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Workflows

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**A multi-step community process
that involves discussion
and ends with a decision.**

Workflows on English WP

Administrator's noticeboards ♦ Articles for creation ♦ Articles for deletion ♦ Bots/Requests for approval ♦ Categories for discussion ♦ Conflict of interest/Noticeboard ♦ Dispute resolution ♦ Edit filter/Requested ♦ Editor assistance/Requests ♦ Featured article candidates ♦ Featured article review ♦ Featured list candidates ♦ Featured picture candidates ♦ Files for deletion ♦ Good article nominations ♦ Good article review ♦ Miscellany for deletion ♦ Non-free content review ♦ Possibly unfree files ♦ Redirects for discussion ♦ Requested edits ♦ Requested moves ♦ Requests for adminship ♦ Requests for arbitration ♦ Requests for closure ♦ Requests for comment ♦ Requests for history move ♦ Requests for mediation ♦ Requests for page protection ♦ Requests for unblock ♦ Requests for undeletion ♦ Sockpuppet investigations ♦ Template talk: Did you know nominations ♦ Templates for discussion ...

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With limited software support, wiki communities have been very creative at using workarounds to get important work done.

There are helpful community-created tools like **Twinkle**, but only for a few processes, only on some wikis, and they rely upon user-discovery in the preferences pages.

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Manually Nominating an Article for Deletion on ENwiki:

Put the deletion tag `{{subst:afd1}}` at the top of the article page. Include in the edit summary: “AFD: Nominated for deletion; see `[[Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/PageName]]`, with the name of the page filled in. When the page is saved, click on the redlink for “this article’s entry” in the instructions box. That takes you to the edit window for “Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/PageName”. Insert this template: `{{subst:afd2 | pg=PageName | cat=Category | text =Why the page should be deleted.}}` ~~~~ The categories include: `cat=M` (Media and music), `cat=O` (Organization, corporation or product), `cat=B` (Biographical), `cat=S` (Society), `cat=W` (Web or internet), `cat=G` (Games or sports), `cat=T` (Science and technology), `cat=F` (Fiction and the arts), `cat=P` (Places and transportation), `cat=I` (Indiscernible or unclassifiable topic), `cat=U` (Debate not yet sorted). Include in the edit summary: “Creating deletion discussion for `[[PageName]]`”. Watch the page to follow the discussion. Go to `Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Log/Today’s Date` (using the form Year Month Day). At the top of the list, add a template: `{{subst:afd3 | pg = PageName}}`.

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And then you can begin the discussion.

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Where is **the next generation** of experienced people going to come from?

What's the path for people who are currently active content editors that helps them learn to use and maintain these increasingly complex tools?

Structured discussions

The AfD workflow uses templates, subpages and transclusion because those workarounds enable structured discussions.



Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Smileycoin

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Smileycoin (edit | talk | history | links | watch | logs | views) – (View log · Stats)

(Find sources: "Smileycoin" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · highbeam · JSTOR)

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Categories: AfD debates (Not yet sorted) | AfD debates

You can watch the subpage to get notifications about this specific discussion.

Template:afd2 puts all of the important links at the top.

Templates add categories that populate the backlog.

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The subpage is transcluded onto the log or noticeboard. This board page is just a collection of transcluded topics.

Many workflows on enwiki use this workaround, including Peer review, Copyright problems and Featured article candidates.



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No reliable sources verify WP:V the notability WP:GNG of this railcar. The sources so far also do not prove WP:SIGCOV significant coverage. It is therefore likely this is not a suitable subject for a standalone article. AadaamS (talk) 20:57, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

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NN writer/editor. While the magazine he edits may be notable (not convinced), this individual does not appear to pass WP:GNG at all - the mini-bios on pubs he contributed to don't make the "significant coverage in reliable sources that are independent of the subject" grade.

Note that there are other writers named Rob Young, for example the screenplay writer at www.robyoung.info [The Dissident Aggressor](#) 20:50, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

- Redirect** to [Electric Eden](#). Deleting the information on *EE* from his article should have been an indication. It's very

Structured discussions

This model of creating separate subpages and transcluding them onto a larger board gives users the ability to **sort**, **categorize** and **watch** specific discussions.

Building workflows as software

It would be relatively simple to build ENwiki's Articles for Deletion as software. You create an entry point, and a form that asks for three things:

Article name

Reason for deletion

Choose a category

Hit "submit", and the software adds all the relevant templates in all the relevant places, and creates the discussion topic.

But we'd have to build workflows **for every language and every project**.

For example, **French WP**'s workflows are different:

Articles de qualité/Propositions ♦ Articles de qualité/Propositions/Contestations ♦
Bons contenus/Propositions ♦ Bons contenus/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Bons
articles/Propositions ♦ Bons articles/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Bot/Requêtes
♦ Bot/Statut ♦ Contenus de qualité/Propositions ♦ Contenus de
qualité/Propositions/Contestations ♦ Demande de protection de page ♦
Demande d'intervention sur un message système ♦ Demande d'intervention sur
une page protégée ♦ Demande de purge d'historique ♦ Demande de fusion d'
historiques ♦ Demande de restauration de page ♦ Demande d'intervention sur
un filtre ♦ Forum des nouveaux ♦ Forum des nouveaux/relecture ♦ Le saviez-
vous ?/Anecdotes proposées ♦ Pages à créer ♦ Pages à supprimer ♦ Pages à
fusionner ♦ Questions techniques ♦ Requête aux administrateurs ♦ Signalement
d'un faux positif ♦ Vérificateur d'adresses IP/Requêtes ♦ Vandalisme en cours ...

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We need to break workflows down to their common components,
and create a **Workflow Pattern Builder**
that will help experienced users
create and maintain the discussion patterns.

Workflow Pattern Builder

Name of pattern:

Where it's used:

Specific page:
 Any article talk page
 Any user talk page
 Any talk page

Starting the discussion (Form Creator)

Set up how a user will begin this workflow

Instructions for the user starting the discussion:

Field 1: Required? Yes No

User name
Article name
Custom field

Field 2: Required? Yes No

User name
Article name
Custom field

Discussion format

Set up how the discussion will appear.

Discussion title:

Page title
User name
Custom field

Templates or text for top of discussion:

Subheadings

Specify how subheadings will be used in the discussion.

- No subheadings
 Allow custom subheadings when the discussion is created
 Fixed subheadings

(number of fields will expand if there are more than 3)

- Allow participants to create subheadings as the discussion is going on
 Allow checklist format
A checklist format lets users create a checklist of items to be discussed, with a subthread under each item.

Voting options

Set up how users can express approval or disapproval.

Any voting choice will include a custom field for users to express a more nuanced position.

- No voting
 Yes / No / custom
 Support / Oppose / Neutral / custom
 Keep / Delete / Strong / Weak / Speedy / Comment / custom

If voting is enabled, choose whether a tally of votes will be displayed:

- No vote tally
 Display vote tally with numbers
 Display vote tally as a pie chart, without exact numbers

Announcing and Listing

Set up who gets notified, and where a new entry is listed.

Notify user:

Add to list:

Post template:

Template text:

Resolution

Set up how a discussion is resolved, and who can resolve it.

Time limit No Yes days

Who can resolve?

Anyone
Logged-in users
Autoconfirmed users
Admins

Post resolution summary: Top of discussion Bottom of discussion

Text for top:

Text for bottom:

Can it be reopened? No Yes

Notify user:

The next few slides show **a draft wireframe** that the Collaboration team is currently working on, as a model for how we could approach this phase of the project.

The wireframe shows an on-wiki form that an experienced user would fill out, creating a new Workflow Pattern that other people would use.

Preview

Save

Workflow Pattern Builder

Name of pattern:

Where it's used:

- Specific page:
- Any article talk page
- Any user talk page
- Any talk page

Will this pattern be available on any talk page, or only in specific places?

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Set up how a user will begin this workflow.

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Field 1:

Required? Yes No

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What information will the user need to provide to start the discussion?

Discussion format

Set up how the discussion will appear.

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When this kind of discussion starts, is there a standard template or text posted at the top of the thread?

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A checklist format lets users create a checklist of items to be discussed, with a subthread under each item.

Does this pattern need a specific set of subheadings?

Does the person opening the discussion need to come up with relevant subheadings when the discussion starts?

Does this type of discussion need a bullet-point checklist, with small sub-threads under each item?

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Does this process use voting options like Support/Oppose or Keep/Delete?

Should it just display each vote with the comment, or tally up the votes?

Are there logs where the discussion needs to be listed?

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Is there a specific time limit on this type of discussion?

Should there be a special Echo notification that alerts people a day before the time expires?

Do you need special user rights to close a discussion, or can anyone do it?

If the person closing the discussion writes a summary of the decision, should that be at the top or the bottom of the thread?

Collaborating with the Collaboration team

There's a lot of work ahead to turn these ideas into features!
We need to work with **experienced editors** to design and build
workflow supports that people really need.

The project's main talk page: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Talk:Flow>

You can reach us through our Mediawiki.org talk pages:

Danny Horn, product manager - [[User talk: DannyH (WMF)]]

Roan Kattouw, tech lead - [[User talk: Roan Kattouw (WMF)]]

Pau Giner, UX design - [[User talk: Pginer-WMF]]

Nick Wilson, community lead - [[User talk: Quiddity (WMF)]]

Sign up at <https://wikimedia.org/research> to participate in research sessions for this and
other projects!