Cats, goats and awesome requests
Highlights from the Technical Wishlist

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Goat User Story:

As a goat, I would like goats to replace cats as the lingua franca of the internet
WHY
No one has asked before for the editors’ most wanted features and committed to address those wishes

HOW
- Wishlist/Workshops
- Focus on the problem
- Feedback, research, collaboration
- Not “the hacky way”

WHAT
New/improved features to support contributors & a new way of working together

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/WMDE_Technical_Wishes
## Community centered Software Development

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A request from the survey 2015: RevisionSlider

**Goat: Difference between revisions**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Revision as of 20:25, 20 October 2016 (edit)
JosCA (talk | contribs)

Revision as of 04:00, 4 February 2017 (edit)
Vishrd

Date: 4 February 2017 4:04 AM
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(17 intermediate revisions by 11 users not shown)
The 2017 wishlist survey

[[de:Wikipedia/Umfragen/Technische Wünsche 2017]]

450 Participants * 38,855 page views * ~ 3000 pro votes
(New) Goals

- Find out what the editor’s most wanted feature requests are
- Participation of a wider range of contributors than in 2015
- Supporting volunteer developers by reserving a special slot for the project of a volunteer developer: The most voted project is getting technical advice & code review.

Umfrage „Technische Wünsche 2017“

Participants of the 2017 German-speaking Technical Wishlist Survey by Editcount (n=446)

- >99,999 Edits: 3.6%
- 10,000-99,999 Edits: 34.5%
- 1,000-9,999 Edits: 32.5%
- 100-999 Edits: 19.1%
- 1-99 Edits: 10.3%
The Top 9+1

Results of the Technical Wishes Survey 2017
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Discussion:

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It is not easily visible who are the authors of a wikipedia article (without switching the page).

-> Make it more visible that actual people are editing Wikipedia
-> Copyright aspect

Notes: https://etherpad.wikimedia.org/p/Wikimania_Technical_Wishes
Do you see the problem as well?
Ideas for solutions?
Proposed solution by the community

Ideas and concerns?

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