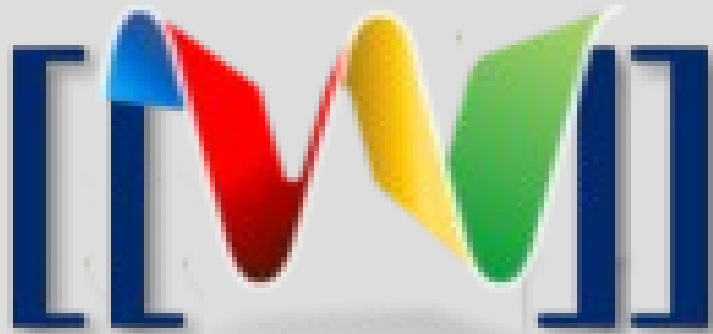# MediaWiki Wave

The best of both worlds..

History

- Usability has always been important for us
- Uniwiki extensions
  - Is used by a bank we work for
  - Is of interest to Kennisnet
- We have been in contact with the WMF usability initiative throughout

Wave

- It brings together many of the best things of:
  - E-mail
  - Wiki
  - Chat
  - Collaborative editing
- We like what it can do for the Wiki environment
  - Real time collaborative editing
  - WYSIWYG

MediaWiki

- Is a brilliant multi lingual platform
- It allows for collaborative content creation
- it provides scalable low cost hosting HOWEVER
- New people have problems joining in the fun
  - The edit window shows its age
  - The syntax of templates is horrible
  - The wikitext takes time to master

MediaWiki Wave project

- Our aim is to bring a more modern interface to Wiki editing
  - Hide the Wiki syntax
  - Pop up objects when requested
- Provide real time collaborative editing
  - Either in WYSIWYG or in standard mode
  - Synchronise what are effectively two Waves

Project time-line

- Access to sandbox for development
- Google workshop in California
- Demo WMF Office, New York and Wikimania
- Keep up with changes to API's
- Test with 100 real time users
- Provide Wave sandbox access to MediaWiki developers
- This project will end end of September
  - Demonstrates the versatility of Wave
  - It is not only about e-mail

Show stoppers

- Internationalisation !!
- Tables are not yet supported
- Wave is still very much under development
  - It is incomplete
  - Functionality is more important then performance
  - The sources for much of Wave are yet to be released
  HOWEVER
- For the Wikimedia Foundation this is a lab project

Sources

- Google project: mediawikiwave
- Blog: mediawikiwave.blogspot.com
- Twitter: MediawikiWave
- Forum: MediawikiWave

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