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Input to MediaWiki should be NFC-normalized UTF-8. MediaWiki may attempt to convert other input, but this may cause some operations (such as [edits](#) with MD5 checks) to fail.

Some parameter types in API requests need further explanation:

boolean

Boolean parameters work like HTML checkboxes: if the parameter is specified, regardless of value, it is considered true. For a false value, omit the parameter entirely.

timestamp

Timestamps may be specified in several formats, see [the Timestamp library input formats documented on mediawiki.org](#) for details. ISO 8601 date and time is recommended: *2001-01-15T14:56:00Z*. Additionally, the string *now* may be used to specify the current timestamp.

alternative multiple-value separator

Parameters that take multiple values are normally submitted with the values separated using the pipe character, e.g.

`param=value1|value2` or `param=value1%7Cvalue2`. If a value must contain the pipe character, use U+001F (Unit Separator) as the separator *and* prefix the value with U+001F, e.g.

`param=%1Fvalue1%1Fvalue2`.

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