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AGENDA

• Our goals and objectives
• Progress in 2013/14 Q2 & Q3
• Proposed work for Q4
• Questions and general discussion
GOALS & OBJECTIVES
GOALS

• 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

OBJECTIVES

• 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 – 1

• 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)
SUMMARY OF WORK FOR Q2 & Q3

✓ Reference citation templates
✓ 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
SUMMARY OF WORK FOR Q2 & Q3

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... Work with Flow for VE in Flow boards

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✓ Stability/performance/scalability (on-going)
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?