A central place to link key technical docs

[[mw:Developer_Advocacy/Developer_Portal]]
A problem

"Upon arriving on the MediaWiki and Wikitech home pages, I was instantly lost." -- Ashwin on https://diff.wikimedia.org/2014/03/27/tech-discovery-report-what-is-this-wikitech-thing-anyway

"MediaWiki documentation is not only infamously incomplete, but also terribly scattered." -- Waldyrious on https://www.mediawiki.org/w/index.php?title=User:Waldyrious/Docs&oldid=3508945
Welcome to Wikimedia Zulipchat. Here are some resources on getting started:

- **How to contribute** - learn about different areas where you can get involved.
- A new developers guide and **How to be a MediaWiki hacker** that cover some basics about Wikimedia's open-source culture.
- **Software projects** that you can look into. The skills required for each project are also mentioned here.
- Some **good first bugs** you can start with.
- Language-specific Phabricator tasks like **Javascript**, **CSS**, etc.

You can join the #technical-support channel to get technical help related to Wikimedia projects. Feel free to ask any questions on #general!

Type `help` for a full list of available commands.
Documentation is out of date, incomplete (tracking)

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So far

- Reviewed previous approaches to (re)organize Wikimedia docs
- Interviews with engineers to gather use cases, key docs, workflows: [[mw:Developer_Advocacy/Developer_Portal#Key_themes_from_conversations]]
- Looked into developer portals of other organizations
- Looked at existing doc pages on our wikis

- Published a first content draft / proposal: [[mw:Developer_Advocacy/Developer_Portal/Content_Draft]]
Build tools, gadgets and bots for your Wikimedia community

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Finding your path:
One entry point

- Find
- Discover
- Learn
Help!

We need your feedback about that content proposal. Check [[mw:Developer Advocacy/Developer Portal/Content Draft]]

- Do you think this kind of portal would help you or others find relevant docs?
- Does the general structure make sense to you?
- Do you miss any important areas or important links (which ones)?
- Is there anything unclear or that could be improved?
Next: The developer portal

- Finalize the content draft based on your feedback
- Check the linked docs for correctness and make improvements
- Implement and launch the central place (2022)
Next: The bigger picture
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- Review and improve documentation practices and processes (structure, locations, navigation, stewardship, etc)
  - Look into [[mw:Documentation/Maturity model for MediaWiki technical documentation]] as a potential base for criteria (no process □ ad-hoc □)
  - ...) - allow to define which docs are more mature than others?
  - Improve guidance so everyone can create better docs - developers, technical writers, you.
Thoughts, comments, feedback?


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