Let's Put Policies in Peoples' Hands

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Offer people actionable feedback about policies while they are editing.
Edit Check

Prompt people to add sources *when* they forget to do so
Two years ago...

Editing the Wiki Way
Software and the Future of Editing

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Overview

How might we evolve our software to help newcomers make edits that fit our policies and grow into thriving contributors?
Interfaces do not make people aware of the policies they are expected to follow.
Guidance comes at inopportune times...too soon, too late, or not at all.
Impact

Newcomers feel unwelcome and question whether Wikipedia is a place where they belong.
Experienced volunteers repeat themselves and grow tired.
What has happened since 2021?
Community Conversations

Hosted community calls each month, for the past 11 months
Findings

- References are necessary and not sufficient
- "If not us, then who?"
- No firm rules
- Encourage interaction
- Learn by doing
- Explicitness is Important
- Help is hard to find
Findings

Moment 1
PROOFREADING

Moment 2
PUBLISHING

Moment 3
SUMMARIZING

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Hypothesis

If we surface relevant feedback in the moments when people are editing Wikipedia, and equip them with the know-how and tools necessary to act on this guidance...

...they will make changes they are proud of and the people reviewing edits consider valuable.
Evaluating Success

Proportion of new content edits that are reverted

Proportion of new content edits that include references
Where are now?

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Plan

Today

Moderation | Editing | Moderation

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Try it out for yourself

1. **Visit:**

2. **Tap** any edit pencil to start an edit, using the Visual Editor

3. **Add** a 2-3 sentences of new text

4. **Publish** the edit
Getting involved

[[mw:Edit check]]
receive updates

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[[mw:Editing team/Community Conversations]]
join community calls