWEBVIEW, DENYWEBCHANGE, ALLOWWEBCHANGE, ALLOWWEBRENAME, DENYWEBRENAME

Help on Preferences

- A *preference setting* lets you define a simple macro? that can be expanded in your output.
- A preference setting looks like this:
3 or 6 spaces * Set NAME = value
Example:
 - ◆ Set WEBBGCOLOR = #FFFC0
- A preferences setting can be disabled with a # sign. Remove the # sign to enable a local customisation. Example:
 - ◆ #Set DENYWEBCHANGE = UnknownUser
- Macros defined using preference settings are expanded by enclosing the name in percent signs.
Example:
 - ◆ When you write %WEBBGCOLOR%, it gets expanded to #FFD8AA
- The sequential order of the preference settings is significant. i.e. set WEBCOPYRIGHT before WIKIWEBMASTER since %WEBCOPYRIGHT% uses the %WIKIWEBMASTER% setting.
- You can introduce your own preference settings and use them in your topics and templates.
- Preferences can be defined in a number of places:
 1. DefaultPreferences
 2. SitePreferences
 3. Parent webs WebPreferences
 4. WebPreferences
 5. In user topics
 6. In Plugin documentation topics
 7. In topics
- Preference settings can be *finalised*, which means they can't be redefined

Tools

- **Rename, move or delete this web:**
 - ◆ **Rename/move/delete web...**, looking for references in *all public webs* - See also: ManagingWebs

Related Topics

- System.DefaultPreferences, Main.SitePreferences - site-level preferences
- WikiUsers - list of user topics. User topics can have optional user preferences
- Macros - what macros are and how to use them, including a list of common macros
- AccessControl - explains how to restrict access by users or groups

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- .System

- Log In

- **Toolbox**

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- RSS Feed
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- **User Reference**

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- WebPreferences

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