Inserting Emoticons in the Rich Text Editor

This page tells you how to add an emoticon, or smiley, to your Confluence page.

**To insert an emoticon,**

1. Click the 'Insert' menu on the toolbar and choose the **Emoticon** item from the drop-down menu. This will pop up the emoticons window.
2. Select the emoticon to insert it.

You can also insert emoticons by typing commonly-used character combinations. For example, the following code appears as an emoticon when the page is rendered.


This example creates this emoticon: 😘.

**Preventing Emoticons from Appearing**

To prevent Confluence from turning parts of text into emoticons, 'escape' the character sequence by inserting a '\' character.

For example, this character sequence contains an emoticon:

```html
<-example_here;-
```

This example creates this in a rendered page: `<-example_here 😘.`

To 'escape' the emoticon sequence, insert a slash as in the following example:

```html
<-example_here\;-
```

The characters will then appear exactly as typed.

*Screenshot: Emoticons*