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- Lots of talk among developers about technical mechanisms for real-time collaboration.
- Very little talk about the social aspects or impact on community.
- Not much dialog between developers and editors and readers.
- Let's start to fix that!
Let’s discuss (#1)

What we do now:

- How we find collaborators.
- How we find out about new stuff.
- How we coordinate.
- What works well, and...
- What we’d like to fix.
Some designs and ideas
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Other users add content to the article at the same time. Jane wants to find out who they are..

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Jane can view who is participating in the article...

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With the live history view, Jane can see changes as they happen, and navigate a timeline of changes.

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Let’s discuss: Challenges

● One version - multiple authors
● Real-time vandalism
● Co-existence of real-time and non-real-time
  ○ Focused writing
  ○ Unsupported browsers
  ○ Social reasons
● Chat misuse
Let’s discuss: Applications

- Current events
- Conflict resolution
- Mentoring
- Targeted collaborations
- Teahouse / new user walkthroughs
- Others?
Let’s discuss: Questions

- How do we find other editors?
- Do we need “user groups”?
- How to record/display who wrote what in a collaborative session?
- When is a collaborative edit “done”? 
Let’s discuss: Social impact

- Will this encourage new editors? Readers?
- Will this encourage abuse?
- Do we become the next Facebook?
  - Should we?
- What happens when we make visible the community behind the wiki?
  - Should we?
  - Does that make us less “academic”?
  - Does that make us more biased?
- Radically open. No ownership of session. Also: anyone in session can kick anyone, but it's recorded/reported. "Report abuse" button in session, saves entire transaction history and all participants for review. Can use 'global undo' to revert vandalism w/in session
- No real time chat. use Out-Of-Band mechanism.
- All you need is the URL to join a session. (Shared Out-Of-Band)
- Public listing of all active sessions (recent changes)
- Revision save: that starts a NN timer and anyone can object/edit to abort, but otherwise person who hits save is credited for the edit (others appear in comment) and is responsible for reviewing diff and preventing bad things
Discuss!