

Beyond talk pages: **Supporting collaboration with Flow**

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**What's so great about people
talking on wikis anyway?**



Talk page **value**



Talk page values

Encourage thoughtful, ongoing conversations

Everything is archived

Integrated with history, contributions

They're free-form, so they can be used for many different things

Talk page **pain points**



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This is a **talk page**. Please respect the [talk page guidelines](#), and remember to [sign your posts](#) by typing four tildes (~~~~).

Where to write?

Where to reply?

The Mystery of the Colons #::*:::

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Watchlist as notifications

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Following dozens of ongoing conversations across many different pages

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Talk page pain points: Experienced Users

Using diffs to see new messages,
scanning down the page

Finding the conversation that you're interested
in -- sorting, searching, archiving

The screenshot displays a diff view of a talk page conversation. It features a central column of text with a minus sign (-) on the left and a plus sign (+) on the right. The text in the center is surrounded by a yellow border, while the text on the right is surrounded by a blue border. The text on the right is bolded and includes a ping. Below the main text, there are two sections labeled "Line 48:" and "Line 108:". The "Line 48:" section shows a message with a yellow border on the left and a blue border on the right. The "Line 108:" section shows a message with a yellow border on the left and a blue border on the right. The text in the "Line 108:" section is bolded and includes a ping. The text in the "Line 108:" section is bolded and includes a ping.

Diff view showing message changes:

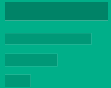
- Left side (minus):
 - Message 1: `::Hi Austin. Unfortunately, the short answer is no. Your account needs to be [[WP:Autoconfirmed|autoconfirmed]] in order to upload files. Note that the requirement is you must wait 4 days and make 10 edits—not necessarily to the same article. Also, I had a look through your edit history and I noticed [[Draft:Element 74]]. Note that non-free content can only exist in the main article space, meaning if you want to add a non-free logo for Element 74, you will have wait until the draft becomes an article before you can add the logo. I'm really sorry for the inconveniences. Best, [[User:Mz7|Mz7]] ([[User talk:Mz7|talk]]) 16:41, 8 July 2014 (UTC)`
 - Message 2: `==Javascript not working==`
 - Message 3: `Would you agree, then, that the doc is misleading? I think it means, "for the code to work, all list-defined references must be named." If it's misleading, should I fix that myself? [[User:Mandruss|Mandruss]] ([[User talk:Mandruss|talk]]) 11:02, 8 July 2014 (UTC)`
- Right side (plus):
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 - Message 2: `==Javascript not working==`
 - Message 3: `::[[ping| Mz7]] Hi Mz7, I'm completely new to Wikipedia and I didn't realize that there were conflict rules. I got your message regarding that. If I send a draft to you, can you review it and post it and then there is no conflict?[[User:Austin|bollinger|Austin J Bollinger]] ([[User talk:Austin|bollinger|talk]]) 18:27, 8 July 2014 (UTC)`
 - Message 4: `Would you agree, then, that the doc is misleading? I think it means, "for the code to work, all list-defined references must be named." If it's misleading, should I fix that myself? [[User:Mandruss|Mandruss]] ([[User talk:Mandruss|talk]]) 11:02, 8 July 2014 (UTC)`
 - Message 5: `:Your interpretation is correct and I see that the section could be misread. The guidelines in that section refer to the references that are listed inside the reflist template, not those that are the usual inline citations. All the references after "ref=" in the template need to be named. Further down (but in the same bullet list, which can be confusing) it says you can mix the two types of references in an article. Feel free to change the wording. [[User:StarryGrandma|StarryGrandma]] ([[User talk:StarryGrandma|talk]]) 19:26, 8 July 2014 (UTC)`

Flow themes

More accessible for new users

More efficient for experienced users

Never miss a message



Simple use cases



Plot [\[edit\]](#)

I agree with the tagline. These plot synopses are way too long. Who's going to read all of that? Surely it would be better just as a single paragraph? According to [Wikipedia:Plot summaries](#), the plot summary should be between 200 and 500 words - this one is over 2000! --[Tuzapicabit \(talk\)](#) 11:44, 28 July 2008 (UTC)

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Funnily enough, I was tempted to do so, but knowing how people jump on these Doctor Who articles, I figured that I'd get pounced on and my work would be reverted. Still, we'll see. (Who said that? Pascal, Twain, Cicero and a host of others apparently - but I did look for it!--[Tuzapicabit \(talk\)](#) 18:01, 18 November 2008 (UTC)

OK, done. It still seems quite detailed at 800 words, but still, that's less than half what it was.--[Tuzapicabit \(talk\)](#) 19:28, 18 November 2008 (UTC)

Thank you! - Georges Méliès [\[edit\]](#)

I sent you an automated thank you earlier in the day (and have absolutely no idea what it did - nothing seems to have appeared here or on your user page), but wanted to personally express my appreciation for your recent edits to Georges Méliès related articles. I had done quite a bit of work on [his filmography page](#) several months ago, but by the time I had finished, it was still far from being in good shape. While it certainly isn't within sight of completion yet, your contributions have done a lot to help. I left a few questions for you on the the [Talk Page](#) and hope that you are able to continue improving it. :) --[Jpcase \(talk\)](#) 23:10, 8 June 2013 (UTC)

Not to worry, I received a notification immediately -- and greatly appreciated it! I'll keep working on the page when I have spare moments, using the two Flickr Alley collections as well as other published sources, and I'll try to answer your talk page questions to satisfaction. Glad to be of help!--[Lemuellio \(talk\)](#) 23:27, 8 June 2013 (UTC)



Simple use case: Mentorship & Help spaces

Can an edit summary be corrected? [Join this discussion](#) [\[edit\]](#)

I finger-checked a piped link in an edit summary, failing to enter the pipe character. So the link doesn't work of course. It's an important link; is it possible to correct that? [Mandruss \(talk\)](#) 22:32, 7 July 2014 (UTC)

You could issue a [dummy edit](#) immediately after, correcting the link. [Tutelary \(talk\)](#) 22:35, 7 July 2014 (UTC)

Star Alliance protection [Join this discussion](#) [\[edit\]](#)

Hello fellow Wikipedians! I noticed that the article, [Star Alliance](#), was protected, so admins/template editors only can edit the article. Does anyone know the reason why this article was protected? Cheers! [Brandon \(MrWooHoo\)](#) • [Talk to Brandon!](#) 22:29, 7 July 2014 (UTC)

Ok, it seems to me the reason was:

(Protected Star Alliance: Edit warring / content dispute: to encourage talk page discussion ([Edit=Allow only template editors and admins] (expires 18:42, 11 July 2014 (UTC)) [Move=Allow only template editors and admins] (expires) (thank)

On the [talk page](#), they appeared to have consensus to not put Air India has a member. Where can I request unprotection? Should I ask [MilborneOne](#)? (the admin who protected the article)

Cheers! [Brandon \(MrWooHoo\)](#) • [Talk to Brandon!](#) 22:32, 7 July 2014 (UTC)

[@MrWooHoo](#): Yes, the first step is to ask the admin who protected the article to remove the protection. If you can't reach MilborneOne, or he declines to remove the protection and you still think it should be removed after discussing the matter with him, you can go to [WP:RFUP](#) and file a request that the protection be removed, following the instructions at the top of the page. (If what you want to do is make a specific edit to the page, you can propose it on the article's talk page, putting `{{Edit protected}}` at the top of the section you create.) [Deor \(talk\)](#) 02:38, 8 July 2014 (UTC)




Challenging use cases




Challenging use case: Notices & Warnings

September 2011 [\[edit source\]](#)

 Thank you for [your contributions](#) to [Wikipedia](#). Before saving your changes to an article, please provide an [edit summary](#), which you forgot to do before saving your recent edit to [Jane Eyre](#). Doing so helps everyone understand the intention of your edit (and prevents legitimate edits from being mistaken for [vandalism](#)). It is also helpful to users reading the edit history of the page. Thank you. [Trafford09 \(talk\)](#) 07:54, 15 September 2011 (UTC)


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July 2012 [\[edit source\]](#)


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- ClueBot NG makes very few [mistakes](#), but it does happen. If you believe the change you made was constructive, please [read about it](#), [report it here](#) , remove this message from your talk page, and then make the edit again.
- For help, take a look at the [introduction](#).
- The following is the log entry regarding this message: [Greg Oden was changed](#)  by [64.184.97.2 \(u\)](#) **(t)** ANN scored at 0.965991 on 2014-08-07T20:02:22+00:00 . Thank you. [ClueBot NG \(talk\)](#) 20:02, 7 August 2014 (UTC)

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Challenging use case: Template / Category driven workflows

The following discussion is an archived debate of the proposed deletion of the article below.

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The result was **delete**. [Deor](#) ([talk](#)) 10:09, 7 August 2014 (UTC)

Mollen Immunization Clinics

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Non-notable, now-defunct obscure company. [Orange Mike](#) | [Talk](#) 23:05, 30 July 2014 (UTC)

- **Delete** web search for both news and other media shows lack of company coverage. Subject does not meet [WP:CORP](#) with little [coverage](#). [EuroCarGT](#) 23:39, 30 July 2014 (UTC)
- **Delete** per nom.--[Esprit15d](#) • [talk](#) • [contribs](#) 01:28, 31 July 2014 (UTC)
- **Delete** promotional article per [WP:CORPDEPTH](#). [Logical Cowboy](#) ([talk](#)) 01:42, 31 July 2014 (UTC)

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Complex use cases



Tidying up ^[edit]

This article contains a good deal of useful information on the topic, and is a good resource. I think it's time to consider it for Good Article listing. I'm going through the article tidying up a few issues before nominating it. I'll raise queries here as I go along. **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 10:11, 7 April 2013 (UTC)

See also

A See also section is generally not required by the time an article is at Good Article level, as it is expected that related topics would be mentioned (and linked) within the main body - per **WP:See also**. Why are the three tree cutting articles listed? **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 10:11, 7 April 2013 (UTC)

I don't think they need to be there. **Blackash have a chat** 03:35, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

I have removed all except **Fab Tree Hab**. **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 08:58, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

Fab Tree Hab

The See also section links to the **Fab Tree Hab** article. There is only one source for the topic. Is it notable enough for a stand alone article? I can see it being related to the **Tree shaping** article, and so perhaps a mention in the article itself is worth considering. Would it be worth considering merging the main points of the **Fab Tree Hab** article into **Tree shaping**, and then redirecting the title here? **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 10:29, 7 April 2013 (UTC)

- There are enough sources to keep the article as a stand alone: [1] [📄] - **Inhabitat**, [2] [📄] - **Big Think**, [3] [📄] - **Canada.com**. **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 10:39, 7 April 2013 (UTC)

Agree keep article. **Blackash have a chat** 03:35, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

I think it might be useful to have some information on **Fab Tree Hab** in the article. It can then be removed as a See also link. I don't think this is a priority though, and can be part of ongoing development. **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 08:58, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

The best section would be in **Plantings** for the future. As the **Fab Tree Hab** is still a concept. **Blackash have a chat** 12:12, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

added it in and will build it up some more over the next few days. **Blackash have a chat** 11:20, 14 April 2013 (UTC)

External links

The external links need looking at in reference to **WP:EL**. When an article is developing, some links can be useful to provide additional information, but at the point where an article is ready to be listed, the article should provide enough information to stand alone. Exceptions are listed at **WP:ELYES** and **WP:ELMAYBE**, such as copyright material, cast lists, etc. **SilkTork** ^{✓Tea time} 12:03, 7 April 2013 (UTC)

It seems we most likely we don't need the external links anymore then. **Blackash have a chat** 03:35, 10 April 2013 (UTC)

Time component

This section needs additional sources to support what is being said. However, I'm wondering a) how useful the information is to the general reader, and b) if it needs a

Complex use case: Voting

5. **Oppose.** I am just using Persondata to populate some missing birth/death dates in Wikidata; there are *hundreds of thousands* of statements that can be used on Wikidata. And if Wikidata were fully "populated", there is no reason to run bots to sync; the template can automatically show Wikidata information if no local data is set, and even add the page to a maintenance category if both is the case, so the information can be merged on Wikidata, and the local data can be removed. Once *that* is done everywhere, we can think about removing Persondata. Not before. --Magnus Manske (talk) 22:44, 21 July 2014 (UTC)

1. @Magnus Manske: I fear a misunderstanding; Persondata is not displayed in this wiki. When do you anticipate finishing your bot run? Andy Mabbett (Pigsonthewing); Talk to Andy; Andy's edits 08:42, 22 July 2014 (UTC)

1. I am aware that it is not displayed here. I have only just started with the bot; there are many cases (e.g. "fuzzy" dates) that I am not sure how to handle yet. IMO it would be beyond strange to destroy data in the Persondata template unless we can be sure it has been properly synchronized with Wikidata.

--Magnus Manske (talk) 09:13, 22 July 2014 (UTC)

1. @Magnus Manske: Thanks for the prompt response; I was referring to your "*the template can automatically show Wikidata information*" comment. Are you confident that the persondata you are importing is accurate and up-to-date? Do you check it against *visible* values in the infobox, or lede? Andy Mabbett (Pigsonthewing); Talk to Andy; Andy's edits 09:26, 22 July 2014 (UTC)

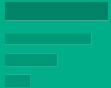
1. @Pigsonthewing: Probably the wrong place to discuss my bot's internals, but I also use the Infobox, and the German Personendaten template; I import the highest precision value into Wikidata, with "source". --Magnus Manske (talk) 12:18, 22 July 2014 (UTC)

6. **Oppose** People do use persondata. I am using the data extracted from Persondata on my own website to generate facts eg "Who is 50 years old today". Although my use may be regarded as trivial, it shows that Persondata is available for serious research - births and deaths of over a million notable people. A lot of people are stating that Persondata is not used, but on what evidence? Extraction tools exist, who knows what people do with the article they download?

My second reason for opposing is that based on my own experience, Wikidata does not provide a reliable alternative for birth and death dates. Admittedly, there appears to be an editor who updates Wikidata death dates as soon as they happen, but new articles and fixes to old articles do not get onto Wikidata. Someone editing an article would not necessarily think that they need to fix Wikidata as well.

Finally, again from my experience, Persondata is pretty accurate. I expanded my own software to validate the extract, comparing dates against categories for example. There were only two or three thousand entries, from 1.1 million articles, where persondata had vandalised or out of date data and I am currently fixing those! Periglio (talk) 23:38, 21 July 2014 (UTC)

What we've done



Basic conversation structure

Plot summary

DannyH (WMF) started this topic, with 1 other participant

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DannyH (WMF)

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BanjoDog

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DannyH (WMF) started this topic and there were 2 other participants
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Problem with size

BanjoDog started this topic and there was one other participant
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yes indeed

THREAD 2

THREAD 3

Plot summary



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BanjoDog: Do you think we should review the other Doctor Who plot summaries, and see which ones need the most help?

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32 seconds ago

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List of countries by population

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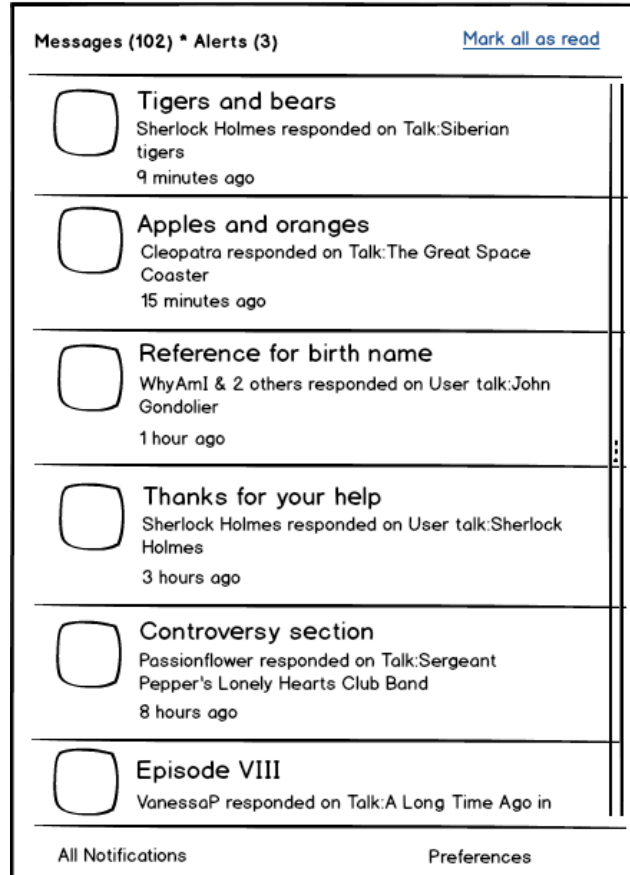


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Notifications split between
Messages and Alerts

One notification item per topic,
rolling up multiple replies on a
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The screenshot shows a notification panel with the following elements:

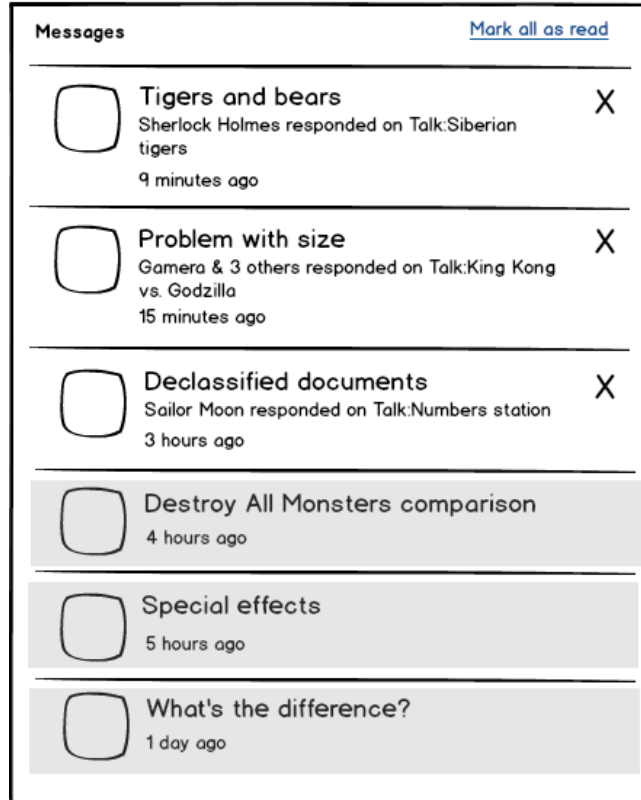
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- Notification 4: "Thanks for your help" by Sherlock Holmes, responded on "User talk:Sherlock Holmes", 3 hours ago.
- Notification 5: "Controversy section" by Passionflower, responded on "Talk:Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", 8 hours ago.
- Notification 6: "Episode VIII" by VanessaP, responded on "Talk:A Long Time Ago in".
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Show all unread notifications
in the panel, with a scroll bar

More responsive notification states

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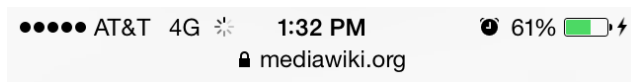
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QUANTITATIVE (with Research team)

- Impact on number of question-askers returning to respond (especially new users)
- Converting an active space to Flow - impact on number topics, of messages, of unique users

QUALITATIVE (Observation, feedback and surveys, with Design Research)

- Impact of subscriptions and notifications to experienced users' efficiency and focus
- Impact of watchlist changes to experienced users' efficiency and focus
- Understanding and usefulness of read/unread notifications (new and experienced users)

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Work in progress



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- Search / Filter
- Table of Contents (navigation between threads)
- More moderation & history
- Bot integration, newsletters, maybe some template-based workflows

Collaboration with experienced users



Support collaboration with Flow

20 comments by 3 users



🔒 This topic was closed by MGalloway (WMF)

Thank you @everyone!

Thank you

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