Core Features Team

Quarterly Review, 2/24/14

Agenda

1. Team and project overview
2. Product (User Experience and Design)
3. Mediawiki integration
4. Community & deployment
5. Future plans
6. Asks

Team

Engineering

Full-time

Erik Bernhardson - Tech Lead/Backend engineer

Matthias Mullie - Backend engineer

Benny Situ - Backend engineer

Shahyar Ghobadpour - Frontend engineer

Part-time

S Page - Scrummaster

Andrew Garrett - Backend engineer

Kunal Mehta - Backend engineer

Product, Design, Community

Maryana Pinchuk - Product Manager

May Galloway - Primary designer

Kaity Hammerstein - Secondary designer

Nick Wilson - Community Liaison

Focus

Kaldari 1 Talk: You have new messages Preferences

Why Flow?

- Discussion and collaboration are why Wikipedia works.
- Talk pages prevent new users from doing productive content work *and* becoming part of the community.
- The software needs to facilitate good discussion and deal with vandalism, spam, off-topic posting, and trolling.

Timeline

July 2013-February 2014

Q1

Ideation

First static prototype

Backend architecture

First Flow code written

Q2

MVP

First development sprints

First interactive prototype

First visual design pass

Q3

Launch

Release to mw.org and enwiki

Frontend developer hired

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User experience

Testing our hypotheses with real people – current and potential Wikipedia contributors.

User experience

In Q2/Q3:

2 in-person user experience/usability testing sessions

\+ 2 rounds of community feedback

\+ Remote usability testing (usertesting.com)

= Flow features validated with ~100 users

New users

“I often check talk pages for more detail and to see what folks are discussing about the topic at hand, but I rarely reply because the pages tend to be overwhelming with the number of comments and responses, and I feel my own topic/comment would simply get lost in the shuffle as well. This was a lot easier to keep organized, simplified and the comment process was easy.”

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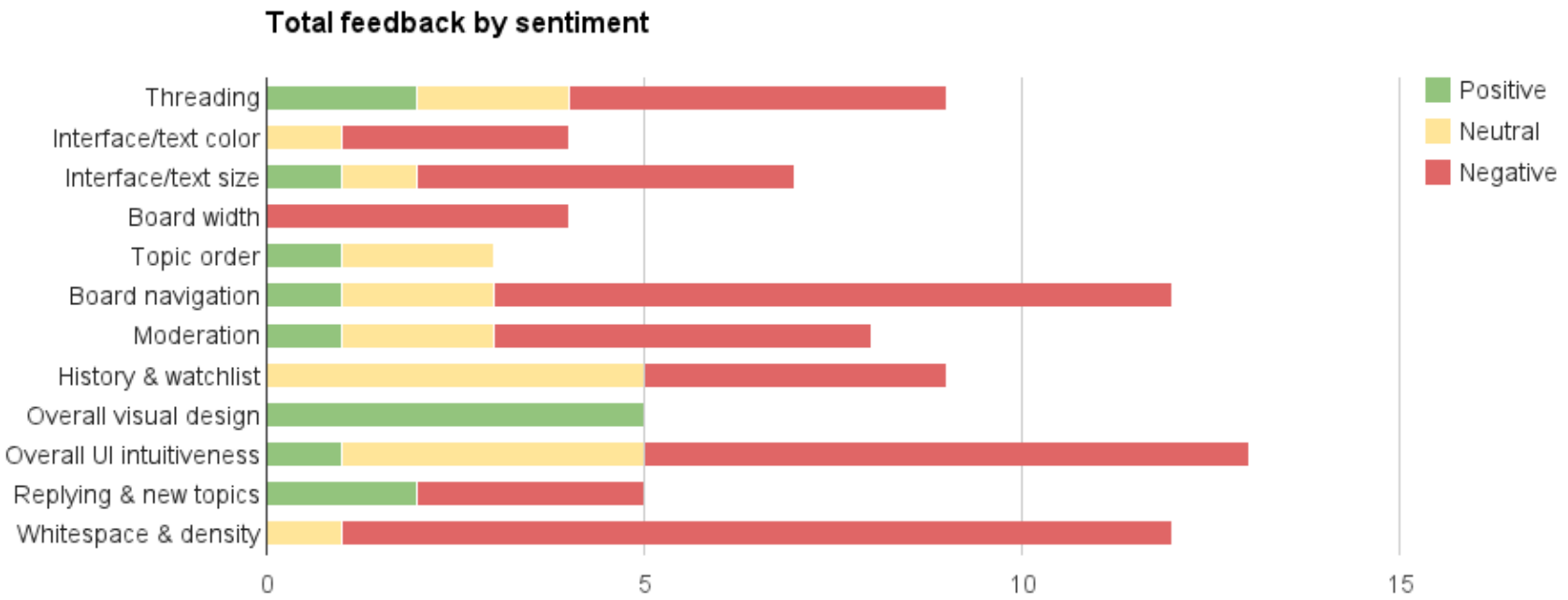

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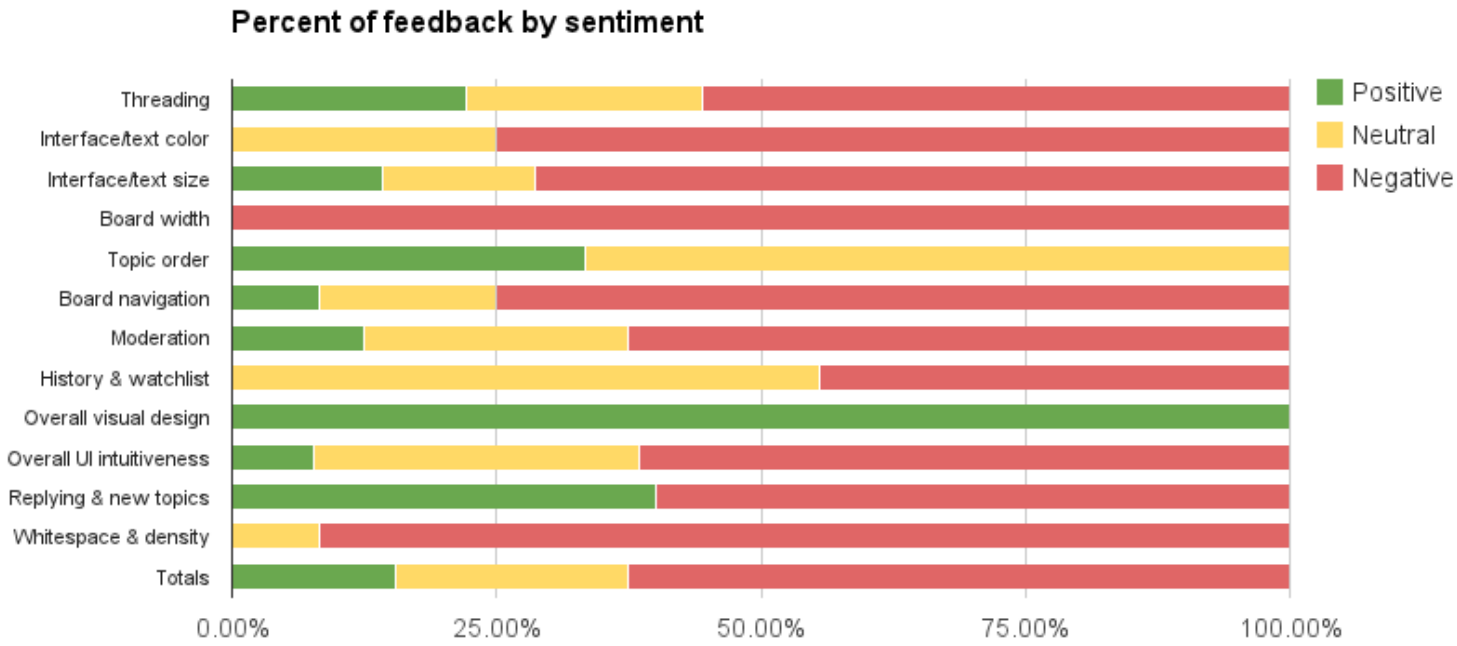

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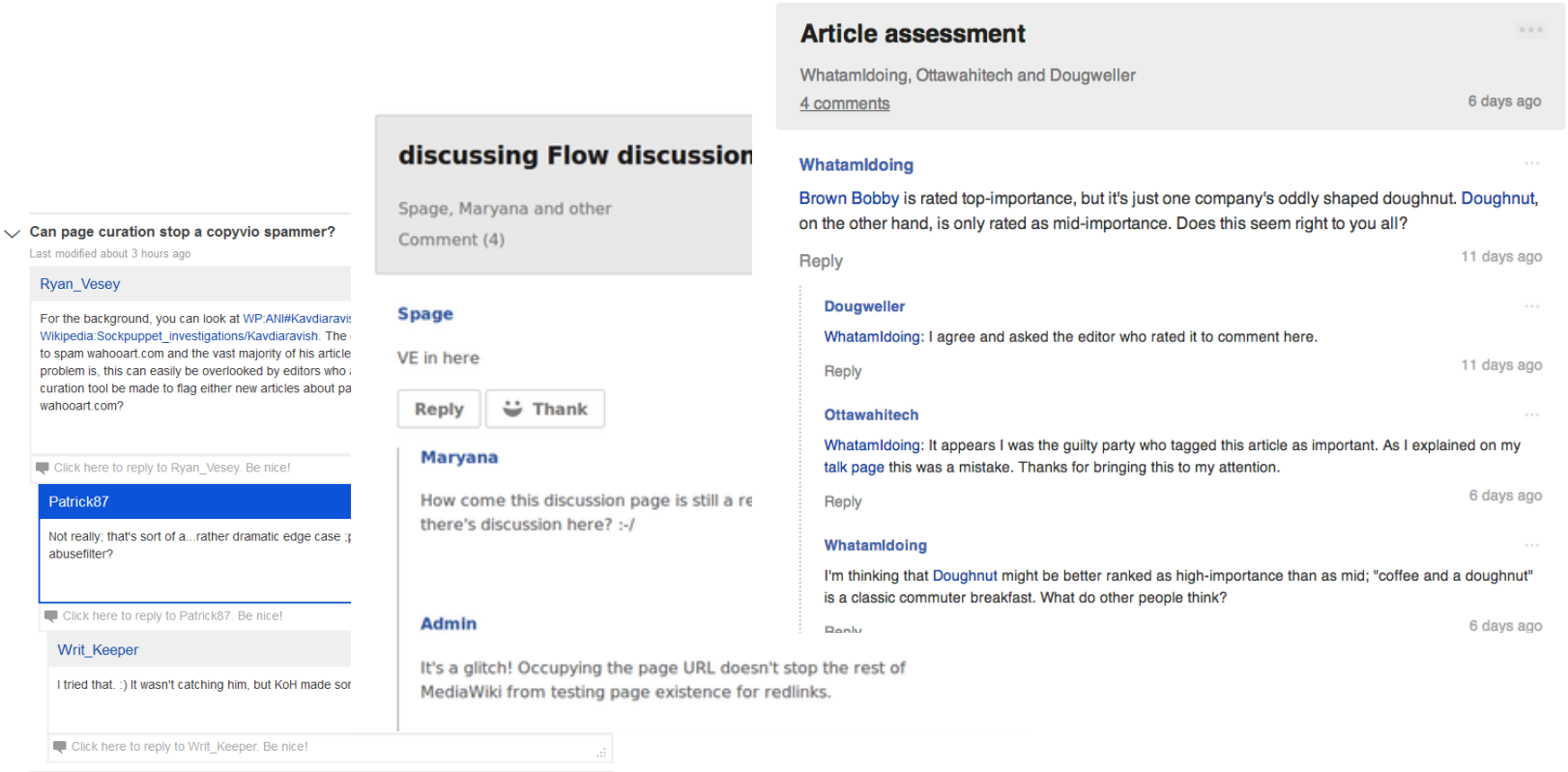
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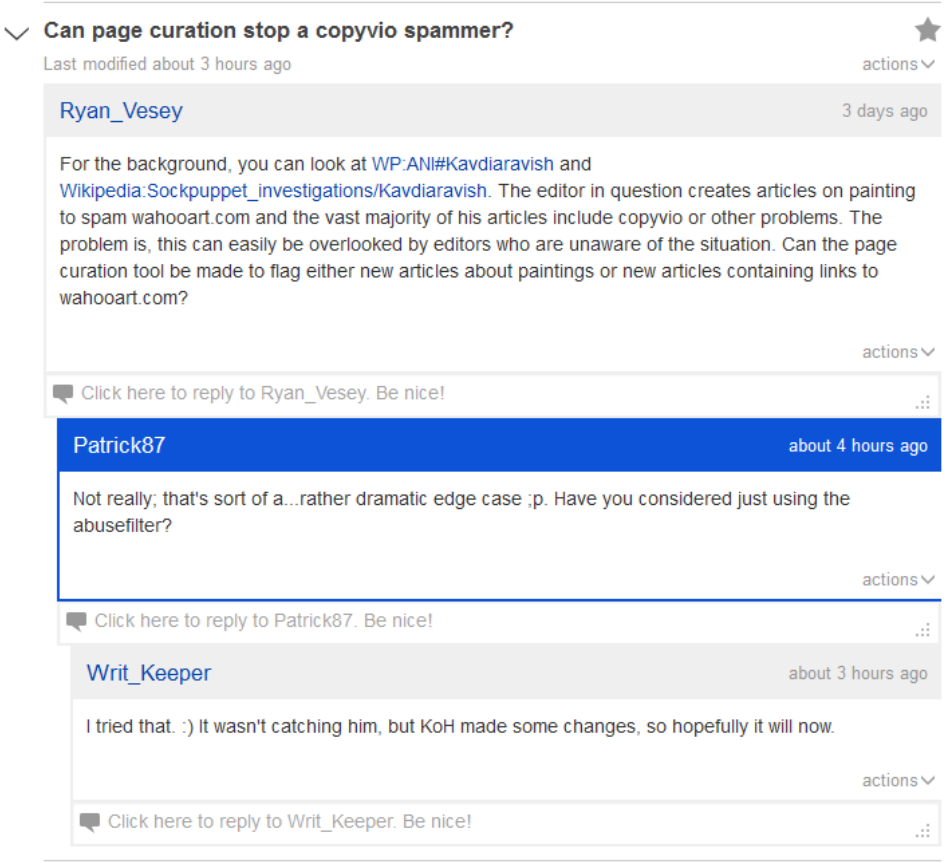
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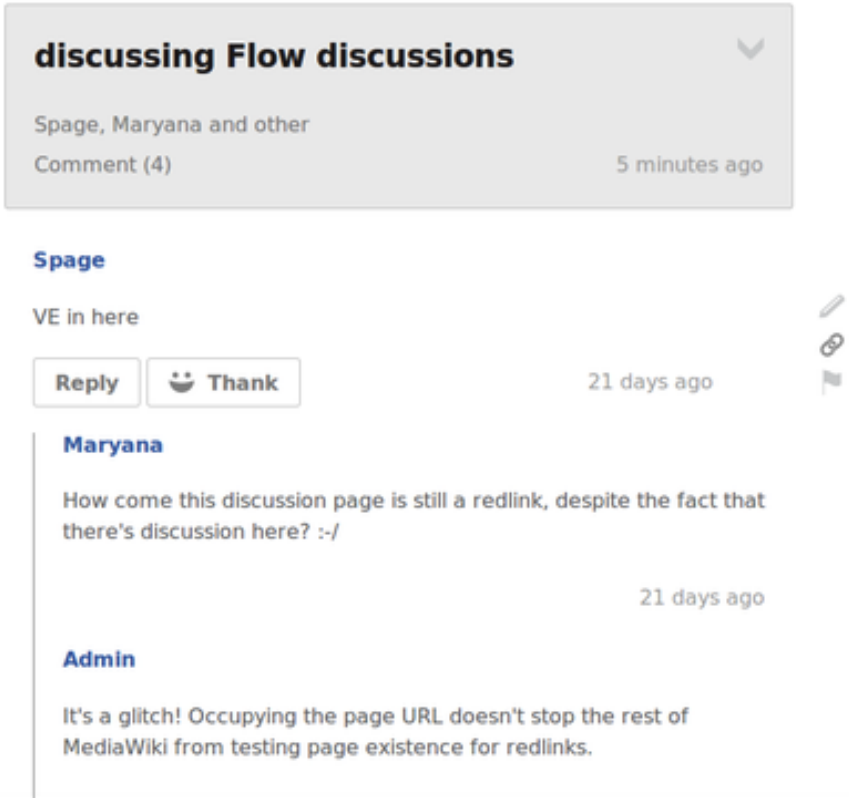
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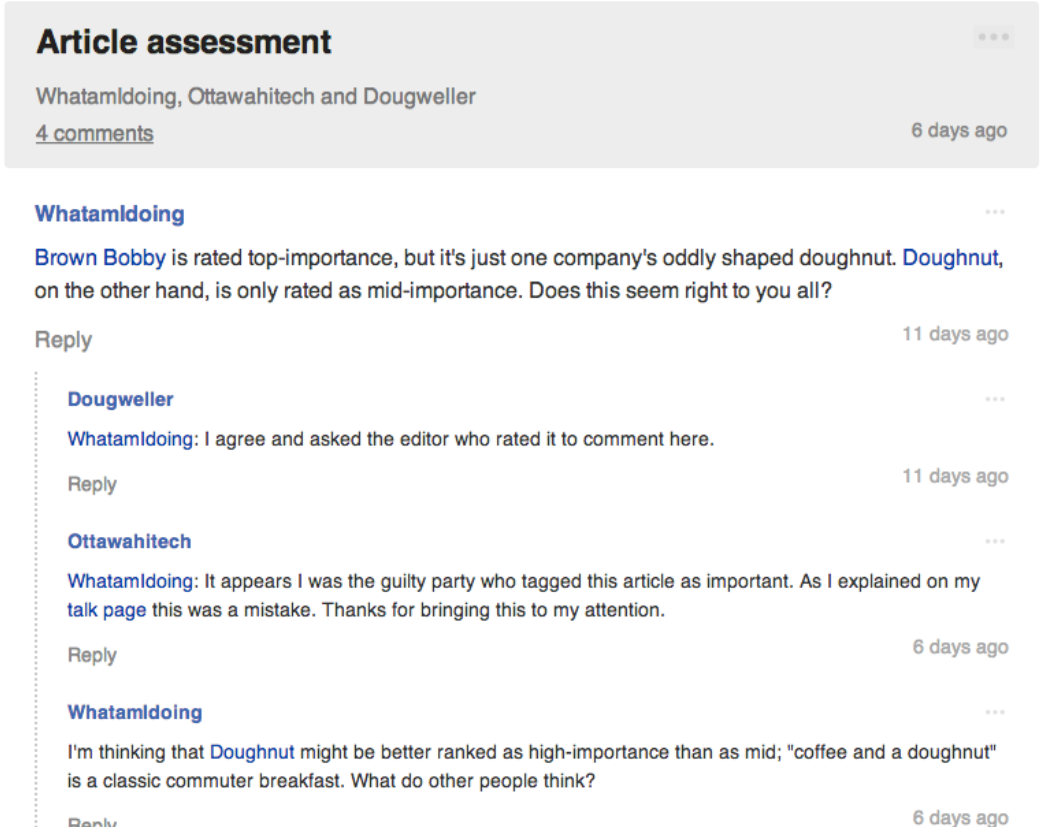
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Next steps

MVP

Starting new topic

Replying

Navigating topics

Moderating topics/posts

MVP+

Frontend rewrite (responsive for mobile)

Closing & summarizing topics

New user requests (unblock, help)

Deletion discussions

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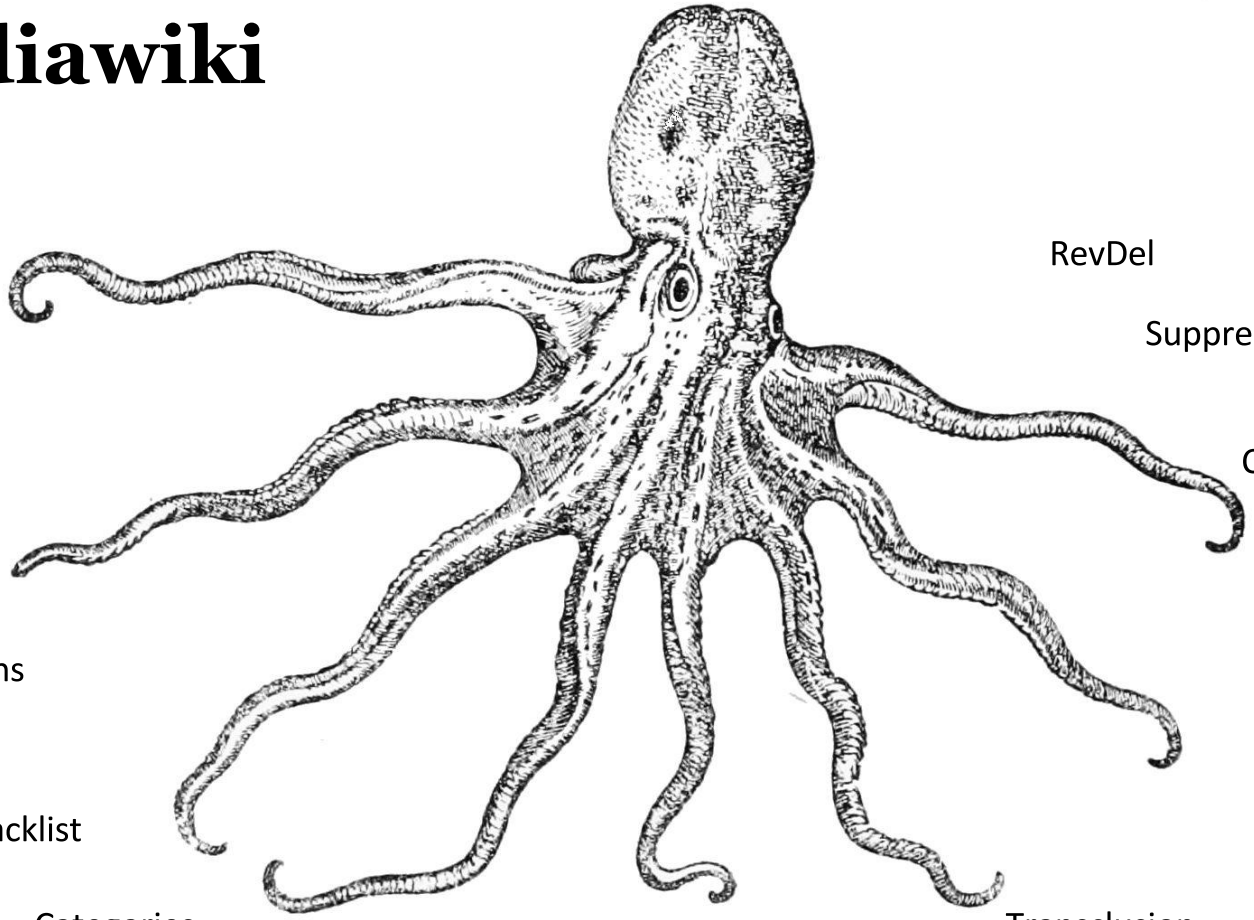

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Birth and development

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Flow discussions

Mlitn

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Reply • Edit

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3 seconds ago

My talk

Article talk

Mediawiki talk page vs. Flow discussions

Talk page

Only one user commenting at a time

Discussions tied to one page

Have to watch entire page to follow

Sequential, static topics

Tied to one wiki

Flow

Multiple people can comment

Can be on multiple pages/independent

Can watch individual topics

Filterable/sortable topics

Cross-wiki

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Next steps

MVP

Support vital mediawiki tools

Support some critical processes

MVP+

Understand user needs for non-page behavior

Define our level of mediawiki process support

Support for user-created tools (e.g., bots, scripts, gadgets)

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Community

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WikiProject Breakfast

WikiProject Hampshire

Next steps

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User talk:Maryana

Welcome!

You can find the previous contents of my talk page at **User_talk:Maryana/Archive**

Talk:Israeli breakfast

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Next steps

WIKIPEDIA
English
The Free Encyclopedia
4 444 000+ articles
Español
La enciclopedia libre
1 078 000+ artículos
日本語
フリー百科事典
893 000+ 記事
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Свободная энциклопедия
1 087 000+ статей
Deutsch
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Wikiquote
Collection of quotations
Wikisource
Free source documents
Wikiversity
Free learning tools
Wikivoyage
Free travel guide
Wikispecies
Directory of species
Commons
Shared media repository
Wikidata
Free knowledge base
MediaWiki
Free wiki software

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Future

February 2013-June 2015

Next year

Q4

Continue limited WikiProject release

User talk beta feature

More mw processes

Q1-2

Article talk pilot

User talk beta -> stable

Workflow lite (user talk processes)

Q3-4

Wider rollouts in article & user talk

Flow on more projects

Workflow lite (deletion)

Help us!

- More Community Liaison support
- More full-time (preferably frontend) engineers
- Better tools and more help with browser testing