

# *Article Alerts*

## *(Alertes aux articles)*

[[WP:AALERTS]]

**A review of the English Wikipedia's article-monitoring system**  
*(Un survol du système de suivi d'articles du Wikipédia anglais)*

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# Outline

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### Today's featured article requests

- 11 May 2017 – [Richard Feynman](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) has been proposed for Today's Featured Article by [QatarStarsLeague](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)

### Articles for deletion

- 04 Feb 2017 – [Water pipe percolator](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) AfDed by [Felsic2](#) [\(t · c\)](#) was closed as *redirect* by [Sandstein](#) [\(t · c\)](#) on 09 Mar 2017; see [discussion](#) ([10 participants](#); [relisted](#))

### Proposed deletions

- 09 Mar 2017 – [Space-time Fourier transform](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) PRODED by [786b6364](#) [\(t · c\)](#) was [deleted](#)
- 28 Feb 2017 – [Tetron Model](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) PRODED by [786b6364](#) [\(t · c\)](#) was [deleted](#)

### Redirects for discussion

- 26 Mar 2017 – [Skiagraphy](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) →[Radiography](#) was RfDed by [Vladimir Alexiev](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)

### Good article nominees

- 09 Apr 2017 – [Atmosphere of Uranus](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [KAP03](#) [\(t · c\)](#); [start discussion](#)
- 08 Mar 2017 – [Experiments and Observations on Electricity](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [Doug Coldwell](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)
- 24 Feb 2017 – [Quantum Reality](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [Swpb](#) [\(t · c\)](#); [start discussion](#)
- 03 Feb 2017 – [Bouncing ball](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [Headbomb](#) [\(t · c\)](#); [start discussion](#)
- 17 Jan 2017 – [ZETA \(fusion reactor\)](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [Maury Markowitz](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)
- 17 Jan 2017 – [Laser Inertial Fusion Energy](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [Maury Markowitz](#) [\(t · c\)](#); [start discussion](#)
- 20 Dec 2016 – [Representation theory of the Lorentz group](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) was GA nominated by [YohanN7](#) [\(t · c\)](#); [start discussion](#)

### Requests for comments

- 01 Apr 2017 – [Microscope](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) has an RFC by [2601:648:8503:4467:F4B3:6D6C:9DCC:DC06](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)

### Peer reviews

- 30 Mar 2017 – [Nuclear weapon](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) has been put up for PR by [FryMan](#) [\(t · c\)](#); see [discussion](#)

### Requested moves

- 30 Mar 2017 – [Noise](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) move request by [TonyBallioni](#) [\(t · c\)](#) was [closed](#); see [discussion](#)
- 03 Mar 2017 – [G Subscript C](#) [\(talk\)](#) · [edit](#) · [hist](#)) move request by [EdgeNavidad](#) [\(t · c\)](#) was [closed](#); see [discussion](#)

*Last bot run around 08:14, 11 April 2017 (UTC). AAlertBot is coded by Hellknowz and co-operated with Headbomb. Discuss? / Report bug? / Request feature?*

[Watch this alert page](#) [RSS](#) [Atom](#)

Categories: [WikiProject Physics](#)

## The problem (<2008)

- [\[\[WP:PROD\]\]](#)
  - Put {{PROD}} on articles
  - 7 days later, article is deleted
  - UNLESS someone objects
- Pros
  - Little bureaucracy
  - Easy to overturn
- Cons
  - Low-traffic pages get little oversight
  - Little discussion
  - Clueless editors

## Le problème (<2008)

- [\[\[WP:PROD\]\]](#)
  - {{PROD}} est mis sur un article
  - 7 jour après, l'article est supprimé
  - SAUF si quelqu'un s'objecte
- Avantages
  - Peu de bureaucratie
  - Facile à renverser
- Inconvénients
  - Pages peu fréquentées
  - Peu de discussions
  - Wikipédiennes peu qualifiées

## The solution (<2008)

- *Hope* clueful people notice a page with a {{PROD}} on it.
- One editor *systemically* and *manually* reviews every page with a {{PROD}} on it, *every day*.
- No way to know if someone else already reviewed the {{PROD}}.
- Final decision involves as few as 2 people

## La solution (<2008)

- *Espérer* que quelqu'un de qualifié remarque un {{PROD}}
- Une wikipédienne évalue *systématiquement* et *manuellement* chaque page avec un {{PROD}}, à chaque jour
- Aucune façon de savoir si quelqu'un d'autre a déjà évalué l'article
- Décision finale avec aussi peu que 2 personnes d'impliquées

## The solution (2008+)

- The bot
  - *automatically* crawls every page with a {{PROD}} on it.
  - determines which WikiProject is interested
  - notifies WikiProject at a central location
  - central location can be watchlisted
- The editor
  - Only needs to review articles of interest

## La solution (2008+)

- Un *bot*
  - crée un index de pages avec {{PROD}}
  - détermine quels sont les WikiProjets d'intérêt
  - notifie le WikiProject dans une location centrale
  - location centrale sur la liste de suivi
- La wikipédienne
  - évalue seulement les articles d'intérêts

## Bot #1 – ArticleAlertbot

- Coded by [\[\[User:B. Wolterding\]\]](#)
  - Java
- Operated by [\[\[User:Legoktm\]\]](#)
  - Toolserver
- September 2008 – April 2010
  - Killed by API change (6 April 2010)
  - B. Wolterding (last edit 23 March 2010)

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- Codé par [\[\[User:B. Wolterding\]\]](#)
  - Java
- Opéré par [\[\[User:Legoktm\]\]](#)
  - Toolserver
- Septembre 2008 – Avril 2010
  - Mort due à un changement d'API (6 Avril 2010)
  - B. Wolterding (dernière contribution 23 Mars 2010)



## Bot #1 – Revival attempt

- April 2010 – December 2010
  - [[User:Arlen22]]
  - [[User:CrazySane]]
  - [[User:Headbomb]]
  - [[User:Joe\_Gazz84]]
  - [[User:Legoktm]]
- Ultimately went nowhere

## Bot #1 – Tentative de resuscitation

- Avril 2010 – Décembre 2010
  - [[User:Arlen22]]
  - [[User:CrazySane]]
  - [[User:Headbomb]]
  - [[User:Joe\_Gazz84]]
  - [[User:Legoktm]]
- N'as pas mené à rien

## Bot #2 – AAlertbot

- Coded by [\[\[User:Hellknowz\]\]](#)
  - C# .NET, WikiSharpAPI
- Co-operated with [\[\[User:Headbomb\]\]](#)
  - Private machines
  - Redundancy
  - Closed source
  - 1 coder
- December 2010 – present

## Bot #1 – AAlertbot

- Codé par [\[\[User:Hellknowz\]\]](#)
  - C# .NET, WikiSharpAPI
- Co-opéré par [\[\[User:Headbomb\]\]](#)
  - Machines privies
  - Redondance
  - Code
- Décembre 2010 – present
- Code source fermé, 1 seul codeur

# Workflows currently covered / Processus présentement couverts

## Workflows covered [\[ edit \]](#)

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See also: [Wikipedia:Article alerts/Specification](#)

✓ – implemented (may not be fully formatted/data populated)

✗ – not for now (not in priority list)

🕒 – implementing (taking a while or need to do something else to get this working)

ⓘ – under consideration (haven't examined the issues/process to say if currently plausible/worthwhile)

- ✓ AfD – Articles for deletion
- ✓ TfD – Templates for discussion
- ✓ RfD – Redirects for discussion
- ✓ CfD – Categories for discussion
- ✓ FfD – Files for discussion
- ✓ MfD – Miscellany for deletion
- ✓ PROD – Proposed deletion
- ✓ BPROD – Proposed deletion (books)
- ✓ FAC – Featured article candidates
- ✓ FAR – Featured article review
- ✓ FLC – Featured list candidates
- ✓ FLRC – Featured list removal candidates
- ✗ FP – Featured pictures
- ✓ FPOC – Featured portal candidates
- ⓘ FPR – Featured portal review
- ✓ FTC – Featured topic candidates
- ✓ FTRC – Featured topic removal candidates
- ✓ ACR – A-Class review (project-specific)
- ✓ GAN – Good article nominations
- ✓ GAR – Good article reassessment
- ✓ GTC – Good topic candidates
- ✓ PR – Peer review
- ✗ PPR – Picture peer review
- ✓ RfC – Requests for comment
- ✓ RM – Requested moves
- ✓ TFA – Today's featured articles
- ✓ TFAR – Today's featured article requests
- ✗ ITN – In the news
- ✗ DYK – Did you know
- ✗ OTD – Selected anniversaries
- ✗ CP – Copyright problems
- 🕒 PUF – Possibly unfree files
- ✗ NFCR – Non-free content review
- 🕒 ON – Article alerts/News

# Customization / Options

- [\[\[WT:AALERTS/SUB\]\]](#)
- Subscribe via
  - Banner / Banière
    - {{WikiProject Physics}}
  - Category / Catégorie
    - [[Category:Physics articles]]
  - Infobox
    - {{Infobox video game}}
  - Deletion sorting page
    - [[WikiProject Deletion sorting/Women]]
- Customize workflows
  - See right / Voir à la droite

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...
|workflows = FEAT, !FPOC, GOOD, PR
...
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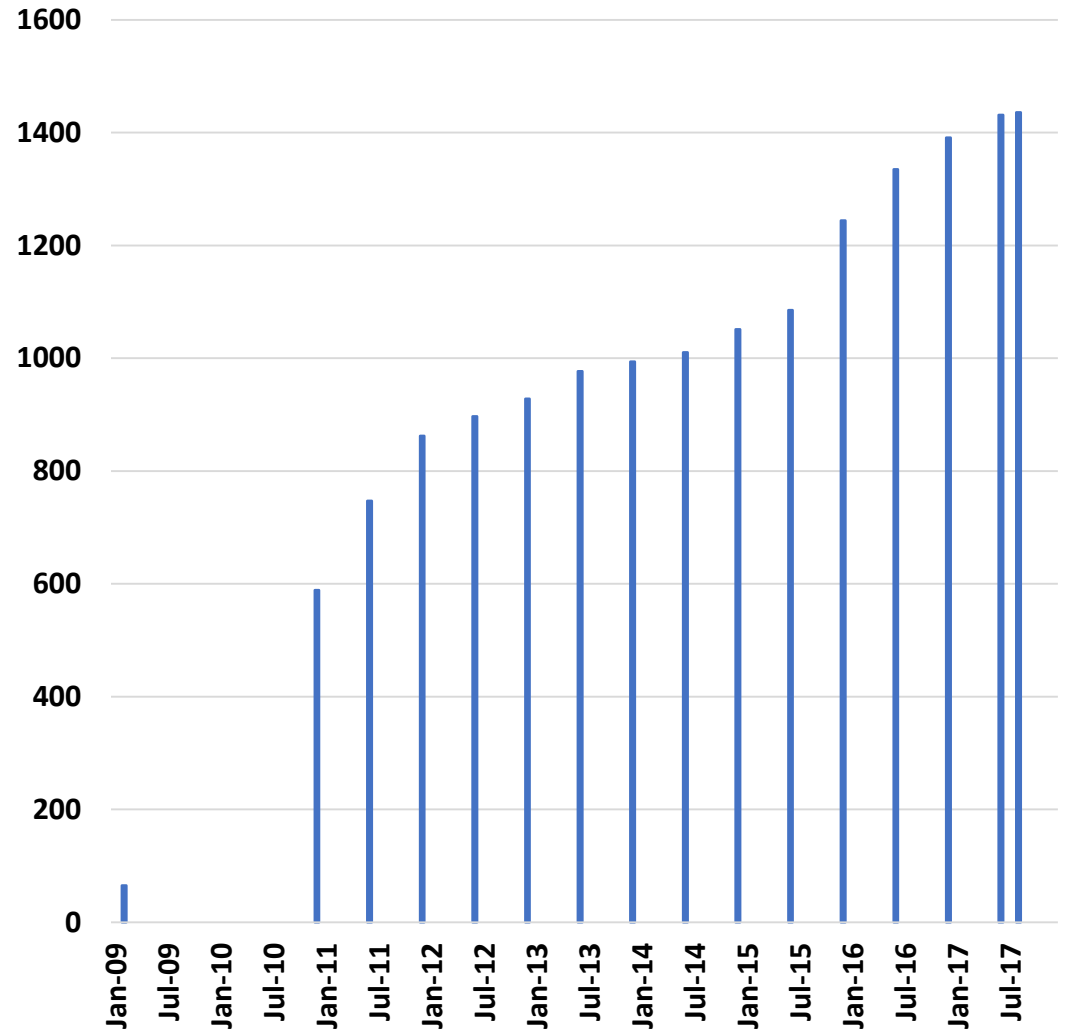
Replace the values with one or several of these workflows or workflow groups:

All	Group	Topic	Single	Description		
ALL	DEL		AfD	Articles for deletion		
			PROD	Proposed deletion		
			CfD	Categories for discussion		
			TfD	Templates for discussion		
			RfD	Redirects for discussion		
			FfD	Files for discussion		
			MfD	Miscellany for deletion		
			BPROD	Proposed deletion (books)		
	QUAL	FEAT		FAC	Featured article candidates	
				FLC	Featured list candidates	
				FTC	Featured topic candidates	
				FPOC	Featured portal candidates	
				FAR	Featured article review	
				FLRC	Featured list removal candidates	
				FTRC	Featured topic removal candidates	
				ACR	A-Class review	
				TFA	Today's featured article	
				TFAR	Today's featured article requests	
			GOOD		GAN	Good article nominations
					GTC	Featured topic candidates
		GAR		Good article reassessment		
		RfC		Requests for comment		
	MISC		PR	Peer review		
			RM	Requested moves		

# Impact

- Launched / Lancement 2009-02
  - 65 WikiProjects / Taskforces
- Today / Aujourd'hui
  - 1435 WikiProject and Taskforces
- ArticleAlertbot (19 months / mois)
  - 63,409 edits (~111/day)
- AAlertBot (80 months / mois)
  - 1,042,000 edits (~435/day)

# Growth / Croissance



# AAALERTS on other wikis

- Article alerts
  - Concept applies
  - Correspondence is not 1-to-1
    - Specific processes
    - Specific implementations
    - Might not rely on WikiProjects
- AAlertBot
  - Hard-coded en-wiki
  - No way to localize easily
  - Code effectively useless for others

# AAALERTS sur les autres wikis

- Alertes aux articles
  - Concept applicable
  - Correspondance n'est pas 1-à-1
    - Processus spécifiques
    - Implémentations spécifiques
    - Peut ne pas avoir de WikiProjects
- AAlertBot
  - Très centré sur en-wiki
  - Aucune façon facile de localizer
  - Code effectivement inutile pour les autres

## Summary/Questions?

- General info
  - [\[\[en:WP:AALERTS\]\]](#)
- Contact information
  - [\[\[en>User:Hellknowz\]\]](#)
  - [\[\[en>User:Headbomb\]\]](#)

## Sommaire/Questions?

- Information générale
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- Contact
  - [\[\[en>User:Hellknowz\]\]](#)
  - [\[\[en>User:Headbomb\]\]](#)