



Convert standalone article to synced article

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If you have an existing article you'd like to convert to a synced article, you can use one of two approaches:

1. Copy the permalink for the standalone article, delete the standalone article, and create a new synced article with the same permalink as that deleted standalone article.
2. Power users only: Use the API to forcibly convert the existing standalone article to a synced article.

If you're familiar with using the API, convert an existing article to a synced article using these steps:

1. Get the ID of the article you'd like to switch to being the synced child and the ID of the article you'd like to make its parent.
2. Follow the [API endpoint reference](#) guidelines on the `articles` endpoint to **Update a single article**.
3. Update the child article and set the `content_article` field to the parent article's ID.

When you use this approach, if the child article had any existing content:

- You will no longer see Revision History in the UI for changes to the child article's content.
- Even in the API, the child article will not keep revisions moving forward.
- If you have historical revision history for the child article, it won't display in the UI. You can recover or view it using the `articlerevision` API endpoint.
- If you unlink the articles through the UI or setting the `content_article` field to be empty, this returns the article to standalone status and will display the pre-sync revision history for the child. The child article won't ever display revision history when it was synced to the parent since revisions are stored on the parent only.