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Workflows

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**A multi-step community process
that involves discussion
and ends with a decision.**

Workflows on English WP

Administrator's noticeboards ♦ Articles for creation ♦ Articles for deletion ♦ Bots/Requests for approval ♦ Categories for discussion ♦ Conflict of interest/Noticeboard ♦ Dispute resolution ♦ Edit filter/Requested ♦ Editor assistance/Requests ♦ Featured article candidates ♦ Featured article review ♦ Featured list candidates ♦ Featured picture candidates ♦ Files for deletion ♦ Good article nominations ♦ Good article review ♦ Miscellany for deletion ♦ Non-free content review ♦ Possibly unfree files ♦ Redirects for discussion ♦ Requested edits ♦ Requested moves ♦ Requests for adminship ♦ Requests for arbitration ♦ Requests for closure ♦ Requests for comment ♦ Requests for history move ♦ Requests for mediation ♦ Requests for page protection ♦ Requests for unblock ♦ Requests for undeletion ♦ Sockpuppet investigations ♦ Template talk: Did you know nominations ♦ Templates for discussion ...

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With limited software support,
wiki communities have been very creative at
using workarounds to get important work done.

There are helpful community-created tools like **Twinkle**,
but only for a few processes, only on some wikis,
and they rely upon user-discovery in the preferences pages.

Workarounds for Workflows

Manually Nominating an Article for Deletion on ENwiki:

Put the deletion tag `{{subst:afd1}}` at the top of the article page. Include in the edit summary: “AFD: Nominated for deletion; see `[[Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/PageName]]`, with the name of the page filled in. When the page is saved, click on the redlink for “this article’s entry” in the instructions box. That takes you to the edit window for “Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/PageName”. Insert this template: `{{subst:afd2 | pg=PageName | cat=Category | text =Why the page should be deleted.}}` ~~~~ The categories include: cat=M (Media and music), cat=O (Organization, corporation or product), cat=B (Biographical), cat=S (Society), cat=W (Web or internet), cat=G (Games or sports), cat=T (Science and technology), cat=F (Fiction and the arts), cat=P (Places and transportation), cat=I (Indiscernible or unclassifiable topic), cat=U (Debate not yet sorted). Include in the edit summary: “Creating deletion discussion for `[[PageName]]`”. Watch the page to follow the discussion. Go to `Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Log/Today’s Date` (using the form Year Month Day). At the top of the list, add a template: `{{subst:afd3 | pg = PageName}}`.

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And then you can begin the discussion.

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Where is **the next generation** of experienced people going to come from?

What's the path for people who are currently active content editors that helps them learn to use and maintain these increasingly complex tools?

Structured discussions

The AfD workflow uses templates, subpages and transclusion because those workarounds enable structured discussions.



Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Smileycoin

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< Wikipedia:Articles for deletion

Smileycoin [edit source]

Smileycoin (edit | talk | history | links | watch | logs | views) – (View log · Stats)

(*Find sources:* "Smileycoin" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · highbeam · JSTOR)

Utterly non-notable cryptocurrency. — RHaworth (talk · contribs) 21:30, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

- Delete.** No sources are provided which indicate notability; the page creator's edit summary "*This page is about an electronic currency used for a purpose never used before, i.e. rewarding students in an open educational environment*" is insufficient without reliable sources to indicate it, and maybe not even then as WP:TOOSOON.

331dot (talk) 21:32, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

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Categories: AfD debates (Not yet sorted) | AfD debates

You can watch the subpage to get notifications about this specific discussion.

Template:afd2 puts all of the important links at the top.

Templates add categories that populate the backlog.

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The subpage is transcluded onto the log or noticeboard. This board page is just a collection of transcluded topics.

Many workflows on enwiki use this workaround, including Peer review, Copyright problems and Featured article candidates.

Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Log/2015 January 1

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No reliable sources verify WP:V the notability WP:GNG of this railcar. The sources so far also do not prove WP:SIGCOV significant coverage. It is therefore likely this is not a suitable subject for a standalone article. AadaamS (talk) 20:57, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Rob Young (writer) [edit source]

Rob Young (writer) (edit | talk | history | links | watch | logs | views) – (View AfD · Stats)
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NN writer/editor. While the magazine he edits may be notable (not convinced), this individual does not appear to pass WP:GNG at all - the mini-bios on pubs he contributed to don't make the "significant coverage in reliable sources that are independent of the subject" grade.

Note that there are other writers named Rob Young, for example the screenplay writer at www.robyoung.info The Dissident Aggressor 20:50, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

- Redirect** to *Electric Eden*. Deleting g the information on *EE* from his article should have been an indication. It's very

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As the Collaboration team builds structured discussions, we want to use the power of that model to make workflows more efficient, and help more people understand and focus on the processes and the discussions that matter the most to them.

Moai characteristics

1 comment • a minute ago



DannyH (WMF)



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Reply

Reply to "Moai characteristics"



You can watch the topic to get notifications about that specific discussion.

The board is a collection of topics, which can be sorted, searched and filtered in many different ways.

Talk:Moai

Moai characteristics

1 comment • a minute ago



DannyH (WMF) ([Talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#))



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Reply

Edited a minute ago

Reply to "Moai characteristics"

Need source for classification table

1 comment • 4 minutes ago



DannyH (WMF)



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Edited 4 minutes ago

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Building workflows as software

It would be relatively simple to build ENwiki's Articles for Deletion as software.
You create an entry point, and a form that asks for three things:

Article name

Reason for deletion

Choose a category

Hit “submit”, and the software adds
all the relevant templates in all the relevant places,
and creates the discussion topic.

But we'd have to build workflows **for every language and every project**.

For example, **French WP**'s workflows are different:

Articles de qualité/Propositions ♦ Articles de qualité/Propositions/Contestations ♦
Bons contenus/Propositions ♦ Bons contenus/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Bons
articles/Propositions ♦ Bons articles/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Bot/Requêtes
♦ Bot/Statut ♦ Contenus de qualité/Propositions ♦ Contenus de
qualité/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Demande de protection de page ♦
Demande d'intervention sur un message système ♦ Demande d'intervention sur
une page protégée ♦ Demande de purge d'historique ♦ Demande de fusion d'
historiques ♦ Demande de restauration de page ♦ Demande d'intervention sur
un filtre ♦ Forum des nouveaux ♦ Forum des nouveaux/relecture ♦ Le saviez-
vous ?/Anecdotes proposées ♦ Pages à créer ♦ Pages à supprimer ♦ Pages à
fusionner ♦ Questions techniques ♦ Requête aux administrateurs ♦ Signalement
d'un faux positif ♦ Vérificateur d'adresses IP/Requêtes ♦ Vandalisme en cours ...

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We need to break workflows down to their common components,
and create a **Workflow Pattern Builder**
that will help experienced users
create and maintain the discussion patterns.

Workflow Pattern Builder

Name of pattern:

Where it's used:

☐ Specific page:

☐ Any article talk page

☐ Any user talk page

☐ Any talk page

Starting the discussion (Form Creator)

Set up how a user will begin this workflow.

Instructions for the user starting the discussion:

Field 1: Required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

User name
Article name
Custom field

Field 2: Required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

User name
Article name
Custom field

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▼

Discussion format

Set up how the discussion will appear.

Discussion title:

Page title
User name
Custom field

Templates or text for top of discussion:

Subheadings

Specify how subheadings will be used in the discussion.

- ☐ No subheadings
- ☐ Allow custom subheadings when the discussion is created
- ☐ Fixed subheadings

(number of fields will expand if there are more than 3)

- ☐ Allow participants to create subheadings as the discussion is going on
- ☐ Allow checklist format
- A checklist format lets users create a checklist of items to be discussed, with a subthread under each item.

Voting options

Set up how users can express approval or disapproval.

Any voting choice will include a custom field for users to express a more nuanced position.

- ☐ No voting
- ☐ Yes / No / custom
- ☐ Support / Oppose / Neutral / custom
- ☐ Keep / Delete / Strong / Weak / Speedy / Comment / custom

If voting is enabled, choose whether a tally of votes will be displayed:

- ☐ No vote tally
- ☐ Display vote tally with numbers
- ☐ Display vote tally as a pie chart, without exact numbers

Announcing and Listing

Set up who gets notified, and where a new entry is listed.

☐ Notify user:

☐ Add to list:

☐ Post template:

Template text:

Resolution

Set up how a discussion is resolved, and who can resolve it.

Time limit ☐ No ☐ Yes days

Who can resolve?

Anyone
Logged-in users
Autoconfirmed users
Admins

Post resolution summary: ☐ Top of discussion ☐ Bottom of discussion

Text for top:

Text for bottom:

Can it be reopened? ☐ No ☐ Yes

☐ Notify user:

Preview

Save

The next few slides show
a draft wireframe
that the Collaboration team
is currently working on,
as a model for how we could
approach this phase
of the project.

The wireframe shows an on-wiki
form that an experienced user
would fill out, creating a new
Workflow Pattern
that other people would use.

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What information will the user need to provide to start the discussion?

Discussion format

Set up how the discussion will appear..

Discussion title: ▼

Page title

User name

Custom field

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for top of discussion:

When this kind of discussion starts, is there a standard template or text posted at the top of the thread?

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A checklist format lets users create a checklist of items to be discussed, with a subthread under each item.

Does this pattern need a specific set of subheadings?

Does the person opening the discussion need to come up with relevant subheadings when the discussion starts?

Does this type of discussion need a bullet-point checklist, with small sub-threads under each item?

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Does this process use voting options like Support/Oppose or Keep/Delete?

Should it just display each vote with the comment, or tally up the votes?

Are there logs where the discussion needs to be listed?

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Can it be reopened? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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Preview

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Is there a specific time limit on this type of discussion?

Should there be a special Echo notification that alerts people a day before the time expires?

Do you need special user rights to close a discussion, or can anyone do it?

If the person closing the discussion writes a summary of the decision, should that be at the top or the bottom of the thread?

Supporting workflows: Beyond transclusion

Special:FlowFeed

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

☰ Browse topics

Recently active topics

Easter Island

Rongorongo

1 comment · a minute ago



...

[Cronopio](#)

Is Rongorongo still undeciphered? has anybody found a rosetta stone for it? It would be interesting to know why is so hard to understand.

[Reply](#) · [Thank](#)

Reply to "Rongorongo"

Moai

How the moai moved?

3 comments · a day ago



...

[Cronopio](#)

There has not been a fresh idea on how this worked since like '98. Luckily, TRUtv has shown the way Moai moved...

[Reply](#) · [Thank](#)

[Fama](#)

Is there any evidence of this?

[Reply](#) · [Thank](#)

[Ludmilla](#)

I thought it was commonly accepted that wheels were used.

[Reply](#) · [Thanks](#)

Reply to "How the moai moved?"

Structured discussions don't have to be tied to one page. They can be moved around and remixed to create useful tools.

For example: **a personal feed** on a Special page that shows all of the discussions that you're currently watching.

You could use this as your **inbox**, or as a **to-do list**, checking off or and dismissing topics from the page.

(Note: This isn't built yet, but we've started work on it.)

Supporting Workflows: Search and filter discussions

Talk:Earth

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

↓

Skip to table of contents

↓

This is the **talk page** for discussing improvements to the **Earth** article.

- This is **not a forum** for general discussion of the article's subject.
- Put new text under old text. [Click here to start a new topic](#).
- Please sign and date your posts by typing four tildes (`~~~~`).
- New to Wikipedia? **Welcome!** Ask questions, get answers.

- Be *polite*, and welcoming to new users
- Assume good faith
- Avoid personal attacks
- For disputes, *seek* dispute resolution

Article policies

- No original research
- Neutral point of view
- Verifiability

Archives: Index, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

orbit

Search archives

On Talk:Earth, if you're looking for all of the previous discussions about the planet's orbit, you can do a **keyword search for "orbit"** in the header template.

Search results

[Help:Searching](#)

orbit prefix:Talk:Earth/

Search

Results 1 - 17 of 17

[Content pages](#) [Multimedia](#) [Everything](#) [Advanced](#)

[Talk:Earth/Archive 2](#) (section [Humans living in orbit](#))

that the very next line of the article explains what "nearly" means; "In **orbit** about Earth: 2 astronauts (November 28, 2003), on board the International
31 KB (5,074 words) - 07:11, 7 July 2011

[Talk:Earth/rewrite](#) (section [Orbit and rotation](#))

which one natural satellite (the Moon) comfortably **orbits**. Earth has at least one known co-**orbital** asteroid, 3753 Cruithne. Main article: Moon Earth
24 KB (3,111 words) - 11:07, 21 March 2008

[Talk:Earth/Archive 10](#) (section [Slowing of the earths orbit](#))

true that the gravitational pull of the sun and moon causes the earths **orbit** of the sun and the earths rotation to slow down ever so slightly. if it
52 KB (7,113 words) - 07:16, 7 July 2011

[Talk:Earth/Archive 9](#) (section [Orbit and rotation image](#))

June 2008 (UTC) A little **ORBITAL** CHARACTERISTICS addition for us simple people ? We're also **orbiting** Sol at 66,622.17 mph . . . —Preceding
190 KB (27,699 words) - 07:14, 7 July 2011

You get search results like this, which shows the relevant archive pages, with a discussion title that matches the keyword.

You're looking for all of the discussions about the orbit, so from here **you'll probably open a bunch of pages** in separate tabs, and use ctrl-F to look for the keyword.

How The Moai Moved

Reply

Cronopio

There has not been a fresh idea on how this worked since like '98. Luckily, TRUtv has shown the way Moai moved.

Long story short, the core investigation that needs to place is this: Did the inhabitants of Easter Island use sails to move the Moai from central


With structured discussions, we can display **all of the matches on the same page**, no matter how old the discussion is.



(Note: This isn't built yet, but we're working on it now.)

Search bar containing "Moai" and navigation icons. A blue circle highlights the "Table of Contents" icon (three horizontal lines with a subscript 3).


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<div><div>Omphalos</div><div>★</div><div>4</div></div>
<div><div><div><div>🕒 Recent activity</div><div>▼</div></div><div><div>👤 Participant</div><div>▼</div></div><div><div>★</div></div><div><div>✉</div><div>▼</div></div><div><div>⋮</div></div></div><div>3 of 230 topics</div></div>


We can also show the search results as a **mini-Table of Contents**, displaying the number of times the keyword is used in that thread, and whether you're watching or have participated in that thread or not.





 Cronopio 


Search this board



21


Advanced search







Open


Closed






Cronopio

+ More users





Activity 

Last visit


Last week

Last month





Sort by newest



Showing 21 topics of 1200 with current filtering options.

Clear all filters

Advanced filters can provide many options to help you find the discussions you're looking for:

- whether the discussion is open or closed
- who participated in the discussion
- whether it happened yesterday or six months ago

Collaborating with the Collaboration team

There's a lot of work ahead to turn these ideas into features!
We need to work with **experienced editors** to design and build workflow supports that people really need.

The project's main talk page: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Talk:Flow>

You can reach us through our Mediawiki.org talk pages:

Danny Horn, product manager - [[User talk:DannyH (WMF)]]

Roan Kattouw, tech lead - [[User talk:Roan Kattouw (WMF)]]

Pau Giner, UX design - [[User talk:Pginer-WMF]]

Nick Wilson, community lead - [[User talk:Quiddity (WMF)]]

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