

# ACTION\_ACT\_PREPROCESS

dataentry event

Description:	Handling ?do= actions
DefaultAction:	Dokuwiki's own processing of the \$ACT value
Preventable:	yes
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This event allows you to catch any action mode passed to the DokuWiki dispatcher [act\\_dispatch\(\)](#) in [inc/actions.php](#) before it begins to process the \$ACT variable itself.

The AFTER action is never performed on a successful save.

## Passed Data

The passed [Doku\\_Event](#) has the field \$data.

\$data is a string or array containing the \$ACT value (the do variable in the query string - uncleaned). See [act\\_clean\(\)](#) for an example of cleaning.

Add a BEFORE event handler to process your action. Check the \$data field for the correct action name. Also use an unique action name to avoid collisions.

Use `preventDefault()` to skip DokuWiki's processing of the action. \$data is a reference to the [\\$ACT](#) variable, so assigning another action string to the \$data field will be noticed outside your event handler.

The AFTER event handler lets you handle actions after performing DokuWiki's default action handling (attention: can be eventually skipped by `preventDefault()`). Due to handling of actions by plugins and DokuWiki itself the AFTER event handler can be reached with another action than you expect at first sight. Please be aware it.

## See also

- Code related to this event used in any DokuWiki's files, plugins and templates
- [Action Plugins](#)
- [Events](#)
- This event prepares for use of [TPL\\_ACT\\_UNKNOWN](#)

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