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# Getting more out of AutoWikiBrowser

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# Add different content to different pages

- Problem:
  - You have list of pages and you would like to add something different to each page
- Examples:
  - Add Wikidata item IDs to list of files

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- Solution:

1. Create in a spreadsheet list with format: "|PAGENAME=TEXT". For example:

```
|Bernhard Windscheid=Q62966  
|Karl Matthäus Winter=Q18908122  
|Eduard von Winterstein=Q85051
```

2. Create in the user namespace a page for example *user:Jarekt/subst* place there following code that includes above list:

```
{{{{{|safesubst:}}#switch:{{{1|}}}  
|Bernhard Windscheid=Q62966  
|Karl Matthäus Winter=Q18908122  
|Eduard von Winterstein=Q85051  
}}
```

3. IN AWB do find-replace or append operation while each time you need your new page specific text you use

```
{{subst:User:Jarekt/subst|{{subst:PAGENAME}}}}
```

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- The following solution can be used with variety of tools like AWB, VisualFileChange, or other tools, without any modification.
- Warning: test your early edits to verify it works, as there are not safety wheels here
- Make sure every page you edit is in your template, otherwise your edit will be nonsense.

# Tip #2: touch bot

- Problem:
  - Often (in my line of work) pages and maintenance categories depend on other pages, and are not updated properly if other page changes.
- Example:
  - Template maintenance categories highlighting some issue. If template is used on a lot of pages after template change it might take a lot of time before pages are removed from the category
  - Maintenance category that depend on accompanying page with wikidata, does not update after changes on Wikidata
- Solution
  - In AWB, VisualFileChange or other mass edit tool append empty line to each page. The page will be updated while your edit will not be added to page edit history or anybody's watchlist.
- Equivalent to:
  - <https://github.com/Hutchy68/pywiki-bot/blob/master/scripts/touch.py>
  - [\[mw: Manual:Pywikibot/touch.py\]](#)

But does not require specialized tool