visual editor

Quarterly Review: 2013-14 Q2 & Q3 (1 October 2013 – 31 March 2014)

26 March 2014

AGENDA

- Our goals and objectives

- Progress in 2013/14 Q2 & Q3

- Proposed work for Q4

- Questions and general discussion

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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OBJECTIVES

- Be the best editor for all Wikimedia users

- Make edits easy and simple for everyone

- Be the main, default editor for WMF wikis

- Be the default editor for MediaWiki

- Be a great editor for non-MediaWiki sites

- Encourage an ecosystem of developers

- Add missing editing tools (e.g. tables)

- Improve existing editing tools (e.g. links)

- Improve language support (e.g. variants)

- Improve performance, stability, scalability

- Improve ease of use for third parties

PROGRESS IN 2013/14 Q2 & Q3

OBJECTIVES FOR Q2 & Q3

- Significantly simplify the template editing experience to make it clearer and easier.

- Add an easy, prominent editing mode for citations, so users are encouraged and helped to do the right thing when editing.

- Add image editing tools for common, basic changes like putting it on the left.

- Make rich copy-and-paste widely reliable.

- Align the surface closer to what users expect, with non-extant links shown red.

- Improve the support for users' browsers.

- Improve the speed of the editor for users so that they spend more time making edits, and less time waiting for things.

- Work with other teams across WMF to embed VE into their work.

WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 1

- Reference citation templates (_cue demo_)

- Basic media dialog (_size, location, type, alt_)

- Advanced media dialog (_align, link, border_)

- Rich text copy-and-paste

- Red links shown as red, stubs as purple

- HTML comments and hidden content

- In-line & block-level language settings

- Galleries, equations & code block editing

- Better browser support

- Extensibility and plug-in architecture

- Ability to bail from VE into wikitext mode

- Basic table structure editing

WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 2

• Set/change first behavioural magic words

• Work with Flow for VE in Flow boards

• Work with Mobile for VE on tablet

• Work with Multimedia for in-page upload

• Work with Language for variants editing

• Drag-&-drop updating Table of Contents

• Deploy for all supported namespaces

• Deploy to private wikis

• Initial deployments to non-Wikipedias

• Make slugs less odd (outline mode?)

• Re-consider "content munging"

• Stability/performance/scalability (*on-going*)

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – I

- Reference citation templates — **In testing**; in production next fortnight

  - Currently undertaking user testing and design validation of phase I

  - Auto-filling values based on ISBN, DOI or Web link (phase II) scheduled for Q4

- Basic media dialog (*size, location, type, alt*) — **Done**

- Advanced media dialog (*align, link, border*) — **Partially met**

  - Some options done, others not yet due to competing concerns

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 2

- Rich text copy-and-paste — **Done**

- Red links shown as red, ~~stubs as purple~~ — **Done**

- HTML comments and hidden content — **Not met**, some work done

  - Preparatory work underway; design work not yet done due to competing concerns

- In-line & block-level language settings — **Not met**, some work done

  - Preparing to release in-line setting as a Beta Feature; de-prioritised over other work

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 3

- Galleries, equations & code block editing — **Partially met**

  - Equation editor was released as the first Beta Feature with positive feedback

  - Source code editor bug-fixing is de-prioritised due to completing concerns

  - An interim, basic gallery editor was released, but isn't very good

- Better browser support — **Not met**, some work done

  - On-going investigations of reasons for Internet Explorer incompatibility

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 4

- Extensibility and plug-in architecture — **Done**

- Ability to bail from VE into wikitext mode — **Done**

- Basic table structure editing — **Not met**

  - De-prioritised; design work not yet done due to competing concerns

- Set/change first behavioural magic words (redirect, disabling TOC, ~~title over-ride~~) — **Done**

  - Setting title over-ride not yet complete (de-prioritised as less important)

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 5

- Work with Flow to integrate VisualEditor — **Stalled**

  - Initial collaboration stalled due to other priorities in the Flow team

- Work with Mobile to make available as part of their tablet offering — **Started** (on-going)

- Work with Multimedia to do in-page media upload — **Started** (initial work starting)

- Work with Language to do language variants editing — **Not started**

- Drag-&-drop updating Table of Contents — **Not met**, mostly done

PROGRESS ON WORK FOR Q2 & Q3 – 6

- Deploy for all supported namespaces on all deployed WMF wikis — **Done**

- Deploy to (some) private Wikimedia wikis — **Done**

- Initial deployments to non-Wikipedias — **Done** (per community invitation)

- Re-consider "content munging" — **Not met**

- Make slugs less odd (outline mode?) — **Done**

- Stability/performance/scalability — **Done** (on-going)

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EXPECTATIONS FOR 2013/14 Q4

OBJECTIVES FOR Q4

- Making citations even easier with auto-filled values based on ISBN, Web link, *etc.* so users can add citations very quickly.

- Provide an easy way for users to upload new media items to Commons and use them on the page mid-edit.

- Add image editing tools for less common, "power user" advanced changes like giving an image a different link.

- Improve and release the tool that makes it easier to edit templates' information for all wikis so that VE users get helpful hints.

- Work on non-Wikipedia editing tools.

- Improve the support for users' browsers.

- Improve the speed of the editor for users so that they spend more time making edits, and less time waiting for things.

PROPOSED WORK FOR Q4

- Auto-filled citations based on URL, ISBN…

- In-page upload to Commons of media files

- HTML comments and hidden content

- Equation editing for all users

- Showing a Table of Contents mid-edit

- Deploy TemplateData GUI editor for all

- Rich nested template editing

- In-line & block-level language settings

- Page options like language link editing

- Basic table structure editing (row/column)

- Better browser support

- Stability/performance/scalability (*on-going*)

DEFERRED WORK FROM Q4

- Real-time collaboration

- Drag-&-drop of non-image content

- Editor switching mid-edit

- Arbitrary user CSS

- Non-template transclusions

- Every single possible media setting

- Putting VE & WT into one edit tab

- Stable 3rd party release of VisualEditor

- Getting VisualEditor bundled into the 3rd party release of MediaWiki

QUESTIONS?