IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION,
Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, et al.,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-00662-TSE

Exhibit 13
Loss of session data
File upload problems
New contribution?
Number of page watchers
Template failed to substitute on page creation
Is there a way to "weak" categories in WP?
Manage TemplateData
Cached?
Redirects and includeonly
Apparent glitch in mobile browser
Tech News: 2015-20
Admin Edit Flag
Interwiki transclusions
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Meta-tags
Page creation
My search box is wider today
How to properly show/hide rows in table for a template?
Template rename server effect
Phabricator bug: Registering a Phabricator account with an incorrect email address
Citation issues
My first mapping effort
Tf02 and Tfim2
Green marker in watchlist for pages that have been changed
Grayish bold
Site question
Replacing talk pages: Why not just adopt an exist webcast?
Too much dependence on volunteers
Format price problem
Do you have ideas on how to improve Wikipedia?
Template using white text even when not specified
Encoded identifier in article to serve searches?
Bullets appear in the wrong place
Reproducing the problem below
The title creation bracket had a minor glitch in functionality...
apostrophe problem
Pages moved without leaving redirects
"helped-helping" makes text small
Protecting an entire article against automatic spell-mis-correction
Proposed software change: show the reference list when section editing
Subdividing long lists alphabetically
CSS required to prevent layout from breaking
Various tools are down
Mobile editing
Problem with a reference
Article profilename space bug
Transwiki
Tech News: 2015-30
Is the Compact Personal Bar gone permanently?
Music
Music files
Article rename
Another watchlist proposal: Symbol to replace (0) when no effect is no change at all
POTD template: direction of wide image scrolling
Discrepancies in search result numbers
Template glitch
Change the "Edits by user" external tool link
Private incident reporting and tracking system for admins
French Wikipedia has Global contributions special page
Wikipedia:Dispute resolution noticeboard/request not working
Description of articles traffic rankings
Proposal to create PNG thumbnails of static GIF images
Tag log
Database problem
Page number weirdness
edit button not showing in mobile wikipedia

No Firefox favicon for section redirect

I see no favicon in Firefox 59.0: I see redirects to sections, for example Wikipedia and others tested in Category:Redirects to sections and the five other languages listed there. I see the favicon in Wikipedia in IE, Chrome, Safari and Opera. In Firefox I see the favicon for Spidermonkey (direct link to the page) and Spidermonkey (redirect to the page but not to a section). Do others have the Firefox issue? [Plumlecker [talk] 02:26, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I couldn’t see it for the Wiki spam page in 38.0.5. But then when I went to verify the version number, the browser auto-updated to 38.0 and now that page does show a favicon. Regards, Orange Suede Sofa (talk) 02:45, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Are you still on the page saying "Redirected from Wiki spam" when you see the favicon in 38.0? We use url redirection now so if the page is redirected then you get the redirect target's favicon which is what we do see the favicon and no "Redirected from". PrimeHuntr (talk) 02:51, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, I see the favicon on the "Redirected from..." page. When I reload the page, the "Redirected from..." disappears as expected and the favicon remains. Orange Suede Sofa (talk) 03:04, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks. If others aren’t missing the favicon then I’m not filling it in Phabricator. PrimeHuntr (talk) 09:55, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

AutoEd

Requesting Volunteers to correct my AutoEd page


According to this instruction


--Silver Samurai 05:56, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

@Silver Samurai: What you’ve done looks fine to me. Are you not seeing the "auto ed" item in the "More" dropdown menu? — Mr. Strawvirus (talk) 06:17, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

User:Mr. Strawvirus is seeing it now. — Silver Samurai 09:41, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Help with css

So today I finally started my css page. I’ve never done that before because I find css very confusing.

Here’s what I’m trying to do: hide certain templates I added some css from Template:Homebox, though I don’t want to hide those templates in particular. I added one I did want to hide, which didn’t work, and upon looking at the template codes I further edited it to this. It still didn’t work, so I removed all code (because it might compromise my account, hehe-hehe). So, anyone know why this is happening? Eman235 (talk) 13:43, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

@Eman235: I think your problem is that you need a comma after all but the last class selector (You’re missing one after .box-human Barbary). That CSS code is essentially looking for a not-a-box box inside a human policy box, which won’t exist. Adding the missing comma should solve your problem. — Possiusarium 14:27, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Ha! Brilliant. I missed the comma. It works now. Eman235 (talk) 16:09, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Watchlist announcements leaving a gap

Since a few hours ago, there’s a significant vertical gap left between the line containing “Clear the watchlist” and the “You have pages on your watchlist…” line. All that with dismissed announcements and “Mark all pages as visited” button hidden with some custom Javascript. Any clues? It used to be all neat and tidy. — Demir (talk | contribs) 04:54, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Fixed, there were a couple of watchlist notices that had expired today. Sam Walton (talk) 14:06, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Watchlist legend

* While we’re on the subject, could someone update the watchlist legend so we might all know what the circles and arrow and bulleted and colors mean? And BTW, I’ve been meaning to ask for some time (though I haven’t seen this in a week or less): changed since my last visit articles usually show up in a deep blue, but sometimes one or two up them are in a sort of grayish blue. Anyone want to explain (or, again, update the legend? Demir (talk) 14:16, 2 July 2015 (UTC)
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@SamvatianS: Thank you! — Dmic (talk | contribs) 20:30, 2 July 2015 (UTC)
@EEng: Hi, I'm a bit confused as I see no such things (circles, arrows and different shades of blue) on my watchlist. Out of curiosity, which watchlist-created options are enabled in your preferences? Oh, and I have some custom CSS forcing bold page names for modified watchlist entries. — Dmic (talk | contribs) 20:35, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

At Preferences > Gadgets I've got these two checked:
- Display green collapsible arrows and green bullets for changed pages in your Watchlist, History and Recent changes
- Display pages on your watchlist that have changed since your last visit in bold.

Sometimes they're green and sometimes they're blue, and now there are little green bullets sometimes. It's all very entertaining. EEng (talk) 21:11, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

What's even more confusing, I also have those two options checked, and really haven't seen any fancy watchlist inconsistency. Which skin do you use? I'm using the default Vector skin, while viewing everything in Firefox. — Dmic (talk | contribs) 21:20, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Vector, Chrome (just checked in IE11 and it's the same). EEng (talk) 21:35, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks. Hopefully others will use this as debugging information. — Dmic (talk | contribs) 03:15, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

You'll see collapsible items (the arrows) when you have the enhanced watchlist enabled. — ([User:RobDN]) (talk) 20:41, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Green indicates pages you haven't visited yet since they were updated (which is also explained at the top of your watchlist). An arrow indicates a collapsed item, which you can expand. — ([User:RobDN]) (talk) 20:41, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

List of contributors

I recently made a post to the help desk, asking "Is there an easy way to get a list of all the users (and IPs) that have contributed to article X, and maybe even list them in order of number of edits to the page?" and I was directed here. I think there's an e-tools page (https://tools.wmflabs.org/toolbox/articleinfo?title=Village_pump_%2F_%2Fwikipedia)&format=json) that's supposed to accomplish this but it doesn't work for me. I used the list fairly soon because the page (Village_pump) is up for deletion and the page history is a bit long to go through manually.
— ([User:RobDN]) (talk) 03:15, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

You could use the API's prop=contributors. AnonimeX 23:24, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you very much. — ([User:RobDN]) (talk) 07:48, 4 July 2015 (UTC)

Problem on WP:AFD

The page WP Articles for deletion has been vandalised somehow. The problem is in template (#Delete debate), but I haven't been able to pin it down any further. JohnC (talk) 14:10, 4 July 2015 (UTC)

Investigating. JoJo Eumerus (talk) 14:22, 4 July 2015 (UTC)

If you were seeing a large red screen with the text "nice mena", that was added by 120.50.54.81 (talk | contribs) - Wi-CIS (https://tools.wmflabs.org/toolbox/articleinfo?title=Village_pump_%2F_%2Fwikipedia)&format=json) to Module:Sysop. The module was subsequently added to a number of templates by Keastes (talk | contribs). Everything has now been reverted. 86.109.144.214 (talk) 14:23, 4 July 2015 (UTC)


revision history statistics "link"

This has been done for a very long time (important for articles like Dylancan, Ebola/northern Africa). Is there any idea when it will be working? thank you—([User:Outliers]) (talk) 22:22, 4 July 2015 (UTC)

The whole xtools suite appears to be in a state of flux. The basic problem is that the people who made it are no longer active. Per the recent watchlist notice, some are trying to assemble a new team to rewrite it from scratch. But it is not clear whether they will succeed or how long that would take.
Out of curiosity, what statistics specifically are you looking for?—([User:Outliers]) (talk) 05:10, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

dylancan article...1 edits per user...2 bytes added per user—([User:Outliers]) (talk) 11:58, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

There's an alternate tool available here (http://vs.aka-online.de/cgi-bin/wppagehiststat.pl). — Dianas (talk) 15:40, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

Should I raise a bug for this error?

Database error
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

+ Javascript-enabled contributions lookup is enabled. You may enter a CIDS range or apply an asterisk to do a prefix search.

A database query error has occurred. This may indicate a bug in the software.

Function: IndexPage:buildQueryInfo (contributions page filtered for namespaces or RevisionDeleted edits)
Error: 2005 Lost connection to MySQL server during query (20,64,52,20)
All the best: [User:RobDN] (talk) 16:30, 6 June 2015 (UTC)

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First of all, steps to reproduce would be welcome so someone else could try to see that error too. --AKlapper (WMF) (talk) 08:51, 29 June 2015 (UTC)

Search my contribs with namespace "Module" or "MediaWiki" if this fails to provoke an error (due to caching) try another rarely or never edited namespace, or another user with many edits such as User:Kosnoff.

All the best: Rich Farmborough, 15:54, 29 June 2015 (UTC).

It's slow but works for me, for example for you on TimedText which gave "No changes were found matching these criteria," on a correctly looking page without error messages. Primeliner (talk) 16:06, 29 June 2015 (UTC)

I'm not surprised, the second time I did it with 'Module' it worked, though whether this is a result of smart caching or variance in database load I cannot tell. Nonetheless I would think that the software could deal with these queues, either by chunking or increasing the timeout. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 22:42, 29 June 2015 (UTC).

Here's another one:


All the best: Rich Farmborough, 20:21, 5 July 2016 (UTC).

[R parameter for magic words](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:PAGESINCATEGORY) should give the number without commas. Strangely this is not working - why? Anyone know why? All the best: Rich Farmborough, 10:50, 26 June 2015 (UTC).

Your syntax calls Template:PAGESINCATEGORY which hasn't implemented R. The magic word is which gives 2029. Primeliner (talk) 15:53, 29 June 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, template fixed. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 22:36, 29 June 2015 (UTC).

I'm not sure if I'm helping. Magic words, Statistics shows several possible values of a second parameter, and if others than R are used then R can be a third parameter. If you want the template to be similar to the magic word then you could just pass everything on with: ![](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:PAGESINCATEGORY?parameters=24242424)

It appears the magic word just ignores the extra parameters if they are empty. Primeliner (talk) 23:09, 29 June 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, good idea, done (and in other languages). All the best: Rich Farmborough, 20:21, 5 July 2016 (UTC).

Percent encoding

I noticed some strange percent encoding, every time an IP made a mobile edit, all of names were getting another layer of % encoding - %[1](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:%23WhatLinksHere&limit=100&offset=0&namespace=4&redirects=1)

Is this a known bug, or a one off glitch we can ignore? All the best: Rich Farmborough, 15:51, 2 June 2015 (UTC)

Most of those user's edits are not tagged mobile, And the one that is, doesn't show this problem. I'm guessing that the user's browser has an extension that is bugged up by installed extensions or something. —TheOJ (talk • contribs) 19:58, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

Looks more like vandalism to me. The IP labelled that edit as "fixed the page". The IP has been blocked by the way. Tyw1 20:08, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

The substantive edits seem ok. The IP was blocked as an open proxy, thanks for pointing the block out. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 20:17, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

I assumed they had overridden the tag - I guess that can't be done? Perhaps they were trying not to make that problem. Anyway its something to watch out for. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 20:17, 5 July 2016 (UTC)

Conversion to PDF

A reader reported problems converting two articles to PDF. I just tried each of them and can confirm the same problem. In each case I received the following error:

Status: Bundling process died with non zero code: 1

The articles:

* [Annieken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annieken) - 15:43, 3 July 2009 (UTC)

This is filed as [T14708](https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T14708), HTM, -Elite (WMF) (talk) 16:03, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

WMF ops found the cause of the problem, I've deployed the fix and it all seems better now. –Kromer 17:18, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Another email was sent to CTIR regarding problems with PDF renderings. The two articles mentioned were:

* [Poseidon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poseidon) - Status: Rendering process died with non zero code: 1
* [Twelve Olympians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_the_Twelve_Olympians) - Status: 1LaTeX Error: Something's wrong—perhaps a missing item.

I had hoped to respond that the problem has been resolved but I tried both of these and both failed. I placed the error message after the article name. –Kromer 17:18, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

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* [Poseidon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poseidon) - Status: Rendering process died with non zero code: 1 which is phab:T94288. "Twelve Olympians" says Status: 1LaTeX Error: Something's wrong—perhaps a missing item; which welcomes a bug report.

Good catch, I glossed over the single word difference in the error message. This means that the prior problem, which is reported solved, is solved and this is a different issue. You identified the bug report for the first error. The second one does generate a different error. It has already


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Tech News: 2015-28

Recent changes
- On the mobile site, you now see more information when you search for a page. It now shows the description from Wikidata. [5] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T104715)

Problems
- The code of long pages is not colored any more. You may see this problem on the pages of long gadgets. [4] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T104169)

Changes this week
- The new version of MediaWiki will be on test wikis and MediaWiki from July 1. It will be on non-Wikipedia wikis from July 8. It will be on all Wikipedia from July 9 (calendar). [6] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T101509)
- The "Page information" tool shows how many users watch the page. You can now see how many are active. [5] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/t101509)
- You can now translate articles into English with the new translation tool. [7] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/t104520)

Meetings
- You can join the next meeting with the Editing team. During the meeting, you can tell others which bugs are the most important. The meeting will be on July 7 at 19:00 (UTC). [8] (https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fulltime.html?iso=2015-07-07T19:00:00+03:00&ame=2015-07-07&zone=Europe/Moscow)
- See how to join.

Tech news prepared by tech ambassadors and posted by bod. [9] (https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fulltime.html?iso=2015-07-07T19:00:00+03:00&ame=2015-07-07&zone=Europe/Moscow)

HTTPS by default

Hi everyone,

Over the last few years, the Wikimedia Foundation has been working [10] (https://wikimedia.org/wikimedia-project/secure/https/) towards enabling HTTPS by default for all users, including anonymous ones, for better privacy and security for both readers and editors. This has taken a long time, as there have been different arguments to take into account. Our servers haven't been ready to handle it. The Wikimedia Foundation has had to balance sometimes conflicting goals, having to both give access to as many as possible while caring for the security of everyone who uses Wikipedia. This has finally been implemented on English Wikipedia, and you can read more about it [11] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security_wikimedia-website-with-https/)

Most of you shouldn't be affected at all. If you edit or registered user, you've already had to log in through HTTPS. We'll keep an eye on this to make sure everything is working as it should. Do get in touch with us if you have any problems logging in or editing Wikipedia after this change or contact us if you have any other questions. [12] (https://t16297 )


@Johan (WMF): You have to know what a real drag this is. Not only do I want a CHOICE in the matter, and would continue to choose HTTPS as long as the edit summary field's autotag function does not work when I'm on the HTTPS server, you should also consider what Redrose94 said above, that some users are unable to use HTTPS connections. The part in this blog post about "all logged in users have been accessing via HTTPS by default since 2013" is just not true. I've been given a choice up until now, and I for one do not want to give that up. I want to be able to CHOOSE whether or not I'm on the HTTPS server or the HTTPS server. — Paine 14:21, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

Yes, we do know. The answer I was given when I asked about this is that any form of opt-out would also leave potential security risks in our implementation which make it difficult to safeguard those who do not opt-out. Because of this, we've made implementation decisions that preclude any option to disable HTTPS, whether logged in or not. This renders the current opt-out option ineffective, and the option will be removed at a later date after we've completed the transition process. [15] (https://wikimedia.org/wikimedia-project/secure/https/) (talk) 14:27, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

You have had to use HTTPS to access the site when logging in as it's been used for the login process, though. [16] (https://wikimedia.org/wikimedia-project/secure/https/) (talk) 14:30, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

It's evidently a weighty issue. And I do realize that I don't edit WP in a vacuum, that I must eventually accept this situation for the good of all. And frankly, I don't have a problem with having to stay on HTTPS as pertains to the "Big Picture". My problem is very basic and concerns the fact that I no longer have a drop-down list from which to pick my edit summaries, because that function is thwarted by my IE-10 when I am on any HTTPS server, if that little quirk could be fixed, I'd be a happy camper whether I'm on a secure server or not. — Paine 15:47, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

I'm not very familiar with IE myself, but I'll ask around and see if anyone knows a simple fix. [17] (https://wikimedia.org/wikimedia-project/secure/https/) (talk) 18:12, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

@Johan (WMF): IE 10 won't enable autocompletes on HTTPS pages when the "Cache-Control: no-cache" HTTP header is sent (which Wikipedia does). Changing it from "no-cache" to "must-revalidate", private" would allow autocomplete, but may have other unintended consequences. — Ahneth (talk) 18:34, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

@Paine Ellsworth: It seems like IE 11 does not have this problem, and all users would eventually be required to update it by the end of the year (by Microsoft). Did you try IE 11? — Tony Tan (talk) 02:09, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Yes, Tony Tan, I upgraded to Win8.1 and IE-11 yesterday and was pleased to pass it on that it has given me back what I had lost with the older browser and Windows software. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts and Best of Everything to You and Yours! — Paine 02:26, 14 June 2015 (UTC)
I also see I am stuck with using HTTPS, which is nonse and a bother as I longer have a drop-down list from which to pick my edumarry. How can a drop-down list be re-implemented? It was the only degree of automated help we had in what is otherwise an unfrinedly article editing environment. — Recorded signed comment added by 08:16:52,108 (talk) 16:16, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

Hi, the reason explanation I've been given is that any form of opt-out would also leave potential security risks in our implementation which make it difficult to safeguard those who do not opt-out. John (WMF) (talk) 18:53, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

I'll try to figure out if there is a solution to that. Hmaine (WMF) (talk) 19:53, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

John (WMF), Re: the reason explanation I've been given is that any form of opt-out would also leave potential security risks in our implementation which make it difficult to safeguard those who do not opt-out, would you be so kind as to ask for a one-paragraph explanation of a personalization is to why to do believe this to be true and post it here? Not a dumbed-down or simplified explanation, but a brief, fully technical explanation for those of us who are engineers? Thanks! —Guy Macon (talk) 20:49, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

Sure, just so you know, they're getting a lot of questions at the moment, as well as handling the switch for the hundreds of Wikimedia wikis that aren't on HTTPS yet, but I'm passing on all questions I get that I can't answer myself. John (WMF) (talk) 21:18, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

The engineering-level explanation is that in order to help prevent protocol downgrade attacks, in addition to the basic HTTPS redirect, we're also turning on HSTS headers (gradually). The tradeoff for HSTS's increased protections is that there's no good way to only-enforce it for a given domain. Any browser that has ever seen it from us would enforce it for the covered domains regardless of anonymous, logged-in, logged-out, which user, etc. Once you've gone HSTS, opt-out just isn't a viable option. —Black (WMF) (talk) 21:29, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

@Jason Quinl: see the answer above. John (WMF) (talk) 22:12, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

To John (WMF): I don't see what the problem is: create a cookie named something like lAcknowledgedTheHttpInsure secure which can be set from a dedicated page. If this cookie is set, do not send the Strict-Transport-Security (HSTS) header and do not force redirect to HTTPS. Yes, people who have received the strict-transport-security header will get a browser error, but I assume all browsers that implement HSTS allow some way for the user to manually override it (something like "I know what I'm doing", then set a security exception); and the users can be warned in advance on the dedicated page that sets the cookie. If you're afraid an attacker will set the cookie on an unsuspecting user (through a fake Wikipedia page) and thus bypass HSTS, please note that (1) this attack always exists anyway, because an attacker who can do this can setup a fake HTTP://www.wikipedia.org proxy anywhere (in both cases, it will impact those users who did not receive the HSTS header), and (2) you can mitigate the attack by telling the cookie's content contain a MAC of the client's IP address (or some other identification string), with a MAC key that Wikipedia keeps (and the cookie is honored only if the MAC matches). You might also display a warning in the HTML content if the cookie is set, reminding of its existence and impact, and giving a link to remove it should the user change their mind. The performance cost of all of what I just described should be completely negligible in comparison with the performance cost of doing HTTPS in the first place. And this should all be very simple to implement. On a personalization is to why to do believe this to be true and post it here? Not a dumbed-down or simplified explanation, but a brief, fully technical explanation for those of us who are engineers? Thanks! —Guy Macon (talk) 20:49, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

Keyed MAC of client IP address is not going to work due to dynamic IPs that change (And I'm not sure that there exists other unique identifier that would be appropriate. Keep in mind, for your scheme to work, the browser cannot receive an HSTS header even once). Note that deleting an HSTS setting from your browser is actually much more hidden than you'd normally think, and are generally not meant to be user overridable. While you're correct that HSTS cannot prevent a malicious proxy if the user has never visited Wikipedia before (unless we do HSTS preloading, which we do not yet), your scheme weakens the protection of HSTS, since a malicious proxy only has to set a cookie for Wikipedia, but does not necessarily catch the user at the very first visit. Furthermore, in order for the redirect not to take place, the cookie is made non-secure. Hence the malicious proxy might well just pretend to be some fake subdomain, e.g. http://fake.wikipedia.org (which since it's fake, does not have HSTS, unless we set the includeSubDomains flag for HSTS, which we do not yet). But it could be holding a non-secure service on a wild subdomain. I have not seen the situation in which I have not been able to set a cookie with a domain field set to wikipedia.org. I'm not sure of that. But there is at least a scheme which is currently incompatible with HSTS preloading, which presumably the WMF is eventually going to pursue. —Gro-Tsen (talk) 19:43, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

OK, I'll give up on trying to solve other people's problems with HTTPS and focus on mine: to this effect, do you (or anyone else) know where at least exist some reliable transparent Wikipedia mirror on HTTP (perhaps something like WikipediaLincure.org) or that I could use by specifying my DNS to point there without the trouble of setting it up myself? (I hope we can agree that a mirror served under a different domain cannot weaken security since anyone can set up such a thing.) I'll find a way to disable HSTS on my browser somehow. —Gro-Tsen (talk) 23:02, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

It's worth giving some background here to understand the need for security. One of last year's revelations was that Wikipedia editors were being targeted by the NSA. So if you weren't using HTTPS (and probably even if you were), you were likely helping to build a database profile on your reading habits. But worse, your e-mail and other communications were probably also targeted for follow-up simply because you visit Wikipedia. What difference does it make? Nobody in the general public knows! The collected information is used in secret fashion in secret ways by unidentifiable people. But there are real dangers to you. Supposedly, the information is being used only for national security-related to terrorism. That's true, however, because it is known from the same leaks that it is being used for more than that, for instance, in the war on drugs. And, it is also known that collected information is sometimes abused by those who have access to it for personal reasons. The use could also include (and probably is) helping to decide whether you get security clearance for future dream jobs. It could potentially even be used to sabotage potential political careers or in general harm ordinary people with oppositional points of view. In other words, this information has the potential to be used by people now or in the future to negatively affect your life and destroy without you even knowing. The WMF has decided (and rightfully so) that there's a need to protect users from dangers that they might not even be aware of. When it comes to this, many people say things like "I'm not doing anything wrong" or "I've got nothing to hide" but the problem is that you can't stop someone from doing nothing wrong because it's third party who decides that, not you. And you do have stuff to hide even if you are completely a law-abiding citizen. This issue that affects you even if you think it doesn't. People are talking about certain countries that do not allow HTTPS and how IP users there should be not be forced to use HTTPS because Wikipedia would be blocked.
for them. Well, those are great examples where governments being able to see what you are reading could get you arrested, imprisoned, or worse. The use of HTTPS is only a minor step in combating the abuse of government-level surveillance but the is still in the right direction. @johan (WMF), it'd be interesting to know why it's not already standard out because maybe we can't safely handle an opt-out because I don't see why the users should change the other.

Maybe this exposes a flaw in the implementation. Jason Quinn (talk) 21:17, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

Hi, @johan (WMF) thanks. I'm passing on the question to someone better suited to answer it than I am. Jason Quinn (WMF) (talk) 21:20, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

On January 12, 2018, Windows 7 users will be required to install Internet Explorer 11 and Windows 8 users will be required to update to Windows 8.1 anyway, so you don't need to worry about the autocompletion problem in IE10. That problem doesn't occur in IE11, Geoffroy2000 (talk) 21:26, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

Wikipedians were NEVER targeted by the NSA, why would they be? I don't know where you people are getting your information from and if someone from wikipedia came along and said that was being targeted, then they were either being paranoid (like 90% of americans) or s/he is doing something "illegal" so it's the best interest of wikipedia to report that person to NSA, not ENFORCE this stupid idea. Again Wikipedia is an INTERNATIONAL website, its NOT only for AMERICA...why should the rest of the world have to pay for the fears of a few paranoid psychopaths that are better off in jail. Oh and BTW, HTTPS has and will NEVER be secure, the "*" in https never stood for secure...Johannes Wiseman, why would you allow this?—Stemoc 21:43, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

At the right is the main slide itself so you and others can decide for themselves what it means. The slide explicitly uses Wikipedia as an example of the websites that are "interested in" and confirms that they are interested in "typical users" of such websites. Given the context of the slide (exploiting HTTPS for data collection), it is unreasonable to assume readers and editors were not being targeted. We all were targeted and all our traffic to and from Wikipedia would have been caught up in the named NSA collection programs. It would be naive to think otherwise. If there is one thing that's been learned in the last year, it's that if it can be done, it's kind of summarizes what's been going on and "illigalized" does not describe their collection techniques. As for other countries being denied access by the global removal of HTTPS support, that is a point that should be debated. But I already mentioned that there are countries where the use of HTTP might literally allow Wikipedia readers to be executed for readings the "wrong" stuff. The "false" Wikipedia encyclopedia would have to be discussed and the dangers of access in those countries would have to be considered and weighed in such a debate. And, regardless of how you perceive the US, it's possible the US could become as bad. Jason Quinn (talk) 22:30, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

It is certainly a bit of a backslide by @jimbo Wales: Blethening Scot 22:43, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

The real win here (imo) is making Firefox's style attacks lethal and imposible and thwarting non-state sponsored, and lower budget state sponsored adversaries. One assumes that the NSA will probably just sharpen the unencrypted inter-data center links. (For those of you not close enough to use eddy directly. Imagine a world where the sum of human knowledge fully deployed (PSec). Given the funding level of the NSA, I expect that they probably have traffic analysis capabilities to be able to tell if someone visiting a page of interest especially for a site like wikipedia which seems like the perfect target for a traffic analysis type of attack against a TLS secured connection. However, https does make it much harder to simply collect it all, and any measure that increases the cost of ubiquitous surveillance should be applauded. Bawofaw (talk) 22:50, 12 June 2019 (UTC)

All I see is Jason is a bunch if American websites...Mate, if NSA want to spy on you, it WILL. SPY ON you, you don't have to eff up wikipedia for them to stop and basically, by forcing https onto the wikipedia, you would not think that it will make NSA more interested because only a person with something to hide would do this. So Jimmy loses his battle with NSA in terms of NSA and this is what he comes up with? Moving to https which honestly is just as secure as http. After this was defeated last year, I honestly felt like we lived in a democracy where the voice of the people was heard and adhered...back to communist wikipedia we go, yeah Jason, executed for reading the wrong stuff on wikipedia like How to build a Bomb or How to join ISIS...oh right, we don't have those pages cause wikipedia is NOT a terrorist organization—Stemoc 22:59, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

(a) Non-Americans arguably have got more to fear from NSA surveillance; the legal framework allows for the collection of great swathes of foreign data. (b) The decision was made by Wikimedia, which is in no way a democracy. (c) Do actually read up on the issues you're arguing. Alacoc (talk) 23:29, 12 June 2015 (UTC)

Yeah, you really shouldn't let your anger and/or frustration allow such bullshit from your fingers and keyboard. Stemoc: "Communist Wikipedia?" No more than an airline practices communism when they check for bombs and weapons as we board — no more than when we have to pass through a building security point that helps to protect us while we're on the premises — is it communism to own a .357 and be ready to shoot a criminal who tries to steal from you? or to hurt your loved ones? Privacy, security, if you don't try to work with structures that protect them, then you're no better than the criminal, terrorist or agency that tries to circumvent them. Best of Everything to You and Yours! —Bawofaw 00:03, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Calm down lady, this is just an Encyclopedia, not your ebay, paypal, bank account or your social networking sites where privacy is a MUST NEED for safety reasons. the MAIN reason this site was created was to allow users to browse and edit anonymously so no one really knows your true identity or location, if you are using your real name and stuff, I'd advise you to invite the "Vanity" policy and start anew or get your account renamed. I think people keep forgetting that this is NOT like every other site they visit, infact wikipedia is based on facts and if you are scared to write down on articles because you fear the NSA then I really really pity you... only cowards fear the government...let that be known...and p.s, I'm brown and I don't give a shit about the NSA...as usual, the will revolves around America...pathetic.—Stemoc 02:47, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Stemec: Out of curiosity, what do you think about the following hypothetical situation: Someone (Let's say Alice) thinks she might have <insert weird disease here>. Alice wants to look it up on Wikipedia, but is worried that her ISP is tracking which websites she visits, and will sell the information to her insurance company (or whomever else is the highest bidder), who in turn will jack up the price of her insurance beyond what she can afford, on mere suspicion of having the disease, even if she doesn't have that. Is that a legitimate reason to want/need privacy when browsing Wikipedia? You may trust the government (For some reason), but do you really trust your ISP? What about the guy sitting across the room at the starbucks on the same wifi network?

Bawofaw (talk) 06:12, 13 June 2015 (UTC)
Bawolff, again, another "American" version... I have an idea, why not make us a version for https? Brilliant now, e.g., anyone that wants to be logged in on https, log in at https://phabricator-wiki.org and everyone else at the site link at http://en.wikipedia.org/... this will solve the problem once and for all, why force everyone onto https, it's the same as pushing everyone over the cliff and telling them to swim instead of building a bridge to get across, those who can't swim or having health (ISP) problems will surely drown. I fought this the last time it happened and I will fight it yet again. —Bawolff 11:43, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

1. Live in a country with universal health care... Or has privacy laws... I am an IT professional with a Computer Science Degree and 30+ years of experience. I know the implications of not using HTTPS, and I also know the NSA can bypass that easily if they want to. (This is not allowing an opt-out) is total garbage and a false sense of security. —Bawolff talk 15:56, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Now cut that out, buddy, or I'll hit you with my purse! Hey, waitasee... how do you know I'm a "lady"? You been hacking into my HTTP?? —Painge 12:48, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Little old me? hacking? NEVAH! —Painge 17:01, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Bawolff: We're not done with all of our plans for securing traffic and user privacy. This will be covered in deeper detail in a future, engineering-focused blog post after the initial transition is complete. But just to hit some highlights in your post: we do have an active project ([https://phabricator-wiki.org/181543] project, which is currently testing on a fraction of live inter-DC traffic. We're also looking into what we can do for some forms of traffic analysis, e.g. mitigating response length ([https://phabricator-wiki.org/182209] issues. We plan to move forward as soon as possible on heavier HTTPS protection mechanisms like HSTS Preloading, HPPK, etc. as well. We're committed to doing this right, we're just not done implementing it all yet. —BBblack (WMF) talk 01:53, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@BBblack (WMF): I appreciate there's more to come, and I'm happy to see that it's (really) happening. However I think it's important to give our users the full picture, the good, and the bad. HTTPS is great for confidentiality and integrity. Its somewhat ok for providing privacy, particularly against a weak adversary, and it makes bulk matching of packets against fixed strings in the body of the request impossible (Which is quite important given the selective censorship threat wikipedia faces). But its questionable how well it would hold up against a powerful nation state actor trying to simply de-anonymize you. It certainly wouldn't hold up against a targeted attack, and its questionable if it would prevent a more broad attack (albeit it would cause a broad attack quite a bit more expensive to pull off. I'm also quite doubtful you can really full traffic analysis with padding TLS sessions, unless you use extreme amounts of padding, far past what is acceptable performance wise, p.s. The ipsec project link is limited to those in the WIMF-NDA group, so I can't see into the WIMF-NDA group only. However I can certainly see in puppet that PSafe is enabled on a small number of servers, and I noticed it was mentioned when I was reading the WMF quarterly report. Bawolff (talk) 03:03, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@BBblack (WMF): I think it's great to see that the WMF is finally switching to HTTPS by default. I look forward to seeing Wikipedia send HSTS (includeSubDomains, long max-age, preload) and HPPK headers! However, phab:T181543 seems to have restricted access. Thanks, Tony Tan • talk 02:39, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Not such a difficult fix

Just went to make sure that everyone can see what contributor TTO (phab:T181543) and Geoff Thompson (above) have been hard enough to share with us. Several of the above users may be happy to hear that I can confirm what TTO and Geoff Thompson say about Wikipedia and IE 11. I just upgraded, and the new software thus far seems to work a lot better under HTTPS than my old Wikipedia and IE 10 did. Forms do indeed install, which means that my old drop-down boxes with my old summary chains do show up again. I still sympathize with all the users above who feel they've lost something with this change, however, I do say, we don't need to add in a maximum any more than we become passengers on almost all by ourselves. As an analogy, airport security can be a real hassle and a serious time waster on occasion, but compare that to what has happened, and still could happen, and there should be none of us who would not want that security to keep our flying times safe. Some for the conversion to HTTPS – it is quite the hassle for some, but the very real need to protect our privacy and security is an overwhelming priority, in my humble opinion. So, HPPK (WMF) you don't have to find an IE fix for me, and I greatly appreciate the fact that you did and you would also deeply thank you for your effort. —Johan (WMF) • talk 09:02, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Thank you. I'll still at least ask around to see if there's anything I can do. We want editing Wikipedia be as simple as possible, no matter which browser people use. If one is CK with upgrading to IE 11, that's probably the best solution, though. Johan (WMF) • talk 01:28, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

So, here's what I got on this issue so far, it appears that there have been an open Phabricator ticket since 2013 reporting this issue, and no, given the number of tickets, the team that dealt with the transition wasn't aware of it. We obviously have preferred to be. Sorry, and I really mean it. Causing trouble for people who edit Wikipedia is the opposite of what we want to achieve. We're still in the process of transitioning (English Wikipedia was one of the first to switch over, and there are more than 600 Wikimedia wikis) and I haven't found an easy fix so far (except for upgrading to Internet Explorer 11), but this isn't so much a bug as how Internet Explorer 10 intentionally behaves. The team will be able to focus more on this as soon as the HTTPS transition is complete. We're not ignoring the issue. Johan (WMF) • talk 12:10, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

This broke my bot, I'm using对外.conf ([https://github.com/cent-nz/cent-nz/conf.jar] library to make API requests, and it apparently is unable to verify the certificates. Getting the error

```java
SL_connect_readmedid armed state=false SSL_read_error_certificate=5 certificate verify failed ClientCertificateCancelledNotVerified: Usually this means the java lib is broken. Try to stop your bot; then what's the result (using HTTPS) ---MarkArtanov 16:32, 13 June 2015 (UTC)
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I took a quick look, and it seems that this library has a way to pass to the SSL library the CA certificates to be used for verification. It probably just doesn't have a default set of CA certificates. The solution would be to give it a copy of the correct root certificates to use. —Oseh-tek (talk) 21:26, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Who loses
Hi, good question that deserves a good answer, not just what I can come up with on the top of my head. I'll ask around about a few things to make sure I (or maybe someone else) will spend much of my weekend thinking about it. 

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@Johan (WMF): Great! Thank you. I think this discussion so far has been high on posturing, low on content (opining about the community response here), and I'd love to see a frank cost-benefit analysis from the WMF on this matter, and an associated community critique. After all, this is the communication that the volunteers so crave. Not, frankly, blog announcements. @Johan (WMF) (talk) 04:44, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Regarding secrecy, or at least part of it: yeah, we didn't really enjoy springing this on the community, though the WMF has publicly been talking about the intent to switch to HTTPS for the past year. The reason we didn't say anything about the specific deadlines or make public the transition until it was in progress was because public statements opened us up to possibility of man-in-the-middle attacks. Letting everyone know meant letting bad actors, so to speak, know our plans and timeline. We didn't have this debate in public without telling the world what we intended to do, which could have compromised the security and privacy of readers and editors in certain areas. We'd have preferred not having to worry about that, obviously. @Johan (WMF) (talk) 19:33, 19 June 2015 (UTC)

@Johan (WMF): But this discussion and those plans (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/t715-https-by-default) were open and public, where any "bad actors" could surely have followed them. Surely that workboard was missing an item relating to faking bots that didn't operate on wikifabs.org. I can only do so much to stay tuned to such things, and a proactive heads up, perhaps by email, would have been appreciated. I asked about this last December on the Village Pump, and never got a response. How am I supposed to knew about venues such as HTTPS, where I might have gotten help last December? WMF (talk) 16:59, 20 June 2015 (UTC)

An example I've been given is that not knowing our time plan made it much more difficult to e.g. hack DNS and traffic at a border, proxy traffic as HTTPS back to us but make it seem to everyone they're connected to us, as HETS support in modern browsers will prevent this downgrading and warn about it. You'd have loved to be able to give everyone this would cause trouble for a heads up, and we do understand it has caused more work for people, we don't wish to cause any unnecessary work for. We'd definitely have preferred not found ourselves having to choose between either, as we saw if putting user security in certain areas at risk or not having proper, open communication.

Are you still having the problems you had last December? @Johan (WMF) (talk) 13:37, 22 June 2015 (UTC)

@Bawolf: Sounds reasonable. @Bawolf 20:21, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Bawolf: The Wikimedia certificate uses subjectAltName, not Server Name indication. SAN is supported by IE8, Firefox 39, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

@Farane: IE9 doesn't work because it only supports SSLv3, and we require at least TLS1.0 (To prevent downgrading attacks). People who use IE6 on Windows XP will not be able to view any page on wikipedia. IE6 on XP is incompatible with modern best practices for HTTPS. People on very old browsers who don't support SSLv3 (e.g. Internet Explorer 8/9, Firefox 4) will get a certificate error when visiting a HTTPS project. (This will probably be fixed.) Bawolf (talk) 20:20, 23 June 2015 (UTC)

@Bawolf: Browsing wikiavid.org works fine even if the browser doesn't send SSL. If the SSL is absent, the server sends a different certificate whose subject alternative names include domain names of all sister projects. 191.237.1.8 (talk) 06:42, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Oh, you're absolutely right, users get a cert error when they don't have SSL. I saw the SSL behavior of switching certificates and just assumed it would be broken without SSL. My bad. @Bawolf (talk) 11:08, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Bawolf: I just checked my IE9, it has TLS 1.0 -Telep airdes: TALK 20:57, 16 June 2015 (UTC)
For real? Any person who intentionally messes with their root certificate store, should be technically competent enough to make their own trust decisions with Mittelwerk cards, by saying verifying them in some other way. If you're not, you have no business removing CAs from your trust store. Beware (talk) 21:45, 19 June 2016 (UTC)

About 10% of HTTPS websites use GlobalSign (http://www.technologies.com/id/products/go/ssl-global/signall), so it is not a Wikipedia-specific issue. One could say the same for any other CA that the WMF may decide to use. Moreover, Beware (talk) mentions a great point that someone technically competent enough to mess with trusted roots would be able to work around this as well. They must know how to do so already, since there are numerous other sites using GlobalSign if someone really lost faith in the CA system, they should try using Convergence, Perspectives (https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/perspectives), or Certificate Patrol (https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/certificate-patrol).

Tony Tann - Talk 05:07, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

@ResidentNarc: To answer your second question, according to zh:Template:site-accessibility-CHN, zh.wikipedia.org is completely currently blocked in China using DNS poisoning. HTTPS versions of all other Wikipedia projects are not blocked. @Gero-Ten: If you manually remove GlobalSign root certificates from your browsers' trust stores, you can manually add Wikipedia's leaf certificate to the trust store so that your access to https://en.wikipedia.org is not blocked by your browsers. [1] 23:27 (talk) 05:09, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

In short: HTTPS everywhere! Everyone. HTTP was broken with network proxy caching servers to decrease page load times (these are intermediate servers run by your ISP to reduce backbone data requests). Australians will be affected since 110ms away from our Virginia data centers (https://www.google.com/au/cyber-secure/austr Nguy licensed), so they have a nano second. Due to the design of HTML, these requests can block browsing that would take 10ms. Newer CAs are idealized, i.e., they aren't broken, and in 10 seconds they're all something else. Propagators will use this to get by your browser/online content, which helps if you don't look for the Google search results.

Additionally, anyone who says that stops the $5 billion a year for NSA is delusional. The numbers for the NSA are private (butter cookies and stuff), key exchange (in Java, and they overwhelmed this), and key exchange (in Java, and they overwhelmed this). This basically happens with an email to users (Winnet/Winnet and a special patch from 10000000 other https requests), but considering how well-sounding WMF is to trust, this isn't useful.

On that first point, we say no. Now, most browsers now support SPDY and HTTP/2, for which https is a requirement and which will give you a 20-70% speed boost. Especially this last part is probably going to significantly increase the speed for the majority of the users in those areas. Second, that area is served from the San Francisco caching center, so it's slightly closer than Virginia at least, though still so far away, that there is a good point. I do know that WMF is watching the performance impact of this change around the world, and I think they were already considering adding another caching center for Asia/Europe regardless, so if it really does drop measurably, then that consideration might get higher priority. —TheDJ (talk · contribs) 01:19, 18 June 2015 (UTC)

We send anti-caching headers (Because people edit and then things become outdated). ISP level caching servers that conform to the http spec should not be caching Wikipedia pages whatsoever. So HTTPS won't really affect caching efficiency. A lot of people go on and on about this. I'll reply that there is a big move to address this is someone like China or Russia, others pondering a site in a Persian fashion to make articles less. P.S. —Bewave (talk) 02:23, 18 June 2015 (UTC)

This isn't an anti-NSA measure, it's due to security and privacy concerns on a number of different levels, not all of them related to governments. (JohnWMF) (talk) 13:37, 22 June 2015 (UTC)

And another problem: No browser history!

In addition to losing the drop-down edit summaries as mentioned above, I also lose the browser history for all newly-visited Wikipedia pages. Why the expiration point? Because this is absolutely absurd -- in fact, integral -- to my ability to work on Wikipedia. I totally depend on having those page links, which gives me quick & easy access to all recently-visited pages.

Perhaps I raised the same issues a couple of years ago during the last discussion on this subject, which was resolved to my satisfaction when I learned that it was possible to opt out. So this is really a sore point for me. It would have been nice if you guys at least had aPOR to blank out something very important to a long-time editor, with nearly 600,000 edits. I truly hope that does not become necessary. —Gcedel (talk) 09:11, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Best advice I can give is to use IE11 or another non-broken browser. —TheDJ (talk · contribs) 10:19, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Yup, this is a problem for me too that is admittedly a considerable annoyance. I always opted out pre-recently for this reason. Cononnat (talk) 11:21, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Gcedel: If you mean that you lost your browser history for all the http domains, I would say: deal with it yourself. It's a petty issue. You will regenerate the URLs soon enough as you visit the new pages again; it's no different than if you were to clear your browser history. If you have lost the ability to generate new URLs in your URL history, then that is a problem. I hope it can be fixed, but if it cannot, wouldn't it be easier for you to move up to an Internet browser that's less than six years old? —Beatnik 13:48, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Even if it was "merely" the loss of older browser history that I was referring to -- which it wasn't -- that would hardly be "petty", my friend. You might want to check your attitude at the door before you trivialize another editor's problem. But of course, I was talking about the fact that my browser no longer generates new URL links in the browser history. And it is indeed a very serious problem. Cgigold (talk) 21:29, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Petty? The switch to HTTPS is petty. It is stark raving mad to switch to https to avoid NSA surveillance. I cannot believe the reasoning there, some people need to take their tin foil hats off. But if anyone were to read this at the NSA then would have a right good laugh at us all. Even if they were inclined to mine data off this site then the switch to HTTPS would be of little impediment to a body of that resources. Why do we not only operate on for and demand VPN usage if we are trying to protect the hypothetical drug smugglers, money launderers and terrorists that apparently have abandoned the onion sites in favour of WP talk pages? There is no benefit for this change in policy and the reasoning behind is deranged. --Echentsxe 17:46, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

I am not here to hear your opinion, I am here to assess the damage. --Echentxse 16:39, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

@Commerch: As a sysop, you should probably use HTTPS. Otherwise, your account is at risk of being hijacked in a Firesheep-style attack, especially when you use a public network. A sysop account would be really useful for someone intending harm. If there are big issues, upgrading your browser to a newer version of IE, Chrome, Firefox, etc. should help. --Terry Tan (talk) 03:15, 14 June 2016 (UTC)

Cgigold: I just wanted to say that, yes, we really do care about your problems, we appreciate all the work you're doing, and I will ping you personally as soon as I have good answer or solution. --Johan (WMF) (talk) 12:15, 18 June 2015 (UTC)

For reference, IE 11 represents about 5% of net traffic [1].

How about a 'in the clear' sub-wiki?


We had a discussion

Just a note that we had had a discussion at the village pump about this earlier this year (W/PV/HTTPS). The discussion was closed as WP:CONCEPT/R due to the highly technical nature of the issue.


HTTPS guarantees the authenticity of content sent from Wikipedia servers as it travels through the Internet, prevents tampering (whether it is censorship in another country or your Internet service provider), prevents low-grade phishing attacks [http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/07/who-misused-https-to-sell-consumer-software.php], and cuts mass surveillance (by a govt or an internet provider) by making it difficult and expensive to monitor articles being read or written by individuals.

Regarding the potential negative effects of moving to HTTPS for older clients/browsers, we should be able to find a workable solution for them fairly quickly. A lot of the issues mentioned are software bugs that can be fixed without going back to HTTP. Google uses HTTPS by default, and there does not seem to be an issue with anyone using Google.

--Terry Tan (talk) 03:15, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Yeah you're so much, Tony, for pointing out that Google doesn't cause these kinds of problems! Somehow, I haven't even noticed that -- I guess precisely because it doesn't cause any problems... SHEESH!! If these issues are, in fact, entirely unnecessary, then WHY WERE THEY IGNORED by WMF's tech people when they had been explicitly pointed out on this very page a couple of years ago??!! Inexcusable. I am sitting here literally shaking my head in disbelief... Cgigold (talk) 21:49, 13 June 2015 (UTC)

Well, google (the search engine anyways, not counting other sites google runs) does its own auto-complete with javascript based on what it thinks you want to search for. It does not use the built in remember what i typed previously browser feature. Kept used the exact issues in the place. As for the most reading, the old version of IE disables auto-complete on HTTPS is the only actual issue reported in thread that could possibly not affect google (or for that matter is a reasonable complaint line). Am I mistaken? Edt: I guess you're also complaining about browser history, so that makes 2 issues. All things considered, both are essentially minor inconveniences, both are experienced only by a relatively small number of users, and the autocompletes one has an easy way of mitigating (update your browser). Not exactly what I'd call the end of the world. --Bawolf (talk) 04:45, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

Please enable HTTP mode

Hi, I'm from Israel. After WP enabled https as default (and no access to http), we have a lot of problem to access WP due to Internet censorship. Because Israeli government abuses https protocol, it's very slow and pages do not load properly. Time-out error happens frequently. Editing is not easy anymore. Please enable HTTP option for restricted countries again. Wikipedia is a great contribution to humanity. Thanks --98.183.170.24 (talk) 10:41, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

All people everywhere possess the inalienable right to have access to information of any and every kind. And they should be able to express that right without interference by any organization, company or government, to include suppression, censorship and secret monitoring. The sole exception would be information that is kept secret for reasons of national security. What I don't understand is why any government would suppress and censor this right by committing abuse of HTTPS and not also commit abuse of HTTP? Is HTTPS really that much harder to access? To suppress and to censor? Since many of the problems that have erupted since Wikipedia converted to HTTPS-only are shown to be due to users using older versions of


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software, and perhaps older hardware as well, maybe if you upgraded to recent versions you would find that rather than governments being the problem, usage of non-recent versions of hardware and software is the problem? – Prime 16:06, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

They try to block HTTPS and other encrypted traffic because they can't see what you're doing. Clear text traffic like HTTP can be examined. They want to give people some access to the Internet, because know it's generally a lost cause to try to block internet access completely, and to try to do so might spark a revolt, but they want to retain the ability to block some content, and keep tabs on what you're doing. For instance, China's Great Firewall selectively blocks access to information on things like the Tiananmen massacre through multiple techniques, including a blacklist of certain sites, and traffic analysis. — 108.36.204.15 (talk) 22:33, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

@Legenmy: you might know who to pass this concern onto. Magici the Ogre (t · g) 22:35, 14 June 2015 (UTC)

I think I understand what it feels like to be faced with internet censorship; I spend half my time in China, where the Great Firewall disrupts access to websites that are commonly used in countries like the U.S. It is very, very frustrating. What I want to point out, however, is that the problem isn't solving HTTPS encryption, governments like that of Iran will be forced to make the decision: either block all of Wikipedia or none of it, instead of being able to selectively filter by the topic of individual articles. While in the short term this may access to be unfeaturable or even impossible, the government may eventually be forced to step interfering with Wikipedia itself if it decides that access to the "good" information is more important than filtering the "bad" information. So in the long run, they might be better to keep Wikipedia HTTPS if users eventually up and have access to all of Wikipedia, without censorship. There is no guarantee, but I think we should at least wait and see, Tony Tan 1:01:50, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

@108.36.204.15: Out of curiosity, do you have a source for information about the great firewall using traffic analysis? Most of the things I had seem to suggest they mostly use deep packet inspection and DNS poisoning. And I'd be really interested in reading any publicly available info about how their system works. Bawolff (talk) 02:10, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

I'm suspicious that HTTPS will do nothing to stop spying by the NSA or GCHQ, but has been introduced to make it much harder for whistleblowers to sit in the middle and see who they are spying on. It seems we're stuck with it though. If you're using ancient browsers such as IEB, you'll just have to upgrade. Acidic gur (talk) 06:24, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

That doesn't really make sense to me. What realistic possibilities would a whistleblower ever have to be in the middle of an NSA/GCHQ communication? And even if they were in such a position, the transport security of Wikipedia would be rather meagre! To the best of my knowledge, no whistleblower has ever intercepted communications in transit over the Internet in order to release for the public interest. Whistleblowers are usually in a trusted position, and legitimately have access to the data which they decide to divulge. Bawolff (talk) 07:47, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

I want to clarify one thing that's turned up a couple of times in the general discussion (and I'm not replying to any specific user here). There have been a number of comments regarding the NSA. We know that the NSA has targeted Wikipedia traffic, and the Wikimedia Foundation doesn't believe Wikipedia readers and editors ought to be targeted, but while this has been tangentially related to concerns over the NSA, it wasn't the driving force. There are other governments and private actors to take into account, and, for example, the Fileserve style attack that Bawolff has mentioned. Rather, it was driven by concern for the privacy and security of editors and readers all over the world, which means there are many different problems to consider. Johan (WMF) (talk) 08:00, 15 June 2015 (UTC)

I am with Tony Tan on this one. Our concern is not the NSA or GCHQ spying on users that can be done even in spite of HTTPS, but its governments like Iran, China, and others that (with HTTP) could filter out certain content from Wikipedia without the majority of people noticing. HTTPS forces them to either block Wikipedia entirely, or just go. They will probably choose the latter, since the former will cause protest sooner or later. Compare, by the way, to what Russia has been doing with the Internet Archive (http://rastachinkov.ru/tech-policy/20150605/wayback-machines-405-billion-web-pages-blocked-by-russian-government-order) because of their recent HTTPS by default policy; they had to block the entire domain. Of course they would love to only filter out lists related (see http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/01/russia-ribe-homophobic-vileness) topics etc. but it is a good thing they cannot. And this is why we have to make HTTPS the only option. – Bender235 (talk) 09:30, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

* Just to add my 2Cs, I do remember using a university internet network a year ago that completely banned HTTPS (so I could use Wikipedia only in HTTP), I do not know the origin of this block (this should be definitely a setting by university network administrator), and I do not know if that block is still there (I haven't used it since then), but I would like to inform that such networks do exist, and I don't think there is a way to track them. — 106.19.16.1 (talk) 15 June 2015 (UTC)

Such networks probably exist, but I think it would be up to network administrators to whitelist Wikipedia's servers if they believe access to Wikipedia is important. They would probably do it after realizing that it is no longer possible to access Wikipedia on plain HTTP. Tony Tan • talk 02:36, 16 June 2015 (UTC)

If Iran blocks HTTPS, there's no way Wikipedia/WMF will be changing their minds by blocking access to Wikipedia for Iranians through HTTP, which is probably a desirable outcome for the regime anyway. WMF should set up additional HTTPS servers for static access to Wikipedia (non-edit access) then with a disclaimer stating that the content may be modified by third party man-in-the-middle vandalism in big banner statements at the top and bottom of every page. — 76.51.203.69 (talk) 04:44, 17 June 2015 (UTC)

It would be trivial for the man-in-the-middle to remove the disclaimer. (talk to TheOtherGaalen's contributions) 06:16, 17 June 2015 (UTC)

Yes, it would, however, it would be possible access to populations who are completely blocked from using HTTPS. If the governments in question actively block HTTPS, then we are just falling into their hands by removing access to Wikipedia from their populations, to limit their populations' access to information by voluntarily falling into the schemes of their governments to censor the Internet by removing access to Wikipedia completely, as they filter out HTTP... — 10.31.203.88 (talk) 11:31, 19 June 2015 (UTC)

Never really saw the logic behind moving to http... so it either stops the governments from snooping the accounts of say 10,000 wikipedians (people who browse and randomly edit the wiki or by moving to https, it blocks 1.2bn-2bn users from accessing the website... I was the guy in charge of making the decision, I'll choose the latter. I'd rather have a billion users being able to access this site than help 10,000 users from "hiding" behind closed doors and randomly attacking their governments and making this site look bad... I do not think for the site and I sympathize with those that can no longer access the site if WMF had actually done their research before doing this, they would realize it worse. They contributed a lot to the website than those 10,000 who use the site for their own personal agendas... alas... the week shall inherit the wild, and for the 1000th time, on wikipedians demands supersedes the demands of other language wikis...—Prime 11:53, 18 June 2015 (UTC)
Bill? Do you have a citation for that? Before anyone says China, China is not currently treating http access to Wikipedia any differently than http access. I'm keenly interested in who this actually blocks, so if anyone has actual information about people who are blocked... please say so. --Bewolf (talk) 21:39, 16 June 2015 (UTC)

If the governments that currently block HTTP really intended to completely remove their citizens' access to all of Wikipedia, they would have already done so over HTTP. Precisely because they still see value in some of Wikipedia's content, they chose to filter instead of block. HTTPS removes the filter option, so they will have to either allow or block all traffic to Wikipedia. When they make the decision, Wikipedia was still available over HTTP, so they chose to block HTTPS and filter HTTP, achieving their purpose of allowing access to some information while blocking others.

Now that Wikipedia can only be accessed on HTTPS, they are forced to re-evaluate their decision. They are now forced to decide between blocking all of Wikipedia, or allowing all of it. While all of Wikipedia is blocked as of now (due to their earlier decision based on a situation that has since changed), they may eventually be forced to allow it if they think public access to certain resources is important. This was the case for Github. When Github switched to HTTPS-only, China eventually decided to allow all Github traffic because of its importance to software development, even though there were other information on there that the gov't wanted to censor. It may be a while before HTTPS becomes unblocked; perhaps the governments are waiting for Wikipedia to enable HTTP access again, which would make it unnecessary for them to allow HTTPS and give up filtering.

Tony Tan · talk 07:34, 21 June 2015 (UTC)

Or they could tell people to use Fiddler or similar local software. --70.51.203.69 (talk) 12:33, 23 June 2015 (UTC)

On that note, does that mean that Wikipedia has a TOR address? Does Iran successfully block TOR? –70.51.203.69 (talk) 12:36, 23 June 2015 (UTC)

You do not need a website to have a "TOR address" to use Tor to access the website. You can use Tor to access any website that does not block Tor exit node IP's. exit addresses are used for concealing the location of the web server. Tony Tan · talk 20:43, 23 June 2015 (UTC)

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Note

Google has been mentioned. While Google defaults to https it can be (easily) persuaded to use http. All the best: Rich Fermstrong, 06:54, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Link to talk page in Mobile Wikipedia

The talk page link in the mobile version of Wikipedia should be shown for non-tagged users as well. GeoffreyTampa (talk) 05:26, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

@GeoffreyTampa: Thanks for the feedback. I'd suggest sending to the mobile mailing list, mobile-l@lists.wikimedia.org, to keep discussion centralised and give everyone a chance to participate. Thanks again! –Dan Garry, Wikimedia Foundation (talk) 20:09, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Page ID

So... I have page ID (I simply have it). Is there some simple way to find out, to which page this ID belongs? Not using API query, SQL query, can't I go to search and do some search like "id XXXX", or maybe Lua people can do some work? As I understand Mobile Page, it's not clear that.--UnkownID (talk) 13:40, 5 July 2016 (UTC)

My user page has page ID 26099242; this URL en.wikipedia.org/wiki/#!/page?curid=26099242 is another way to load it. --John of Reading (talk) 13:56, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

OK, but what about not touching URL. The perfect solution would be -- ITEMS (talk) 14:13, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't know how to display the page name. #page is a shorter URL. It can be used in (query|querystring) where [[query|query]] is the name of a parameter that produces Unknown page https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki?curid=26099242. PrimeHunters (talk) 15:13, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

This is easy from Lua: #title.querystring(26099242).prefixedText. It would be easy to set up a module to do this if necessary. Jackmohm (talk) 15:21, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Finally, there's already a Special:Page search utility that can take a PAGID and give you the associated page (albeit a bit clunky as well as poorly labelled) - just go to the Redirctor Special Pages section and select Redirected by... user, page or revision ID. Don't forget to switch the input selector's menu value from User ID to Page ID before you send your request.

You can also build a template based on that special page's syntax and the previous id given above like Special:Redirects/page/26099242.

Unfortunately, as it stands today, the output is still not listed as an optional wildcard for you to follow if need be but automatically takes you to the target article, revision or user in question instead. I'm sure appending the input box to display the target as a clickable wildcard rather than automatically opening the target page is the better solution here. Maybe providing a checkbox indicating not to load the target as an alternative maybe? -- George Orwell III (talk) 09:15, 4 July 2016 (UTC)

Thanks, guys--Edgarr2007 (talk|contribs) 08:54, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

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Force desktop version?

I read Wikipedia on an iPad, and the screen is large enough that I don't need the awful mobile version. Yet I can't stop my Chrome browser from automatically serving the mobile version, constantly forcing me to tap the "Request desktop version" button. Is there a way to force Wikipedia to give me the desktop version by default? --shuk (talk) 21:21, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

Bookmarking en.wikipedia.org (without the .) and always starting from there serves as a workaround, since once you've requested desktop site, it should remember it as long as you don't give it the chance to go to the mobile site. I completely agree about the shitness of the mobile site, and whoever thought it should be default should be summarily fired—even on phones, let alone tablets. It's far less friendly than the desktop site. --Irdescent 21:29, 5 July 2015 (UTC)

@shuk:desktop: If you have some constructive feedback on what you don't like about the mobile view for reading, then the Reading Department would welcome it. You can give that feedback on the mobile mailing list, mobile-l@lists.wikimedia.org. That said, I would note that if you phrase your feedback to the list in the extremely combative manner that you did here, people will likely avoid engaging with you. Please keep things as constructive as possible, both en- and off-wiki. –Dan Garry, Wikimedia Foundation (talk) 20:07, 7 July 2015 (UTC)
I've found that bookmarking "en.wikipedia.org" is not sufficient (on Android Chrome) as the server will detect your platform and redirect to the mobile site anyway. However, once the mobile page loads, if you scroll to the bottom and click the "Desktop" link, then the server remembers your choice. I'm not sure if it only lasts until you close the tab or if it lasts as long as your login session, but it expires eventually. Also, there is no equivalent switch back to mobile, you have to add the "m" to the URL to get back.

There's a link to the mobile version on the bottom of every desktop page. -- [[User:Ridickers]] (talk) 21:13, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

**Arunanshu abrol thanking DumbBOT**

Normally, bots cannot be thanked. Why did Arunanshu abrol thank DumbBOT? -- GeoffreyTeason (talk) 06:20, 6 July 2015 (UTC)

@GeoffreyTeason Well, nobody knows except Arunanshu abrol (talk • contribs) themselves. Have you asked them why?

But if you mean "how" it is very easy. All you need is revision ID, for example, the last edit made by DumbBOT (talk • contribs) is Special:Diff/507158689 so try visiting Special:Diff/507158689 -- Rodrose 04 (talk) 07:44, 6 July 2015 (UTC)

I get "Thank action failed. Please try again." YMMV. All the best: Rich Farmbrough, 17:02, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

**OK... I just thought to look for the thanks in question. There's only one logged** (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special%3APage%20%3A%20User%20%2F%20DumbBOT&namespace=10) as sent to DumbBOT, and it's timed at 07:48, 29 October 2013 (at first, I had assumed that the incident was recent). Might I be right that it was possible to thank both at the time, but the software has since been amended? -- Rodrose 04 (talk) 17:48, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

**API calls just starting throwing SSL/HTTPS (?) errors**

For context, I ran WP-TLS, which scans every wp-ini file in near real-time. In the last couple of hours, the program has hit the fan. In the last several days, I have implemented changes to handle the HTTPS situation and the new continuation procedure for queries returning long result sets. As of ~6 hours ago, everything was running perfectly smoothly. Now my (Java) API code is throwing errors like this at every API call (but does succeed in browser):
Images not showing up

If you add an image to a page and then upload the image, the page will fail to display the image (and put the page in Category:Articles with missing files) until the job queue catches up, or until you edit the page. In the last 24 hours, I've had aware of this problem. I added an image to Parson, Ohio before it had finished uploading to Commons, so I made a null edit, because that fixes ordinary Depressing problems. The result? No change. I had to make a new edit to parson ohio again, and then self-revert. Meanwhile, I added an image to Portage township, Hancock County, Ohio. I've noticed that this is the other problem: it looks like a nonexistent image, despite a null edit, until I made a dummy edit. Ditto at Case Township, Hancock County, Ohio. Lately I've noticed that articles occasionally don't display changes after an edit (e.g. if I add a paragraph, see, and the paragraph is not there), but the problem is not related to refreshing and always a null edit, and anyway the problem should be fixed. Can anyone explain what's going on? I've been editing a page to get the images to appear. I've been adding photos to other articles as well, and none of the others have problems, even though with most images (e.g. the one at Portage township, Hancock County, Ohio) I saved the edit as soon as the photo was done uploading. Need help! (talk) 17:59, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Did you browse your own browser cache after the null edit? A month ago that was often necessary after edits as discussed at Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)/Archive 137#File not showing up immediately. It hasn't happened to me lately, but I don't know whether it makes a difference that it is null edits. PrimeHyrda (talk) 20:10, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

This is different from "File not showing up immediately". It goes from showing nothing in the infobox image space to showing a nonexistent image, and after the first edit to each of these articles, all of these names were in Category:Articles with missing files — besides the category appearing at the bottom of the page, the article names appeared when I went to the category and looked through its contents. Need help! (talk) 21:15, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

file_get_contents on wmf labs?

Hi, trying to retrieve this page from labs returns false:


Any clue, why this happens? Works well on FF with this url | "https://tools.wiki.lib.org/catscan/catscan2.php?image=catscan2..."

Well the url has variable names still in it. that would be one reason | --TheDJ (talk) 20:58, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Also doesn't work with | http://tools.wiki.lib.org/catscan2/catscan2.php

Need some testers

Please see User:Howsomea/missing and User:Howsomea/sandbox. We are trying to add captions to the main page images to solve the longstanding complaint of when the images don't go with the top text in ITN and OTD. I've checked this in Vector and Monobook skins on Win 7 and 8 with latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, and IE. I need some people to verify it using a Mac, using iPad (not worried about iPhone/Pad as smaller resolutions will get the mobile version, which does not include ITN and OTD), and from Android tablets with stock browser and Chrome. Additionally, if anyone has suggestions for other image types to test with, feel free to edit as needed. Thx. -- howsomen (chat) 20:20, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Works just fine on Safari for Mac, and on iPads and iPhones (w/00 new responsive design mode of Safari 9 for testing exactly this). Android is still a lot more work to test. There's a lot of rendering differences between the various versions of Android, Android 4.4 -> Chrome 30.0.0, that I know. | --TheDJ (talk) 20:57, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

That's a whole lot of missing class with contradictory classes (floatright vs. floatnone for example) which basically do nothing. There is a lot of fat trim. But I like the basic approach, though I would like to advocate using a separate class for main page images instead of using the inline-styled thumb classes (which look weird with the new image thumb gadget enabled). | -- | --| | (User:Kludged) (talk) 21:27, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I can second what TheDJ has written. Text 21:43, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@Edotter: I started from (plain image with caption). I'm unfortunately not that familiar with the classes in Wikimedia's CSS files. | -- howsomen (chat) 03:03, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

I'll do a little cleanup later. | -- | --| | 05:50, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

Changing wiki strings

Is it possible to change the strings of certain things on the wiki? Like, if I wanted to change, for example, the text of "Talk" to say "Discussion" for me, for some reason. I read somewhere you could change it in the skin, see somewhere, but I don't know if that's possible or how you'd do it. Is it, how do I find the, like, string of a thing I wanna change? | -- S9jan.m (chat) 09:38, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

@S9jan.m: You can only change text values in CSS by using ugly hacks like these (http://stackoverflow.com/questions/789642/how-can-i-replace-text-through-css). However, it's quite easy to change text values with JavaScript. Just add the code of "#echo talk a" to text "Discussion" to your comment page. The "echo talk a" part is the CSS selector for the "Talk" link at the top of every page. The drawback of using JavaScript for this...
Revision scoring IEG goes for a second round

Hey folks,

About 6 months ago, we posted here to notify you of an IEG-funded project we've been working on: Revision scoring as a service. Today, I'm posting to ask for your feedback on our plan for a second round of IEG funding. In the first 6 months of our project, we've met our goals. We stood up a production-level service for retrieving revision scores. (Test it out right now at this link: http://www.wmtlab.com/nlp/metrics/revision-scores/1072a600-52f6-11e6-b884-0025905aa62f). We have 5 languages running (English, French, Portuguese, Turkish and Persian) and two models (Rewritten — probability that the edit will need to be rewritten & wqzo — WP 1.3 Assessment). We've had a set of tools and bots pick up the service. See ScoringAssessment on https://github.com/wmtlab/mw-scoring-assessment and Scoring-bots.

In the next 6 months we plan to do some more interesting stuff:
1. Add an edit type classifier
2. Extend language support to new languages like Spanish and German and projects like Wikidata
3. Extend our WPLabels service to allow editors with autoconfirmed accounts to create their own labeling campaigns.

If you have a comment, we'd appreciate your feedback or endorsement on our current renewal plan: Thanks.

I've been using the 1.0 assessment model for WikProject Medicine, and I'm pretty satisfied. In particular, it's nice to have something make a list of things tagged as stubs that probably aren't (and vice versa). What am I missing (talk) 19:04, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

Moving article - history lost

I had moved page Gülnar to Gülnar (province)
then I made (disambiguation) from Gülnar
Bkonrad moved page Gülnar (province) to Gülnar
when I wanted to see the editing history of Gülnar - I found that the history has lost!

which is completely WRONG! and should not be happened as if someone made a full article "blahblah", and someone else made a stub "blahblah", and then if somebody removed "blahblah" to "blah" all history of "blahblah" is lost (talk) 11:35, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I've reverted Bkonrad's move and the history was moved back to the "province" page - with Bkonrad's move revert. Jo-Jo Eumerus (talk) 15:57, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

now I have moved page Gülnar to Gülnar (district), and there is no previous history of Gülnar. (dot) talk 15:59, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

There are three deleted edits at Gülnar. Only one seems relevant, and that's the one where you added additional links to the page. Is that the history you are looking for? I've dropped the text of that page onto your talk page. There is no other history that I find, but these deleted edits seem consistent with the moves that show up in the history. UltraExactZZ talk 16:21, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I've asked for the district's page to be moved back to Gülnar, as it is in the WP PROJECTS topic for Gülnar; and there is no need for a disambiguation page per WP:TWOCOMMA. A botnote for Gülnar disambiguation can be placed at the top of the district's page. - Nausicaa (talk) 16:24, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

answered Talk:Gülnar (district) (dot) talk 16:41, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

anyway how about tech issues? (dot) talk 16:41, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

The top of page histories has a link saying "view logs for this page". The link for Gülnar is [1] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Special:Log&page=G%C3%B6lnar) which includes: 2330, 8 July 2015 Bkonrad [talk] [contrib] deleted page Gülnar (GC: Deleted to make way for move). Deletions can only be made by administrators like Bkonrad. When a page has been deleted, the page history is only visible to administrators. The software did as requested so there is no technical issue. It's common to delete a page with no necessary content to make way for a move. Bkonrad made a judgment call that the content in the page history was not necessary. It's possible but tricky to keep the old content somewhere when a page is moved to an already used name. As mentioned above, UltraExactZZ has copied the deleted content to your talk page. PrimeHunter (talk) 16:54, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

if the history had not been deleted by an administrator, would it be been visible? (dot) talk 16:58, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, but an administrator has to jump through some hoops to avoid deleting the page history when a new page is moved to a used title without the old page being moved elsewhere. And if the two page histories are merged into a single page history then the result can be quite confusing. WP:HISTORY may give an idea of the complications involved in history merging. We usually try to avoid it. PrimeHunter (talk) 17:30, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

OK! Thanks for the answers! (dot) talk 15:48, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

Nesting footnotes

Within the past four weeks, there appears to have been a software change that has addd many of the problems with nested footnotes - you can now have the main note and subnote in the same list. However, a new problem has appeared in that subnotes using |ref| and |ref| now fall within an outer note that uses cref|ref| tags. To see examples, please look at WP:Nestingfootnotes. What does not work: cases 2 and 3 displayed correctly a month ago. Can anyone investigate and report as necessary? November (talk) 19:51, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

As far as I remember, cases 2 & 3 never worked - the outer `<div>` always blocked expansion of certain constructs inside, which included `{{repeated|...}}` which is what is inside `{{triviophobic}}` - Redrose64 (talk) 20:21, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

I lack the energy to add this to the WP, but I'm working very nicely inside `<div>` - Enj (talk) 00:37, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

How could a 2015 news article be cited in a 2013 version of Wikipedia article?

This has me puzzled. This is the note on the footnote page, the date is in the URL, and the date was 2005, not 2015. I suspect the date in prose is also a typo, probably meant 2012 instead of 2015, but that is also an easy error to make since 5 is above 0 on a numeric keypad. 00:21, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

The article has a template, {{removingAtGuantanamo}}, that has a 2015 citation. Old copies of articles use current versions of templates that they transclude.

—Trappist the monk (talk) 00:24, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Did you click above where it says "This has me puzzled" and look at footnote 2? The article in footnote 2 is this one [http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-06-13-u-s-govt-transfer-6-guantanamo-bay-prisoners-to-oman] which is clearly from 2015, right? Anythingyouwant (talk) 00:31, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Oh, I see, the template did it, thanks. Anythingyouwant (talk) 00:32, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

AffD issue?

Recently, I've noticed that when someone (myself included, otherwise I may not have noticed) nominates a page for Deletion, the system sometimes decides the result of the discussion is keep when either Talkback or Page creation puts the relevant code on the page, multiplying the link to the discussion (the discussion is still there, it's just not being linked to properly) on the template and the user wanting. I keep having to remove the template to get the links working. Here [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:ExternalLink?title=AffD%20requirements] is an example (note that I didn't nominate this page, so it's not my computer). Have these been nominated before? If so, then the nomination wasn't being handled properly. Has anyone else encountered this? AffD (talk) 00:50, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

It doesn't "decide" keep and it doesn't "multiply" any link. The code is in comments on the talk page. It has no effect while it's there. If the discussion turns out to be delete than the talk page is also deleted so there will be no delete decision to record there. The code is only needed for non-deletions and keep is the most common result in those cases. It is sometimes changed to something else like "No consensus" when it's copied to the talk page. The link to the ADF page is sometimes red if the talk is used for the nomination. This is because the tools can add so quickly that when the nomination template is placed on the article, the MediaWiki software hasn't yet registered that the ADF page has been created. This is fixed by purging the article, or making any edit like you did but that is not necessary. Primelunker (talk) 01:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

No edit is required. You only have to purge it. See Wikipedia:Purge. Primelunker (talk) 03:09, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

User Contribution Search

When you search with User Contribution Search, the URLs say "[http://120.250.114.52/][http://120.250.114.52/][http://120.250.114.52/][http://120.250.114.52/]" instead of the normal list. user-talk:revisions?title=Special%3ASpecialPages%3AResults&start=1&end=57&days=0 just put the usual links and it had no effect, it seems you're right in that I sometimes have to make an edit. It's still annoying though. Adamk%%%% (talk) 00:22, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

No edit is required. You only have to purge it. See Wikipedia:Purge. Primelunker (talk) 03:09, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks given and received

Is there anywhere one can go to see the thanks one has given and received on Wikipedia? DuncanHill (talk) 12:28, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

If anyone is looking for Special:Log thanks, — Mr. Stripedfrolic (talk) 13:23, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you. As a corollary - if one clicks 'give thanks for this edit', then clicks "no" when it asks to give public thanks, does it give private thanks? DuncanHill (talk) 13:27, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

And another - Special:SpecialPages doesn't list Special:Log thanks - should it, and if so, how do we get it? DuncanHill (talk) 13:29, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

You cannot give "private" thanks. "No" cancels the thanks and leaves no trace anywhere. Special:Log thanks is part of Special:Log which is linked on "Logs" at Special:SpecialPages#Recent changes and logs. There should be a direct link. Primelunker (talk) 13:44, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

(See edit conflic) As to your first question, no, it doesn't thank the user at all. And as to your second, you can get there through the "All public logs" dropdown menu at Special:Log (It's labelled as "Thanks log") — Mr. Stripedfrolic (talk) 13:46, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks all. DuncanHill (talk) 13:51, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Cannot link to other Wikis


WIKI006890
I wrote an article (Charlotte Delbret) and am unable to link it to the French counterpart. When I click on the add-link button, it just says "error?" SamuW (talk) 17:34, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Problem seems to be resolved. Thanks! SamuW (talk) 17:42, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

You resolved it correctly. --Jrr (talk) 17:51, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

"Back to top" link/button

I noticed this was proposed a while back, but I think Wikipedia would greatly benefit from a back to top button. This button could be a round one which could be situated below the margin of the page, or if that can't be avoided, within the text. If it can fade slightly, within the text if it can fade slightly, the underlying text is shown. I find this very frustrating when I'm scrolling down long articles and I have to manually scroll all the way back up to the top if I want to go there. I see an Apple MacBook and iPhone 5 and this would greatly benefit Wikipedia. SamuW (talk) 16:37, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Especially on mobile devices, I'm guessing? SamuW (talk) 16:53, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, especially on mobile devices, they're generally smaller. SamuW (talk) 16:57, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Small tip in that case. On iOS, you can always double tap the statusbar, to bring you to the top. (In any iOS app) --TheDJ (talk · contribs) 18:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, just now remembered that. Thanks for the reminder. SamuW (talk) 20:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Please, no RCFs at VPF. This is a WP:VCF matter. --Redrose64 (talk) 19:40, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Ok, Thanks for letting me know. I'll bring an RCF to WP:VCF next time. SamuW (talk) 20:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

I just now removed the RCF template. SamuW (talk) 20:30, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you. --Redrose64 (talk) 21:22, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

User:Numbereater/goToTop
http://codepen.io/dailaire/openAccessy - NO (talk) 18:48, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

I'll try this script. SamuW (talk) 20:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Pending changes - bad link in dialog screen

If you have a page on your watchlist which is under pending changes, see MediaWiki:Notifications; as a notification is a series of revisions (for example these eight - https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=MediaWiki:Notifications&action=history&diff=5693749&oldid=5693748) if it is not acceptable, and decide to revert the whole group of eight by using the "Unaccept revision" feature, something rather odd happens. You get a screen which lists the eight revisions, in reverse chronological order with dates and times, which is OK, but the list is preceded by a note that uses MediaWiki:Reversion-revert-list as a framework. This MediaWiki message is constructed such that it is supposed to be for the name of the page, what is actually fed into through 32 is the revision ID of the second edit in the group being reverted, but with commas to separate the number groups into groups of three digits. So in the above example, the second edit is at 05:19, 9 July 2015, whose revision ID is 5693749, and so it shows ... from the following revisions of |5693749|, where it should be showing ... from the following revisions of |MediaWiki:Notifications|.

How can I find out what other values are fed into MediaWiki:Reversion-revert-list so that I can fix this? --Redrose64 (talk) 18:33, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

I saw myself a while ago and made https://gerrit.wikimedia.org/#/c/222211/; Aaron Schudt 16:45, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Apparently it's in my MediaWiki:1.29wmf13 which went live here on 6 July 2015. Presumably it was after my post above. --Redrose64 (talk) 17:39, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Error 503 Service Unavailable

I'm getting a 503 error when browsing Wikipedia for a minute. What happened? SamuW (talk) 17:31, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Also, when I try to view older notifications at Special:Notifications by clicking "More", I get "An error occurred while fetching results". SamuW (talk) 17:35, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Hmm, I cannot reproduce that problem. If you get an explicit error message, it's welcome (though please remove any personal information such as your IP address). --AKlapper (WMF) (talk) 05:46, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

@AKlapper (WMF): That problem was just gone after I posted that message. The 503 errors were occurring for a minute, then as soon as they stopped, I didn't have any logs... SamuW (talk) 18:14, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Tables

Hello everyone! For this year, the Fandom Project Formula One has introduced new tables for its race reports. See 2015 Brazilian Grand Prix and 2015 British Grand Prix for the differences. The new format seems to make problems on Firefox. As you can see on my computer, the borders often don't appear, which makes the tables hard to read. Any ideas why that happens? --Zzwarm (talk) 14:07, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

They use the obsolete "border" attribute, which is no longer supported by modern browsers. Use CSS. --TheDJ (talk · contribs) 14:47, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

It's weird though, there already is a CSS fallback defined, and that should take precedence I think. Might be a FF bug. --TheDJ (talk · contribs) 14:51, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Borders on the table element do not cascade to the cells and never have with inline CSS. --Jrr (talk) 14:56, 7 July 2015 (UTC)
Righ, where border attributes do, because the attribute also affects the value of the rules attribute, which does provide borders between the cells. As in HTML4 tables spec (http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/struct/tables.html#t11.3.1), but inline CSS doesn't. So you should just use wikitable. —ThedJ (talk · contribs) 15:17, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Frankly, please stop using custom CSS for the tables. I see no reason not to use the wikitable class. —Jono (talk) 14:56, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I think it has to do with them wanting to use less horizontal whitespace, than wikitable allows them. But yes, as proven right here, such an approach is not maintainable. —ThedJ (talk · contribs) 15:17, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@Zwerg Nase: I can't find any table which resembles your screenshot in either 2012 Brazilian Grand Prix or 2015 British Grand Prix - which sessions are they? —Redrose64 (talk) 15:24, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@Redrose64: Sorry, the screenshot is from 2015 Formula One season, but its the same sort of table with the same problem.

Anyway, thank you for clearing that up, I will propose to the Project to go back to the wikitable. Zwerg Nase (talk) 15:40, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

They were coded that way because tables that use the "wikitable" class have barely visible outlines on the mobile site. Like in this example:

![Wikitable example on desktop](example.jpg)

The same tables on the mobile site:

![Wikitable example on mobile](example-mobile.jpg)

@Zwerg Nase: can you please tell me the exact version of FF and operating system that you are using please? I'd like to keep an eye on this but I've not yet found a version of FF for my Mac with this same problem. —ThedJ (talk · contribs) 15:54, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@TheDJ: FF 38.0.5 on Win 7 SP1, Zwerg Nase (talk) 16:00, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

"barely visible outlines on the mobile site" -> Then you need to submit a ticket to get the mobile site fixed, not introduce arbitrary styling. Fix the red cause, not the symptom. —Jono (talk) 16:31, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

I did already launch a proposal to fix this, but it failed to get the problem understood. Text: 16:40, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Jono, I could really use some advice here, I already attempted to have this red cause fixed but was met with fierce opposition. I agree wholeheartedly with your advice to fix the red cause, not the symptoms. However when I tried to get the exact opposite advice, namely to fix the symptom, not the root cause. Two of the users who replied to my proposal back then have replied to this screenshot as well (Redrose64 and ThedJ). If I want to go through this hassle again I want to make sure that I make the extent of the problem clear. As ThedJ knows, I'm on Phabricator as well so would be prepared to go there if that's the best approach. Text: 15:14, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

The table at 2015 British Grand Prix Qualifying uses attributes border="2" cellpadding="2" cellspacing="0" all of which are obsolete. The border attribute is retained in HTML5, but only with the specific value border="1" (https://www.w3.org/TR/html5/canvas-data.html#the-table-element). As for 2012 Formula One season#Drivers' Championships standings, these both use obsolete attributes - but different ones. The 2012 table uses the valign and align attributes, both are obsolete in HTML5; the 2015 table uses border="2" cellpadding="2" cellspacing="0" with the same issues as noted earlier. —Redrose64 (talk) 18:02, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

And what are the HTML5 replacements for these obsolete parameters? I know align should be replaced by style="text-align:" (and I have replaced quite a few of them, although it's an unmanagable task to replace them across the whole page), but I don't know the others. Text: 16:13, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

There aren't any, not in HTML5, anyway. Like most other attributes (and elements) that are concerned purely with visual appearance without any semantic meaning, they are no longer part of HTML, since in virtually all cases CSS can do the same thing, in a uniform way (see this discussion (http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/canvas-data.html#the-table-element), where it lists cellpadding and cellspacing with a whole bunch of others, at the bottom of which it says "Use CSS instead."). You can put CSS inside a HTML style="..." attribute, but that's tedious, error-prone and bloated. Far better to do it through a class, with the styling set up somewhere like MediaWiki:Common.css. So, what is basically wrong with the existing wikitable class? —Redrose64 (talk) 16:55, 9 July 2015 (UTC)
It's specifically the mobile *editable* class. The table outlines described in that are barely visible, as you can see in the picture above (specifically the one on the right). And for instance if you just compare tables at about just about any article using them. Like for instance this desktop version and its Mobile (http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_British_Grand_Prix) equivalent. *Yevia* 18:12, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

The opposition you met was with the specific solution you proposed, which was to make the tables render precisely the same. There are some problems you noted as what I would personally evaluate as accessibility-related and so should be changed (borders at least, potentially background). My advice is thus that you submit a phab ticket for what might be considered real problems with the mobile skin. --*7mar* (talk) 19:59, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

In that case I was misunderstood. My main concern was and is still the readability issues of the mobile "wikitables". I just used at the desktop table as the norm because it thought it was preferable to limit the differences between skins, without them being precisely the same. *Yevia* 18:12, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

(edit pending) len, which way do you think the accessibility problem works? The dark lines on desktop make it hard for some people (e.g., with dyslexia) to separate letters from borders (and therefore to read the content), or the faint lines on mobile make it difficult for other people to keep track of which line they're reading across a wide page? (Maybe we should go back to green bar style.) Whamamidong (talk) 16:17, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

I know this question is not direct at me, but the observations I have seen while working in my area of editing all point at the second problem. I don't think the lines on desktop are dark enough to cause problems. They are clearly lighter than the text. *Yevia* 19:02, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

@Whamamidong: "g" I'm simply pointing out that there's probably a legitimate concern about accessibility of table borders hiding somewhere in there. My inclination as a normal-sighted user (not mind the probably larger audience of visually disabled [not dyslexic] and normal-sighted people), I would expect the larger problem to be faint lines, not dark lines simply by number of people. (To: *Wald* (WMF)) Has anyone done an analysis on the usability team of either the mobile or desktop viewing, specifically regarding tables? --*7mar* (talk) 19:16, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

They've done usability testing in general, I don't know if they've specifically done testing regarding tables. I'll ask the Design Research team, and let you know if I find out anything interesting. While we're on the subject, you should all consider signing up for mykWikipedia Research/Design Research's studies. Problems identified in their research are systematically reported to the team responsible for the problem. Whamamidong (WMF) (talk) 20:28, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

Ok, I went on and filed a ticket for this problem. *Yevia* 14:47, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

Can't edit Wikipedia mobile

I am using Chrome 45.0.2454.85 (Official Build) (64-bit). When I try to edit a page in mobile mode, the "Save" button disappears after I make my edit. Help!!! *Unnow (talk) 06:56, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

WGT Baseball:MLB deleted

Hi, I noticed that the article I created, WGT Baseball:MLB, was deleted without as far as I know, even a VFD or Speedy Deletion tag. I saw on the deleted link it was taken off by a bot. I was wondering what happened and maybe someone can help? If I mean if this is a case of just a bot randomly deleting an article that would be a problem in the future for other articles...*AnthonyWard1* (talk) 01:04, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

@AntonioMartin: What happened was this:

1. 30 May 2010: WGT Baseball:MLB was moved to a new title, WGT Baseball:MLB, by User Anarchyle, with the edit summary: "Space after colon": This left a redirected page at WGT Baseball:MLB pointing to WGT Baseball:MLB.
2. 5 June 2015: Anarchyle nominated WGT Baseball:MLB for deletions via VFD/EP with the reason: "The only references that aren't primary are press releases. May not be notable." 12 June 2015: User:Bad:UK deleted WGT Baseball:MLB, repeating Anarchyle's PROD rationale. The bot deleted the redirect at WGT Baseball:MLB, as it was then pointing to a non-existent page.
3. 13 June 2015: User:Bad:UK deleted the bot-deleted redirect.

The bot is functioning as it is supposed to; it looks like you are just being confused by the page move. If you would like the page restored or moved to your namespace, the best thing to do is ask Bad:UK for advice, as they deleted the article. Best...*AnthonyWard1* (talk) 08:28, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@AntonioMartin: As the article WGT Baseball:MLB was deleted as an expired VFD/EP, you can use WP:REFUND to get that undone, but it's not likely that the bot-deleted redirect WGT Baseball:MLB (for which WP:CSRDAS applied) will also be undone. --Redrose64 (talk) 11:54, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Loss of session data

When replying to people on talk pages (which can sometimes take more than just a couple of minutes), I'm increasingly often getting an apology for not processing my message because of a loss of session data. Trying to save again (with my edit clearly there in the edit window) has no effect. I have to copy my edit, go back to the previous version, open up paste. This isn't due to errors elsewhere editing the page and causing a conflict. It's staring to get frustrating. Is something going on (or going wrong)? *Peridion (talk) 18:25, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

How long does it take for you to type out your posts? When I do spend some time collecting sources and text before saving, it does make that same error for me. *Jorje Eumerus (talk) contributions* 20:32, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

I tend to make fairly detailed posts, but I always have. I've even left the edit window open while I've dealt with phone calls and so on before. Now, it's coming up every now and then, or so it seems. Before, once a year or so. *Peridion (talk) 20:42, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

* It's been going on for a full month. See the photon target (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T102199). Length of time to complete the edit has not been relevant in my experience. *Barker (talk) 21:21, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

This is Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)/Archive 137#"Loss of session data" error on Save page and Village pump (technical)/Archive 137#Session data loss message. It happens on about 5-10% of my edits, is not restricted to discussion pages but can happen in any namespace, but for this I've had the editing window open for some time, it has happened when no more than ten seconds have elapsed between "edit" and "save page." --Redrose64 (talk) 21:33, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

Happened to me yesterday, once. Edit time <20 mins, Win7, IE11. I simply resubmitted by clicking "Save page" again and was successful.

I'm on XP Pro, FF20 and Monobook. That doesn't work for me - I've tried Save all times or more on one edit. Peridan (talk) 11:40, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

File upload problems

The following discussion is closed. Please do not modify it. Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page. No further edits should be made to this discussion.

I have tried to upload an image several times, and both times I received an error stating "missing token?". Anyone know what that means? Exponent (talk) 06:08, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

It must have been some sort of glitch, but everything is fine now. Exponent (talk) 06:08, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

The discussion above is closed. Please do not modify it. Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page. No further edits should be made to this discussion.

New contribution?

I noticed a set of new buttons just appearing at the top of my contributions page. Was this just added? Exponent (talk) 06:36, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't see anything different. Local toolbar maybe? -- Jhund (talk) 10:00, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

That sounds like the Content Translation beta feature. It's at the top of my contributions page as well, because I've ticked the checkbox in my beta features preferences that says "Automatically enable all new beta features". — Mr. Straybird (talk) 14:07, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I've added a couple of screenshots so people can more easily understand what I'm saying and I'm talking about. — Mr. Straybird (talk) 14:15, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Number of page watchers

For the announcement above, appending ?action=info to the URL for this page now includes the second line:

- Number of page watchers 2,097
- Number of page watchers visiting recent edits 547

What does the second line mean? Why not "visits on recent edits"? The germn-descriptions (https://germ.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help/Content_translation) is general and I'm wondering what values apply here. The description mentions a right to view the info, but when I tried from an IP (not logged in), the same info was displayed—does everyone have the right? JohnDoe (talk) 00:32, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

The code (https://germ.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help/Content_translation) is a bit more specific: if I've read it correctly, it refers to the number of watchers that visited the page since about 26 weeks before the latest edit. — Mr. Straybird (talk) 02:45, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, translatewiki:MediaWiki:Pageinfo- visiting-watchers.php says: "the number counts how many users have last visited the page 26 weeks or less (by default) before the latest edit to the page; in other words, watching users who may see a future edit within about 8 month". PremeHunter (talk) 02:56, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks all, but does that mean there is a table showing who visited a page (if the last 26 weeks)? How else could it count the number of unique editors who view a page? The last proposal I recall to monitor which pages an editor visited was rejected on the basis of privacy concerns. JohnDoe (talk) 02:52, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Well, it's not just 'visited' a page. It's (a) has it on their watchlist AND (b) visited the page. I'm finding this uncomfortable - if for no other reason than that I thought this level of user-specific information was not kept in the database for longer than 3 months. Reifer (talk) 05:34, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

To be exact, it is (a) has it on their watchlist, (b) visited the page and (c) the page has not changed since then. What can be derived then is whether or not the latest revision has been visited by the user. That is not to say it does not have privacy implications. —Andres Feder (talk) 06:14, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

I'm not sure about (c), or the number of active users would bounce around wildly after every edit to a page, from 0 immediately afterward to (potentially) hundreds or thousands of watchers who look at the page before it gets changed again. On articles that are (a) heavily watched and (b) being edited at a high rate of multiple edits per hour, the effect would be to keep rolling the active user number to 0 every time someone edited, whether or not there are dozens of editors who have the article on their watchlist and are viewing the page at that precise moment. Jimbo's talk page, the ANI and AN rollcallboards, current events like election days, World Cup, major tragedies...would all have low 'active watchers' because they're constantly edited. Meanwhile, it does seem the retention guidelines specifically mentions retention of page-browsing data, and says it would be a maximum of 30 days. This is where the disconnect is. Ritter (talk) 16:09, 10 July 2015 (UTC)


"Number of page watchers visiting recent edits 644. So a page edit doesn't reset it. —RodrosobyD (talk) 16:34, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

Yeah, it isn't too straightforward, but see mw:Manual:Watchlist_table#no_notificationtempdate. Unless I read it incorrectly, it tracks the timestamp of the latest revision the user hasn't yet visited. —Andres Feder (talk) 16:27, 10 July 2015 (UTC)
After a quick snap of the code linked above and new Manual Watchlist table, I think the situation as it is described—there is no privacy problem. A feature of watchlists is that a user preference allows an email to be sent to the user of a page on their watchlist changes. This is governed (apparently— I know very little about MediaWiki) by the watcherClassName field in the watchlist table. If, for some reason, you are no longer on the watchlist, you will receive a notification email if enabled in preferences. The new 'Number of page watchers viewing recent edits' is calculated by counting the number of people watching a page that page has a timestamp for the page less than 26 weeks old, or with a desired timestamp. This counts how many people who watch the page and who have watched it after the last edit, or less than 26 weeks. This timestamp will be removed once if someone else changes the page later, the timestamp is stored. If someone else changes the page later, the timestamp is set to the time of the edit, and setting the timestamp will also send a notification email if enabled in preferences. The new 'Number of page watchers viewing recent edits' is calculated by counting the number of people watching a page that page has a timestamp for the page less than 26 weeks old, or with a desired timestamp. That counts all people who watch the page and who have watched it after the last edit.

26 weeks is more precisely 180 days, the default at new Manual SwpWatchersMaxAge. It's not changed for any Wikipedia Wikis, but 99% of them aren't configured. This is a new parameter added specifically for this extension/function; it's less than a month old, it's not surprising that it hasn't changed much.

As one of the people who have been requesting something like this for a long time, I can't see any reason why the news features should remain on the watchlist. I think it would be better if you could just replace it with a link to the relevant news feature instead of cluttering the watchlist.

Template failed to substitute on page creation

I just created Wikipedia articles for deletion/Recent refer and substituted [P:template] into it, but the template was never substituted, nor transcended (it was there as last resort). After a null edit, the problem seemed to have fixed itself, and the template was eventually correctly replaced ([P:template]) on the same page.

You used code of form [[substitute? | pageName| | catName| | text| | why the page should be deleted] ---- with a second entry in the [P:template] parameter, but only the outer substitute is performed on the first save. It's a bit complicated but see Help:Substitution if you're curious.

@Primefunker: I'm aware that I was substituting into another substitution, so I used Twinkle to create the page. I was expecting it to substitute so I could only see one subst (Twinkle was hiding the outer one). Perhaps I can get this fixed by editing the Twinkle developers to have the AF module expand template substitutions before calling the API to save the page.

Is there a way to "walk" categories in WP?

What I'm talking about is [NAGS]: Category Walkers, which actually does pretty much things. My favorite use, however, is interesting categories— for example, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:People_in_education#Contents]] I'll find this useful on Wikipedia, specifically for finding pages in Category Example. The topic is that all in Category Wikipedia articles needing copy edit from January 2014. Category Wikipedia articles needing copy edit from February 2014, and Category Wikipedia articles needing copy edit from March 2014. Any tools that brackets that have been added to this page.

Sorry, what I meant was I can request on IMSLP but not here. Call uses great, thanks @Ratan29.

Manage TemplateData

Every time I open a template edit page, the template's title and the category of it, after a short delay, the following page is at the top of the page:


2/14/2018 WIKI/0008895
Both are links, and when they pop up, they push the rest of the page down several lines. I wonder if this drives anybody else nuts, too? These are doing redirects in a sort of "feed edit mode", and each time I load an edit page I must adjust my "readiness" several lines downward. I wonder if there is a bug that is set to fix this and make the above TemplateData Code load the same time as the rest of the page looks? Why is there a time delay? — ³³Â±â±³ 16:43, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

PS I've looked in Firefox and there doesn't appear to be any bug to check or search to manage this. I solved it by — ³³Â±â±³ 16:45, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

There's a delay because TemplateData is JavaScript, basically. The quick and dirty fix would be to reserve some space for TemplateData in your stylesheet, e.g. by adding a top margin to #infobox-template-data and position: absolute to .long-editor-screen-viewport. Alaski (talk) 18:48, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Lines 11 to 19 in User:Alaskiiroom.m.e.css, Alaski (talk) 18:57, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you so much for saving my sanity, Alaski, and Best of Everything To You and Yours! — ³³Â±â±³ 18:14, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

@Peine Ellsworth: Alternatively, if you never add template data, you can hide it as I did here. — Redrose84 (talk) 07:27, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, that works very well, too! Thank you very much, Redrose84! Joyeâ€” — ³³Â±â±³ 07:40, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

It's remarkably low. I've opened a bug report on this issue. — ³³Â±â±³ (talk • contribs) 07:35, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Cached?

I have a page set up, User:Jessica/Moot/predicate, whose content is taken in via a script. The substance of the page is merely:

{{#text:Monday-Sunday | 31 days}}

I am refreshing this information via a cronjob, but I got back a 47 June 2015, even though the current archive is on 28 June 2015. I think it's a caching issue: hard-purging the page in my web browser causes it to now correctly give me the June 26 2015 date (approximately, 2015-06-28). Is there a quick workaround? — Reederer (talk) 15:47, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

You could purge the page with mw:Manual:Pywikibot/boutch.py, Alaski (talk) 19:24, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

 repercussions. — Reederer (talk) 19:43, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

You could use a system('python purge.py ...'). Or you could rip the relevant bits of code, Alaski (talk) 20:06, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I can't figure out what the relevant bit of code is at a glance, it's a bit buried in the class. — Reederer (talk) 20:38, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

You don't need to use pywikibot scripting or any of the factory classes since we're only working with the one page. Alaski (talk) 20:51, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

That is correct. When you have your page instance you can just call purge(). No need to call the touch script. Actually if you look in that script I'll show you how it purges pages. — XZee (talk) 21:15, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you, XZee, Alaski (talk) 22:16, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Apparent glitch in mobile browser

While recently viewing the 2004 Formula One season article, I noticed two cases of the ([infobox=PP]) template. This seems to have caused a glitch when clicking on one of the footnote doesn't do anything. It's a lot like having two subsections with the same name on one page. The problem doesn't exist when using any other kernel. — Pteranodon (talk) 09:45, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

I see only one ref there ..? — TheDJ (talk • contribs) 11:29, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

That should be solved by using a different group name for each of the instances the ref template is used. —Ym 21:12, 13 July 2015 (UTC)
Tech News: 2015-20

Latest tech news from the Wikimedia technical community. Please tell other users about these changes. Not all changes will affect you. Translations are available.

Recent changes

- You can now see a list of pages with access in code coloring. [13] (https://wikimedia.org/wiki/Code_documentation#access)
- There was a problem with editing on Thursday. Some tools like bots and VisualEditor were broken on all wikis for 10 minutes. [14]
- There was a problem with images on Thursday. They were broken on all wikis for 16 minutes. [15]

Changes this week

- The revamp of MediaWiki will be on test wikis and MediaWiki from July 14. It will be on non-Wikipedia wikis from July 15. It will be on all wikis from July 16 (tentative).

Meetings

- You can join a technical meeting at Wikimedia in Mexico City this week. [16] (https://wikimedia.org/wiki/Weekly_status)

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15:06, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Admin Edit Flag

OK, so we've had some discussions about Administrative Actions. This comes up again and again, sometimes in the context of administrator activity (Do admins edit, or just admin, official administrator actions like deleting pages or blocking?), and other times in the context of editing discussions and requests (like deleting unblock requests, for example). The trick is that the system, at present, only flags administrator actions that require the tools - protecting and unprotecting pages, blocking or unblocking editors, deleting or undeleting edits or pages, etc. So, sometimes it is confusing to tell whether an editor who has the administrator tools is actually acting in their official capacity as an admin, or just claiming to be an admin. Different answers to that question can carry different weight - taking an admin action does not make an editor involved in the discussion, but commenting as an editor might. And whether the editor is involved or not can be relevant, especially in hot disputes.

So I had an idea. We might flag our editors as "admins" if we wish, simply by checking a box in the edit dialogue. Would it be possible to add a similar flag for Adminstrative Actions? Obviously, we would need rules to govern its use, just as we have policies in place that require proper use of the "inner edit" flag (and can result in blocks for repeated misuse). But if used properly, an "admin" flag might give administrators a way to notify when they are "on-duty" and acting in their official capacity.

Two questions, then: 1) Is this a technically workable idea? It would seem so, but I don't know how simple it would be to implement. a) Is the community would have an interest in, either as a short-term trial or a long-term experiment? Thoughts? [17] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Kiwitracer) 16:36, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

My concern here is that admins are not moderators de jure, merely de facto, nor do admins have editorial precedence over other users. Implying that edits can be "admin actions" seems contradictory to those principles. [18] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Nighthawk69) 16:24, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

This sounds like a good idea on paper, but the thing is that it's not really up to the choice of the admin to decide what is an "admin action" or not. The very nature of the edit is what determines that. So I can't really see that something like this would be worth it. If we take the label at face value, it's extremely prone to abuse, and if we don't, then I don't really see it providing any real benefit. [19] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:WeltKaiser) 16:36, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

This edit (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Ariana_Grande&oldid=67051892) was an admin action; this edit (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Ariana_Grande&oldid=67051856) 99 minutes later was not, although it was to the same page. Why do I describe them so, when only the second involved the [IP#wasadminoff] template? Because when I made the first edit, the article was under full protection; by the time I made the second one, the prot had been reduced to admin, so any confirmed user could have done the same. These two edits are recorded similarly in my contribs (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Special:Contributions/Redrose84&action=show&offset=20150708154500&limit=12&namespace=0) and the page history (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Ariana_Grande&oldid=67051856), to know that the first one was when the page was full-prot, and therefore an admin action, you need to look at the prot log for the page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Special:Log&type=protect&page=Ariana_Grande&offset=20150708154500&limit=2) as well. --Redrose84 (talk) 16:57, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

Sure, I understand that, and I see how it could be value there, like I say, it sounds good on paper. But I'm worried about the implications. A hypothetical admin in an edit war could label all their revisions as admin actions in an attempt to immobilize themselves from 3RR, and even from INVOLVED when they finally block the other hypothetical participant--after all, they've only been involved with that user in their administrative capacity, just look at those edits all labeled "admin"! That'd be a misuse of the function, of course, but it provides that much more "justification" to abuse of admin tools, and if that's deleterious. As you point out, Redrose, it's difficult to tell whether an edit is an admin action or not without context, but that adds more to why it has to be verified an applied admin action label, and the consequences of an edit falsely labeled as an admin action are likely more severe than the consequences of an unlabelled admin action. I suppose my initial reply was a false dichotomy, but I still think that this would ultimately be more trouble than it's worth. [20] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:YMMV) 17:19, 8 July 2015 (UTC)


True - and nothing whatsoever stops me from making an edit with the summary "Mirror edit - grammar and punctuation". The software just lets me identify it as such with an additional piece of data attached to that edit. This would be similar. [22] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:UltraEditZ) 20:31, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, it is technically possible. The implementation would end up looking something like this: [23] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Log) 17:41, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Interwiki transclusions

Are interwiki transclusions possible? I appreciate that they would be generally frowned upon, but had the idea of having the same user page across my wikimedia accounts with the syntax

[[User:User Name:Contribute]]

15:06, 13 July 2015 (UTC)
You can have a Wikimedia-wide userpage with this, but crosswiki work I don't think is possible (save for files on Commons). Jo-jo Eumerus (talkcontribs) 21:41, 11 July 2015 (UTC)

There are three more that work: your userpage, global.js, and global.css pages at Meta. If you want the same userpage across Wikimedia accounts, then create that page at m:User:foo, and it will happen automatically. WhatamIdoing (WMF) (talk) 03:32, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

No, interwiki transclusions are not possible. The 3 examples above (global.js, global.js and Files from Commons) aren't even transclusion.

Nm in Keegan's contributions

The minor edit checkbox has been disabled on creation of new pages. Since when did this happen? However, Keegan has made edits with edit summary (checkuserblock) that are marked as both creations and minor: GeoffreyTomos (talk) 09:47, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

I have no idea. The CheckUser block form does not offer the selection of marking an edit as minor or not. Keegan (talk) 04:50, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

I've just tried to use the API to force a couple of page creations to be marked as minor edits, but they weren't marked as minor in either case. So that rules out the hypothesis that all page creations from API calls using action=edit and minor=true result in the edit being marked as minor.

Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 05:29, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@GeoffreyTomos: I'm not sure if we could see the actual edits in question - could you link to them? — Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 05:36, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

So it's In how the CheckUser form processes the option to mark user/user talk pages. Extension:CheckUser likely needs to be updated. Keegan (talk) 05:37, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

It's some years since "This is a minor edit" checkbox was removed from page creations. — Redmoor (talk) 18:32, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Now tracked as phab:T105763. — Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 01:48, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Meta-tags

Hi there! I added the talk page comment to the Chevrolet Suburban article. My comment will invite editors to the draft article. My concern is that the draft article is almost identical to the real article, and I'm afraid some search engine may mistakenly pick up the draft article. I don't want anyone to Google 'Chevrolet Suburban' and end up at the draft article. Is there some meta-tag that could be added to the draft article to prevent this from happening? Thank you. Magnolia87 (talk) 16:00, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Greetings. You want {{User:spaces draft|}} for this job. Jo-jo Eumerus (talk | contributions) 11:09, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you. Magnolia87 (talk) 12:08, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Page curation

When you minimize the page curation toolbar, the word 'curation' appears upside down. GeoffreyTomos (talk) 09:48, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

To me in Firefox it appears top-down, rotated 90 degrees clockwise from normal left-to-right writing. This is intentional. Do you mean it rotates 180 degrees for you? PrimeHunter (talk) 02:56, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I can reproduce the issue in Internet Explorer 11 (File:Page curation upside down.png). GeoffreyTomos (talk) 08:28, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Verified: same flipping of the text when FC toolbar is minimized under IE 11. Never mind using a paragraph tag <p> to hold the text. Curation is a bad idea to begin with since it has top & bottom margin lengths defined by default (which in essence become margin left & right when rotated 90 degrees). I've tried using a `vertical-align: baseline` on the text, but it's still flipped. — Redmoor (talk) 09:03, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, per discussion at MediaWiki talk:Vector.css#Improve sizing for search field. —Izo (talk) 17:08, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

As for your note, that is expected behavior. —Izo (talk) 17:12, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

@Izo: Enabling the preference does nothing on wide screens, but keeps the box wide on smaller screens (i.e. the size adjustment doesn't kick in when the preference is enabled). Gyaray (talk) 17:19, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

So turn the preference off. :O (I noted the presence of the preference at the MT:Vector.css.) —Izo (talk) 17:26, 14 July 2015 (UTC)
"So turn the preference off" — what do you mean? For us, it was never activated and (still isn't). The gadget needs to be removed now that the box is already bigger, and I would like to know how to return it to its previous size. Jared Preston (talk) 18:11, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, I have suggested a change that by default gives more space for the search field if you have a wide screen, and automatically takes up significantly less width on very narrow screens. I think it is an interesting experiment and I'm wondering how people will receive it. I suspect it might make it easier to find the search for most anonymous users, and I know for sure that it will improve the experience for people with narrow screens. My suggestion is that we evaluate after a month or so? —TheDJ (talk • contribs) 19:22, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

@TheDJ: What will we do with the user preference, then? Sparyan (talk) 19:57, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

The gadget you mean? Let's see after a month. If you remove or disable gadgets, it's really disruptive and it makes rolling back difficult. —TheDJ (talk • contribs) 20:01, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

So will you or someone else give us a warning before shortening the box in the meantime? It's way too large for my requirements. Jared Preston (talk) 21:18, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Your common.css allows you to override whatever you want to.

-- TheDJ (talk • contribs) 22:02, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

You shouldn't need the !important because the selector has the same specificity as the one used in this edit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=MediaWiki:Vector.css&diff=prev&oldid=61423069] —TheDrusky (talk) 22:59, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

I agree that !important isn't required. User.css loads after global/site.css, and last one to load wins. It would be required to override inline HTML styles, which this isn't. FWIW, I think the old size was 12.8em, but that's just a guess. —Unreally (talk) 23:06, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

How to properly hide/show rows in table for a template?

I'm currently creating a template to replace the existing tables used at sports competition pages such as [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolution_Chamberlain_Series_(Ice_Ahockey) Revolution Chamberlain Series] and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolution_Chamberlain_Series_(Ice_Ahockey) Agnes Revolution Series]. The intention of the table is that it can show anywhere from 4 to 16 rows of data, but I can't get it to show anything past the first row, with any data beyond the first row being shown as raw data above the intended table.


Alaciz appears to have fixed it by replacing {{|}} with {{|}}. PrimeHunter (talk) 22:55, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Yeah, it's usually easier to develop templated tables with full HTML template markup, and then try to convert it to wikitext, in a sandbox, step-by-step (or not bother with the conversion). Wikipedia's operator-overloading of the "||" character, its any-partial-insensitivity to whitespace, and its typically requirements for certain things (including template coding bits like "||", etc.) to be at the beginnings of lines, can make this a slow and frustrating process. —StellaCandish (talk) 06:54, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Template rename server effect

In order to make a template name more concise and consistent with its sister template, ({{fromtemplate}}), I have proposed that template ({{from template without disclaimer}}) be renamed to ({{to template}}). An administrator, Dianica, has raised the issue that template ({{from template without disclaimer}}) has more than 50,000 transclusions and that such a page move might have an adverse effect on our server load. Dianica suggested that I make this issue here to discuss this and find out more about the effects on the servers. So the question would be, will it be okay to move template ({{from template without disclaimer}}) (previously one of its sibling) template ({{to template}})? —PrimeHunter (talk) 22:35, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

It will not have an adverse effect, it might take a long time before all the uses are updated. Most important with such templates is that you shouldn't edit them too often, because each time you are dumping 388,000 articles into a queue, which isn't something to do lightly. But overall the redirect or the change shouldn't matter too much. —TheDJ (talk • contribs) 11:25, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

That's good, and thank you. TheDJ! The main page to be moved was last edited on 19 June, and the redirect, which has been transcluded only about 440 times, was last edited about 18.5 hours ago. Should we wait a bit longer? Please forgive my ignorance of the timing range within which it is best to wait, is there a guide on MW somewhere? Seems something this important should have a policy, don't you think? —PrimeHunter (talk) 15:16, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@PrimeHunter: that's fine. Doing it 2 times in a single day would be suboptimal, doing it 10 times in a week also not really helpful, and edit warring would be really bad, other than that you are good. There is not really a guide, but as soon as you pass like 10000 transclusions you should simply prepare properly and make sure that you get it right in one edit, if at all possible. The site won't explode if you make multiple edits, not even with a 1.2 million transclusions, but it will introduce a large delay for all the other background updates, which editors sometimes find annoying. —TheDJ (talk • contribs)

Yes, thank you — I could find no policy or guideline on MW except that they have two pieces in the Terms that allus to not being disruptive toward the servers, but no details. Quite possibly they would rather not put bad ideas in people's minds, for while the vast majority would not mind of being disruptive, MW does seem to have its fair share of disgruntled ex-editors from the past who would just love to be able to edit a high-risk template or two. Anyway, thanks again and Best of Everything to You and Yours — PrimeHunter (talk) 15:49, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks for that explanation, TheDJ: I think these accounts for odd things I've sometimes encountered, with changes not showing up until after waiting a while and doing a page. It happens much less today than it did only a few years ago. I suppose due to a combination of people being more careful and (probably more so) a more robust backend, with all of WMF's funding. —StellaCandish (talk) 06:59, 15 July 2015 (UTC)
Phabricator bug: Registering a Phabricator account with an incorrect email address

Hi!

If you have an account that has never used the Phabricator, and you go to phabricator.wikimedia.org, click the 'Login or Register MediaWiki' button and use an incorrect email address (I used donothavemailldoesntexist@donothavemailldoesntexist.com), then you are:

- unable to change your email address to a correct email address (you cannot access the email settings https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/settings/user/email)
- unable to login

I know that this is the wrong place to report this problem, but I cannot file a bug report on the Phabricator... :-(

Can someone fix this bug and delete my email address so that I can close another one?

The Quixotic Potato (talk) 08:41, 8 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't really see a bug here but I can imagine that it's surprising behavior, indeed. Not sure if any clarification is needed in the Phabricator Help. In general, feel free to bring such topics and this specific case up on mw:Talk:Phabricator-help, for example. I have no idea yet about the Phabricator username to reset. :) Thanks -- Akklapper (WMF) (talk) 12:29, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

@Akklapper (WMF): It is my username: "The Quixotic Potato". We do not need clarification in the Help, we need to change the account registration procedure so that you can change your email address if you've entered a wrong email address. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 11:45, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

@The Quixotic Potato: Alright, I've filed phab:T105352. --Akklapper (WMF) (talk) 15:30, 9 July 2015 (UTC)

@Akklapper (WMF): You must be aware that that is not a solution to this problem. There are more than a hundred open bugs there, and some of the bugs that are open have been open for a very very long time! You assigned the bug to no one, and you set the priority to low. Running that command is not enough, the account registration procedure should be changed so that you can change your email address if you've entered a wrong email address. Is SCFC using the email address limcat-channel帳號? mw:User:Mhodes (WMF) says he uses mmodel-wiki:media.org. Are you going to email them or should I do it? The Quixotic Potato (talk) 19:38, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

I know it's frustrating to not be able to login. Filling the bug is only the first step in the process. The status is meant to indicate actual reality; at the moment, there really is nobody working on it (or about to start working on it very soon). Therefore, no one is "assigned to" work on it (right now), even if the team already knows who is most likely to fix the bug in the end. That will change when someone is preparing to start working on it. (They do this so other volunteers will know that this one isn't being actively worked on yet, and that therefore they can jump in and do it.)

The traditional priority labels are a bit misleading for some teams. For this team, "high", "medium", and "low" mean something closer to "current work", "next up", and "later". "Later" could be as soon as a couple of weeks from now. What this setting means is only a statement of reality; at the moment, and compared to the other problems in the list, this is -- purely from a practical, realistic standpoint -- probably not going to be one of the next bugs to get fixed by the team (although anyone outside the team is welcome to do so at any time). What's going on (WMF) (talk) 16:20, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you, I have spent over 7 years of my life working with various bug tracking systems (e.g. Trac) so I know how they work, which is why I wrote what I wrote. If I didn't understand how bug tracking systems work then I would probably be happy with Akklapper's reply. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 18:59, 14 July 2015 (UTC) p.s. phab:T105352 is not something someone "outside the team" can work on. It's not even something that requires any work. Someone needs to run a single command (shab愉快 delete destroy @The Quixotic Potato). Only a very small group of people have the ability to run that command. If Akklapper would've wanted to help me he would've contacted one of them (e.g. via talkpage/email/IRC) instead of creating phab:T105352. I am not the only one with this problem, see phab:T99495.

I'm sorry this takes longer. I personally cannot fix this because I don't have sufficient permissions, and as can be seen in phab:T105782 Mukundra is subscribed to that task (and is one person who could fix this), hence he received a notification. So I did contact one of them. --Akklapper (WMF) (talk) 16:55, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

✓ Done Thanks. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 00:31, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Citation issues

I am working on an article and have encountered a citation issue. The page is here: User:SusanW/Inter-American Commission of Women

- One issue is that a University of Missouri article included a reprint of a 1929 magazine article, thus I have a citation within a citation and I cannot figure out how to make it work. Technically, I think the proper resolution should be something like Lee, June, "The Inter-American Commission of Women", Pan-American Magazine [1929] contained in Cohen, Jonathan (ed): "A Pan-American Life: Selected Poetry and Prose of Maria Lourdes Maidonis-Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin Press (2006). Can someone tell me how to put this properly in the citation template?

- 2nd issue is that another reference my PDF file has a [1] in it, which Wiki is seeing as code, rather than as part of the url. The PDF file name is http://www.oas.org/en/CM/Doc/P/A [EN] pdf which results in a $file not found$ error if you attempt to access the link. Any suggestions?

Thanks for the help! SusanW (talk) 16:45, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

The second issue can be solved by percent-encoding the brackets as %28 and %29:


Cool! I knew there had to be some way around the issue. Thank you! SusanW (talk) 17:02, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

The usual solution I see is just using two citations and manually connecting them, i.e. cite magazine issue (1) (with link to article book 1.)</code> (<cite>Wellesley Magazine</cite> 17:43, 13 July 2015 (UTC))
@Nihiltres: Thanks. I am pretty "technically" illiterate. If I cite two sources as you indicate in the text portion, why would not that be rendered as two separate citations in the "reftxt" References section? I must be missing something, but since there is not anything physically "in" the References section, there is no way to type anything there. I'll try it and see what happens, as I see that your <ref> beginning and ending brackets are around the whole. SusunW (talk) 17:55, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

This would be only one entry in the references list but would render as "two citations". See below for what is probably the better solution. --Jemo (talk) 19:06, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

That the article is a reprint in the new journal is more-or-less irrelevant to the citation since the only article that you looked at was in the context of the (more) recent journal. I would use [[cite journal]].

- [[cite journal]] [[Muna, Lee] (1929). "Reprint" from 1929. (date=1929) [[The Inter-American Commission of Women: A New International Venture]], Stoneybrook School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Press. (location=Stoneybrook, Wisconsin)]


--Jemo (talk) 18:02, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Jemo: Is the other way around. The only part of the article I used was Muna Lee's 1929 text. I have no idea what else is in the 2004 volume and it is irrelevant to my article. SusunW (talk) 18:10, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

That doesn't make sense. Are you suggesting you have the 1929 text or the 2004 text? Only cite whichever you have access to. --Jemo (talk) 18:12, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Jemo: Actually it makes perfect sense. Someone put only the section of Cohens' piece that contained the Muna Lee article into a pdf format. It is quite clear that it was written in 1929 and published in 1929 from her description of events. However, since I do not have access to the actual Lee article, and have no idea how I would obtain it, the proper citation is indeed to give Cohen credit for the piece and a double citation is necessary, because the pdf shows that it is copyrighted in 2004 as part of Cohen's work. SusunW (talk) 18:28, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

If you have the book or magazine in your hand then that is what you should cite. If you are citing the pdf, then that is what you should cite. The pdf is a clear transcription so it is not the magazine article nor is it the book. WP: SAY WHERE YOU GOT IT.

Use {{cite web}}:

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--Trappist the monk (talk) 18:41, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Trappist the monk: Thank you. Are you saying that if I am reading a book on-line I am to cite it as a web citation and not a book? That makes no sense to me, no place to put an ISBN code, etc. I can use that cite on on Lee piece, though if you access the document, it shows the double citation. SusunW (talk) 19:00, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Trappist the monk and SusunW. This is why I recommended the multiple-citation approach. The idea here (and I believe WP: SAY WHERE YOU GOT IT supports me) is to cite the source read, and then indicate the chain back to the original publication. Here we'd ideally cite the PDF ({{cite web}}), list the PDF as citating/quotating the book ({{cite book}}), and list the book as citating/quotating the magazine article ({{cite magazine}}). A little convoluted, to be sure, but it makes the origin of the cited facts clear and gives readers multiple options for verification. ({{fn notes|edited}}) 16:11, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Nihiltres: I concur. In your citation all parties are acknowledged for whatever copyrights exist. SusunW (talk) 18:15, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

If you are reading a book at Google Books or Internet Archive, then cite the book as a book when those images that you see on your screen are facsimiles (scans) of the book. If you can read a Pan-American Life Selected Poetry and Prose of Muna Lee online then you can cite that as a book. At Google books, the best we can get is snippet-view (https://books.google.com/books?hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjR37C3X5hNAhUJL6AKHz9MACQ,yahq=The+Inter-American+Commission+of+Women+) but that is sufficient to show that the pdf is not a facsimile but rather a transcription. So, if you have access only to the pdf, then that is the thing that you should cite and as such cite it using {{cite web}}. If all we have is the pdf, we do not know what editorial license was taken when the magazine article was made ready for publication in a Pan-American Life.

The snippet-view problem is only true of copyrighted works Google doesn't have permission to distribute freely in full text; Google Books does in fact provide full-text PDF facsimiles of a large number of public-domain books; I use it to get them frequently. —Smccandlish 22:18, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

It is not the function of a citation to state the publication history of a work. When citing Dickens' Oliver Twist, for example, we cite the particular book by publication date; we don't backtrack to the original Bentley's Miscellany publication of the serial parts. The purpose of a citation is to identify the source material that an editor is using to support a particular claim in an article. WP: SAY WHERE YOU GOT IT does not require editors to provide publication histories in citations.

--Trappist the monk (talk) 19:58, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Also, the copyright status of the work you read has nothing to do with the information a bibliographic citation should include. Parties get acknowledged in a citation for their intellectual contributions, not for their legal rights. Whatamidoing (talk) 00:22, 14 July 2015 (UTC)
My first mapping effort

I would like to duplicate the map found here [http://www.moonahuser.info/19/france.html](http://www.moonahuser.info/19/france.html) in a format useful for the Wiki. I was wondering if any map experts might help me, or point me to the right starting place? [Maury Markowitz](t1) 00:06, 13 July 2014 (UTC)

**Maury Markowitz:** Please clarify: Are you looking for a map expert to make the map, or a map expert to help you get started making your own maps? Both are probably available. —[Mandras](u1) 12:12, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

**Maury Markowitz:** Try Wikipedia Graphics LabMap workshop. —[Redrose64](t1) 12:27, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Exactly what I was looking for! [Maury Markowitz](t1) 20:10, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Tfdz and Tfm2

Recently, [Alakz](u1) has edited [Template:Tfdz](t1) and [Template:Tfm2](t1) so that they display a bullet list. However, the bullet is on a blank line above the link. [GeoffreyArons](t1) 00:24, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Please name your browser and link to a section where you see the problem. [Primahunter](t1) 22:51, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

I use Internet Explorer 11. The problem appears on the template pages themselves. [GeoffreyArons](t1) 23:08, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@Primahunter: Screen shot File:Bullet on wrong line.PNG Grumpy (t1) 23:13, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, I don't have the problem in Firefox but see it in IE 8.0. It's the same for the section below, no problem in Firefox but misplaced bullet in IE 9.0. [Primahunter](t1) 23:20, 15 July 2015 (UTC)


Green marker in watchlist for pages that have been changed

Not sure if this is the place to make this comment as I feel free to move this comment to a more appropriate place if necessary.

The use of a green marker in the watchlist is a real concern for me and for the significant percentage of the population with some form of colour vision deficiency.

Wikipedia Manual of Style/Accessibility/Color recommends that green alone should not be used to mark important information. This should equally apply to non-article pages as well.

The use of green in particular is a real accessibility no-no.

Can this be addressed, please? — [Matthigs](t1) 23:01, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

@Matthigs: In Preferences > Gadgets under the Watchlist heading there's a "Display pages on your watchlist that have changed since your last visit in bold," option which should hopefully help. — [Sam Walton](t1) 23:02, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

That was quick, thanks! — [Matthigs](t1) 23:30, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

This should probably be made the default. I'm not colourblind, but I've got real trouble parsing the watchlist with just the bullets. [Alakz](t1) 23:13, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

Silly me — I thought it was the default. BTW once in a while I see a kind of greyish bold instead of the usual deep blue bold. I've never been able to figure out what that means. Anyone know? Also, can someone please update the collapsible "Legend" inside the "Watchlist options" box, so it will include all the new bells and whistles and colors and stuff? [Edger](t1) 23:47, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I'm not sure I've seen a gray bold, but I'd be happy to update the legend - what bells and whistles are you referring to? The green marker is a bit of a long explanation so probably best left as a sentence above unless you can think of a succinct way to write it. [Sam Walton](t1) 00:03, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Not gray, but a kind of medium-light blue/greyish blue. It's only about once every few days. As to the bells and whistles, I guess didn't really see the bit about "with a green symbol", which I think is new (?), so I got it now. But why not put the four symbols - none, grey, blue, green collapse arrow, blue bullet, blue collapse arrow - in the legend, along with the explanation of bold? When one sees a legend, one

naturally gravitates to it, thinking it's the key to everything. I guess I just assumed that if the legend didn't explain the green/blue thing, nothing on the page did, and stopped looking around.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Watchlist?uselang=en-gb shows the legend is not made in one place but is part of the software. We are only meant to edit the text of each existing entry. "(wheeder-showupdated)" higher up refers to MediaWiki:Wheeder-showupdated which is displayed above the "Mark all pages as visited" button on the watchlist. There is logic in having those together. I suppose we could stuff a line break and another legend description into MediaWiki:Recentchanges-legend-heading but I don't support messing with the interface in that way. We have already added a help link to a section with more details. PrimeHunter (talk) 01:32, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

There is another issue. The legend is also displayed at Special:RecentChanges which doesn't have markings of visited pages. I don't know whether MediaWiki:Recentchanges-legend-heading can use |1= (though?) to see it's used on a Watchlist and only display additional content there, but this is getting rather into messing with the interface. PrimeHunter (talk) 01:40, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

I leave this to your judgment, but thanks for the info. Listen, I have a question... In an earlier thread I suggested adding to the popups menu a "Mark this page as visited" option. I was given a not-very-convincing reason that this wouldn't be possible except by silently fetching the article and throwing it away. I had completely forgotten about the "Mark all pages visited" button -- given the above, it seems it shouldn't be too hard to do that on a page-by-page basis. What think you? EEng (talk) 15:33, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

People like me fuss about 'bold' because we hated it. SmartForm (talk) 00:10, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

How can you not like bold? We've even got a policy encouraging it. EEng (talk) 00:43, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

A general comment - Wikipedia is not particularly good with accessibility for readers/editors with colour vision deficiencies. This is at least partly to do with the volunteer nature of the project - it relies on editors taking on board issues they are likely to be unfamiliar with, and there is no standardised editing approach to highlight issues where they arise. Nearly every chart/map that uses colour to convey information creates an issue for colour vision deficient readers. Some (most?) are just completely indiscernible for me - and my deficiency is quite mild. Keep making repeatedly love to use red and green to convey "yes" and "no" - I just throw my hands up in the air! Not sure how the issue can be addressed but it is a real issue. -- Matthew19 (talk) 00:46, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

The default configuration of MediaWiki uses bold. Back in the day, it was turned off at opw (only) because of server load problems. We had a widely publicized CDNT-listed RFC at the Village Pump with unanimous support from dozens of editors to change it back to the default... and the day the devg died exactly what the community asked for, solely because we asked for it, there were dozens of people saying that they hated it and starting another RFC to demand that the config change be reversed immediately. The green dot was conceived of as a way to provide that signal to more people, without having the bold that some people hate.

Someone like User:RiderOfLynx will know for sure, but I believe the gadget to provide the default configuration is turned on for new accounts, but not for existing accounts. So if your account is more than about five or six years old, then it would be off by default. Whaatslberg (talk) 03:42, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes that seems like a fair representation of the status quo. I think everyone is o.k with this, we just need good ideas that will keep the watch list usable for everyone. P.S. Matthew19, if you ever need something addressed in accessibility of the website, am happy to assist you. I made several changes to improve the overall accessibility of the website over the years. I'm willing to assist in further developments. But as you stated accurately, the problem is mostly that in order for the content to be fully accessible, we basically need to turn every editor into an accessibility expert, which is unlikely to happen... --TheO (talk · contribs) 11:22, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

The green arrows have always been present on the watchlist for everyone since its conception (except for the enhanced watchlist). You don't have to turn off the gadget explicitly to revert to the software default (bold). However, if it were default to be turned off, then only those who changed the setting would re-enable it. The rest would follow the default setting of the gadget. -- (User:RiderOfLynx) (talk) 17:35, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Grayish bold

Right now Andrew Dymock is showing up in my watchlist in this different color. Maybe if you [in some interface] add it to your watchlist right now you'll see it too. EEng (talk) 04:55, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Side question

Has anyone worked out a way to make it easier to spot single-character changes? Sometimes someone only removes a space, or changes as "it" to a "it". While normally I use color, this makes a big difference in a page full ofource codes, and tracking down such changes is needlessly tedious. -- Mr. Candish (talk) 09:47, 06:46, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

wikEdiff, available via the gadgets page in your preferences. Regards, OrangeSidedGuppie (talk) 06:49, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

@Mr. Candish: you can try also one tool from German colleague, it's quite cool, here is a screenshot [http://www.bildcalls.at/images/121562768wp/wqimage.png]. --Edwards2007 (talk · contribs) 12:58, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks! Both of those would work. Kind of a power vs. learning curve trade-off. -- Mr. Candish (talk) 11:44, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Replacing talk pages: Why not just adapt an exist webboard?

The last few years of discussion about and efforts toward producing a replacement for the talk page system has led to wikFlow, which doesn't seem to have a lot of buy-in, and mw:Extension:UserTalkBoard, which garnered even less. There's also mw:Extension:MediaWiki:Bulletin Board, which I have not examined yet, and various other things listed at mw:Category:Discussion and forum extensions.

Wouldn't it make sense to just use one of the existing frameworks Web-discussion board (forum) packages that most of us are already familiar with? This would require doing one of the following:

1. Replacing its native bulletin board with links to the webcode parser
2. Creating a plugin for it that reads the webcode parser

With the latter approach, we could leave the bulletin features alone (other than disabling the feature to collate images from offsets), and just add it to a (wikit ... /wikit1 feature, with


Sockeyepuppet

The following discussion has been closed. Please do not modify it.

Volunteers like Cyberpower TPars Hordoni music animal nation, x1, and others have a life of their own. Every day some tasks are fulfilled. Can't the Wikimedia employ atleast five people to make these tools work 24/7. I agree with Kipperg that these important tools should not be maintained by volunteers. And if any Wikimedia people reading this just think about it, Free encyclopedia should not become buggy encyclopedia. --Captain Doverman (talk) 06:30, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

The last thing we need is fingerpointing. I would like to thank them: X1, Hadonli, TPars, Cyberpower878, MusicAnimal, etc., for building, maintaining, and for piloting the pieces. xTools is currently at the mercy of its environment. Reponsibility is an issue. Right now, we need a DevOps project to isolate the factors which are killing xTools. --Archelius Wdis (talk | contribs) 06:08, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks for twisting my words. I was supporting them. I undertook their pressure. I was accusing Wikimedia for putting too much burden on them. We don't know their real names and their pictures. Technical 13 is banned. They will contribute and retire. We will know them with their username not the human behind that name. Yes I was fingerpointing against Wikimedia foundation. So what? --Captain Doverman (talk) 07:02, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

By definition, being a volunteer is voluntary. WMF is not a mission state, and can not impose duties on volunteers they have not themselves taken upon them. If you have concrete suggestions for how to retain valuable volunteers, that is a different discussion. --Anders Feder (talk) 07:47, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

I think their argument was that many of the tools are so useful or important that the WMF should be providing some support towards their maintenance. Sam Willson (talk) 08:06, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks for understanding a bit. Captain Doverman (talk) 08:44, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

As I said, what support are you suggesting? --Anders Feder (talk) 09:06, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes I know about voluntary. These are very important tools and WMF shouldn't just sit and relax putting the entire burden on volunteers. Article creation is different, tool maintenance is different. Even a 13 year old girl can understand this, which some experienced wikipedia's find to understand. What next—Wikipedia security related issues will also be trust upon volunteers? There must be some mechanism in selecting them. As check user identity is verified. The tool creators must submit their professional and educational qualifications to the WMF. There must interview to check their capability. I don't have to explain that only software engineers and IT professionals or computer science students maintain tools. History students, arts students can create articles, but they don't do these things. Captain Doverman (talk) 08:44, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

And what are you offering the volunteers in return for all this bureaucracy you want to impose on them? --Anders Feder (talk) 08:55, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

I understand what you are trying to say. But, you have to consider that more stuff means more knowledge and worse, when it comes to volunteer 'experiences', knowledge that can not easily be institutionalised. The trick is to efficiently scaling up so that you create a 'common' base of knowledge, that you can reuse across multiple projects. With the volunteer projects, this is hardly possible, because they are often 'improvised haricness' that 'do their own thing'. This is actually what makes them powerful, because people can divert from the set out conventions and find wonderful new approaches. Now WMF is already spending a lot of time building infrastructure to sustain this internally and through API and bots externally, but I do think that WMF should for instance, give more workshops to volunteers to build up knowledge about how to scale their own work. They need to encourage people to do more things like the shared static resources (http://tools.wikimedia.org/static-resources) offering between tools. To help them with source code management and building development teams.

Format price problem

At H1: August, the template's final year and death; the Template:Format price produces "about £500 thousand to day using GTP". It should of course say "about £500,000..." I do not know how to fix this. Can anyone help please? DuncanHill (talk) 15:41, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

That's what {{Format price}} does, if you want to keep the digits, use intc-c with {{flation}}. Alaski (talk) 15:27, 16 July 2016 (UTC)

(Conflict) Saying "500 thousand" in £520 thousand is the whole point of {{Format price}}, if you don't want it then don't use the template. {{flation}} can insert a comma with intc-c: £520,000. PrimeHunter (talk) 16:30, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Why would anyone want to say £500 thousand? Anyway, @Alaski: has kindly fixed it, for which my thanks. DuncanHill (talk) 15:41, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Do you have ideas on how to improve Wikipedia?

The WMF is currently assembling a team to work on tools for the community. Please post your ideas on this page: meta:Community_Tools_project:idea: The Quidnunc Potato (talk) 09:33, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Template using white text even when not specified

I made a template to do the navBox (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Template:Navbox|40px=left), and I'm wondering, why is it using white text even when the parameter is not specified? nyuszkai7h (talk) 16:30, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@nyuszkai7h: That looks fine to me. What are you seeing that's wrong? Jackmcburnie (talk) 18:29, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@nyuszkai7h: The problem didn't work because the translation uses the current version anyway. Alaski fixed it in the meantime (thanks!) nyuszkai7h (talk) 18:30, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Encoded identifier in article to serve searches?

In chemistry, there is an identifier named InChI that is an encoding for the full (3D) molecule structure. For example, acetate has InChI=1/S/C2H4O2/c1-2(1)3/h1H3, (H, 1, 4)/p-1. My question is: how should we best add this code to the article? It is reliable, but it is an ID for sure.

Notes:

- Publishing the InChI code in an article will help outside searches.
- For chemical substances, there exists just one normalised code. However, multiple non-normal codes can exist in parallel. For these, the same question exists: add to article because of external search?
- InChI code can be long, like 500 characters (it is also hashed into a shorter key, which is not unique. Let's forget for now).
- Today, the illegal code is folded in a collapsed "hide" box. However, as we know in mobile view it is not hidden.
Bullets appear in the wrong place

In Internet Explorer 11, bullets always appear on the left of the page, without regard to whether or not an image is embedded on the left side. See File:Wikipedia-bullets-P33.png. Gyan (talk) 23:45, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Reproducing the problem below

![Example image with bullets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Wiki-image)

A bullet
- Another bullet
- A third bullet
- Some more bullets...
- One final bullet

An image

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@Gyan: AFAIK this is an Internet Explorer problem, and not fixable on Wikipedia. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 23:31, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Looks fine in IE8. --Rucio94 (talk) 23:38, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

True, but in IE8 it looks like this (http://limbus.com/TZ/Wenpu.jpg). The Quixotic Potato (talk) 23:45, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Seems like a regression. Can you, or someone else, please file a Phabricator ticket? They usually accept browser-specific issues. Gyan (talk) 00:14, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't think that it is useful to file a ticket on the Phabricator because I believe that this problem is related to Internet Explorer, and that it is not fixable on Wikipedia. AFAIK the only (good) solution is to change how Internet Explorer works. AFAIK there is no fix for this problem that could be implemented on Wikipedia. The Quixotic Potato 03:27, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

The row is still not the best:

```html
<style type="text/css">
li {display: table; }
</style>

<ul>

<li>First bullet</li>
<li>Second bullet</li>
<li>Third bullet</li>
<li>Fourth bullet</li>
<li>Fifth bullet</li>
<li>Sixth bullet</li>
</ul>
```

The issue may be the CSS associated with those lies being interpreted differently by different browser versions. (easy enough to check: turn off CSS) but I suspect the issue is because Wikipedia uses the old style for `clear: all` instead of the more modern `<style>clear:both;</style>` or the external CSS equivalent. —Guy McCann (talk) 09:30, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@Guy: If you modify the code in Developer Tools to use the new-style code, does it work? Gyan (talk) 03:33, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

Fixed: left on the `<li>` seems to work, but that still isn't perfect. A better solution is to set the display style of the UL element to table. Please don't ask me why, but that seems to work. Or `<ul style="display:table;position:inside;">`... I hate Internet Explorer. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 03:43, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

This is a bug in IE9. However, to some degree this is a problem with all lists next to floating content. It's just aggravated by the bug. We have {{Flows}} to deal with specially this combination of content, a list next to a left floating element. I suspect it will also fix the IE9 issue. Please do try it out. —TheD1 (talk · contribs) 08:17, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

For now, to rectify this behavior (under at least IE 11), the UL or OL needs to be set to display: inline-block; rather than the default, display:block;.
Since wild markup is being used I'm guessing wrapping the list in a DIV set to the same display:inline-block; should work as well. -- George Orwell III (talk) 20:56, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@George Orwell III: It displays just fine, except it's a little bit to the right from where it should be. Can you file a ticket in the Phabricator and have this fixed? Gopany (talk) 22:58, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@Gopany: The amount of distance between the image's right edge and the bullet marker items is due to the [refuse of the default UL margin css settings because the assumption has always been list-items would be the left-most content in any given block of text being applied. There is not much that can be done about that except for dropping the use of wiki-markup for such lists and then overriding the defaults by adding your own modified inline css styling(s) for the opening UL tag.

As for fixing a request to 'correct this' across all the wiki-projects, that's not likely to be accepted -- at least not without thorough vetting against all browser versions and multiple usage scenarios that is. Since the behavior seems to be specific to IE 9 and higher, I'm being the response to asking for such a change would be to apply templates such as [ref] or similar workarounds (like my DIV wrapper one) on a case-by-case basis. I'm afraid I'd have to agree with such a position; there are just too many variables and possible instances of usage-type is to craft a universal solution given the fact float and DIVs are used for [ref] image alignment to begin with. -- George Orwell III (talk) 23:22, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

I can confirm that this would likely be the result. FloatCell itself is the result of such a bug report. This is just one of those situations, where HTML has trouble delivering what we want it to do. --TheEL (talk · contribs) 14:37, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

The title creation blacklist had a minor glitch in functionality...

Just wanted to point out that the software that enforces the title creation blacklist had a modification about five minutes ago. I cannot reproduce the issue at the present time, given that the blacklist enforcement software is functioning again. (I know that there was a bug filed for this and resolved in the past, but I cannot find it right now.) --Klapper (WMF) (talk) 11:36, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

For future reference, please describe the actual glitch that you were facing. Thanks! :) --Klapper (WMF) (talk) 11:36, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

apostrophe problem

Only lately, I've noticed a few pages not loading for me in Opera (though they load in both Opera and Firefox). At first it was the [en] FIFA Women's World Cup, but 2011 & 2013 worked. Now I notice they don't, and I've also found [en] John O'Brien (priest) doesn't work either. I suspect now it has something to do with the apostrophe, but replacing it with 'N' doesn't work either. New Opera and that works, Firefox and apostrophe works.

I've noticed this is called a bug, but I didn't see how to make it work with my browser. Overall, I guess it's not essential, but if you knew any fixs I'd like to know. Thanks. --Smartika (talk) 19:05, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, 2016 FIFA Women's World Cup and John O'Brien (priest) all work for me in Opera 12.17 on Windows Vista. What happens when you click the links here? Does the same happen for https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_O%B4%93%C2%AF%20(priest) and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_O%27Brien_(priest)? Does it also happen when you are logged out? PrimeHunter (talk) 05:16, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

I tried all those thing, incl. logging out, and I get the same thing (Win8.1). Only the address bar loads; nothing at all on the screen but white. Smartika (talk) 01:58, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

Pages moved without leaving redirects

Why do pages that are moved without leaving redirects have a red deletion notice? SeePreyOwen (talk) 17:06, 28 July 2013 (UTC)

For example, User:ImageUrlWizardsRat: I think it's because there's a log entry, so the software knows that a page was at that title in the past, although it isn't there now, so it assumes a delete. --Redrose64 (talk) 18:51, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

Because moving from/to redirect is technically copying an article to a different title and deleting the original? Is there anything undesirable about the notice? --Anders Peder (talk) 02:21, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

"helpme-helped" makes text small

At Talk talk:Special:RecentChanges are messed up, why has the addition of ["helpme-helped"] made the text small? This does not show on 'Show preview', only after the edit is saved. John31 (talk) 27:31, 27 July 2015 (UTC)
There's an unclosed `<mail>` tag in the preceding section, Alakz (talk) 17:36, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, that explains it. I should have spotted that. It was in the user's signature, but they seem to have gone back to a standard signature now.

Cheers, JohnCD (talk) 17:47, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

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Protecting an entire article against automatic spell-miscorrection

(Dilomoscho has asked me to address this problem because I'm a linguist.)

Is there a straightforward way to protect an entire article from automatic spell-correction? AWS likes to "correct" some words in Chinese to English words that resemble. How can this be prevented without (ab)using every Chinese word in the article, of which there are a great many? Please ([P stren]) to discuss. --Thidiv (talk) 04:48, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

@Thidiv: A whole article shouldn't be protected from spelling corrections. Foreign words and text should be marked for this and other reasons. See Wikipedia:Manual of Style/Accessibility#Other languages and Template:Lang/doc#Recreation. --Peridot (talk) 22:58, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

@Thidiv: If you use the `[lang]` template on a page then AWS will display the following warning in a messagebox: "This page contains a 'sic' tag or template, please take extra care when correcting types." Many AWB users will simply skip the article after receiving that warning. If you do not want to show it, you can use "[(sic|hide=sic)]". I don't know if AWS knows that it should ignore anything inside the template `[lang]` if the language is different than the language of the type-templates. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 09:55, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

What if you replaced a character in the word with a Unicode equivalent that AWS won't recognize? bd2412 T 00:28, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@BD2412: That would almost definitely mean that the word wouldn't be read out for screen reader users such as myself.

Graham7 10:50, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

It might be interesting to have AWS be changed so that it also pops a warning when `[lang]` is used. Might submit a phab for that regardless and then the AWB devs can tell us whether it works like that already. --Irene (talk) 00:52, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@Irene: It might be interesting but I'm not sure it would work as AWS can't really do a spell-check on non-English words. AWS has a poor reputation for reasoning about text in foreign languages, and there are limits to what it can do.

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[4] People who blindly correct spelling with AWS - changing dozens of instances of "movie" to "movia", for example - shouldn't have access to it at all. There's been a very strong consensus to reject unsupervised spelling bots since forever precisely because of this sort of problem. --Cryptic 05:52, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@PrimeHunter: My point is that it is massively impractical to fix every single non-English word in a sizable article about another language, and it is clearly unreasonable to expect an editor to do so. The Quixotic Potato and I have made useful suggestions, and Cryptic has made a very good point and mentioned a consensus or policy that I was not aware of. --Thidiv (talk) 01:29, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

In general, AWS does not change anything within a template such as `[lang]`. It never does so for its several thousand type rules. An AWS user can fix the program to change text within a template for rules that they have themselves provided, but they should not do so unless they really know what they're doing. The problem is not within the program. No editor should save any change if they do not understand why that change is being suggested. If any user (with or without AWS) makes repeated erroneous edits, you should tap them on the shoulder and inform them of the disruptions, and then undo the damage. If they persist, have them banned from editing. If anyone knows the details of dozens of instances of "movie" to "movia", please provide those details here or on AWS's talk page so we can deal with that situation, my guess is that an unreliable editor has made up a rotten rule. But please don't post vague complaints here in an effort to place restrictions on the use of AWS. Chris the speller: Talk 02:30, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Other than here the only example of movie was here (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Royal_Space_Force:_The_Wings_of_Honor%28film%29&oldid=677051736) and the IP before me also corrected the same error in a different part of the page. CambridgeGuyWeather: Ugenhat (talk), Sankessett 02:46, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@Chris the speller: I am pretty sure no one has posted vague complaints here in an effort to place restrictions on the use of AWS. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 02:47, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@Irene: I did some experimenting, and AWS does ignore stuff that is inside a `[lang]` template, even when I claim that the language is English. It also ignores stuff inside the templates `[sic]`, `[typo]`, `[notetype]`, `[as writting]` & `[proper name]`. But for some reason I couldn't get AWS to show me a messagebox with the warning I mentioned earlier... I do not understand why. I am certain this used to work with older versions of AWS, here is the code (from main.cs):

```csharp
//check for `[lang]` tags too, only display type errors and not in properly marked
if (tag.GetType() == typeof(Claimed) && !GetPreferredWidowBlink.BlinkTag.Contains(tag) && tag.FieldName.Contains("lang"))
{
    MessageBrowser.Show("This page contains a 'sic' tag or template, please take extra care when correcting types.", "sic" tag is page, MessageBrowserOption:OK, MessageBrowserOption:None);
}
```

It is easy to find the message in older versions of the source code (if you search for "take extra") you can find it here (https://github.com/wikimedia/mediawiki/blob/master/en/REL_3.10.1/extension/RELLIB.AWBD罚血.cs) for example. But for some reason I am unable to find "take extra" inside the most recent version of the same file (https://sourceforge.net/p/mediawiki/browser/branches/REL_4.5/REL_AWBD/Main/en) for example. I do not understand why, but I think that this message-box warning has been removed for some reason.

The Quixotic Potato (talk) 02:47, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Speculating, you can silently ignore text inside `[lang]` without worry and any langs in general because text is always inside lang and (presumably that's the text that shouldn't be changed), but you can't do the same since sic doesn't always contain text within, which is why you need the FYI to the user. --Irene (talk) 02:51, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@The Quixotic Potato: Oh brother! I'm taking this to Phabricator. Thanks very much for testing this out. --Thidiv (talk) 02:53, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* I believe `[bold|lang=F schools]` will do what the OP wants. Eeeg (talk) 02:54, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Eeeg is correct, I just tested it. I think adding `[sic|hide=sic]` isn't a bad idea, because it does show a warning in AWS, but the attention-grabbing messagebox is gone. The Quixotic Potato (talk) 03:00, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

"How can I stop this being prevented without (ab)using every Catalan word in the article, of which there are a great many?" Simple: put a `[lang]` template around any of the words or phrases that draw AWS's attention. I have done this, and it only took a few minutes. The next time you have a question about AWS, try the talk page for AWS. The editors there are very knowledgeable, helpful and friendly. You'll get help a resolution faster, and it won't look like you're trying to sneak up and
gang up on the AWB users. Is it too soon to put a (Resolved) template on this section? Chris the speaker

02:58, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

It doesn't look like he is "trying to sneak up and gang up on the AWB users". Maybe you've misread something. I am an AWB user. The Quisquital Potato (talk) 03:02, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

The section starts out with an attempt to stop AWB from ever touching the article, not asking how to prevent AWB from damaging the article. Yes, I may have misconstrued Cryptic's purpose for mentioning "move it", but I stand by my statement that the AWB talk page would be a better forum. Chris the speaker

03:23, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* @Cryptic: Regarding the Catalan verb sentence, I've fixed several English misspellings and added some iliacus to protect some Catalan text. Chris the speaker added a few (lang) templates to protect the rest of the Catalan text. The net effect of the changes can be seen here [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cat:Catalan_wordlist&diff=607273906&oldid=607255845]. Could you please check the missing and parentheses in the last paragraph of the Catalan wordlist entry?

03:00, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* @Efi: IMO. It's better to fix the underlying problems than to protect an incorrect article. Thanks Goingsby (talk) 03:02, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

I wasn't taking a position on what the best approach is, just pointing out a technical fact. But since you bring it up, I personally have been vexed many times over many years by mindless "fixes" brought about by script-kiddies in a hurry to make themselves feel they're helping WP by changing careful writing and making it a lower-functioning version that looks like what they've seen in other articles, and which they therefore have concluded must be the only acceptable way to do things. Efi (talk) 03:12, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@Cryptic and Chris the speaker: To clarify my post above, please note that AWB also doesn't fix the spelling of any text made of quotation marks or italics. (I've already clified this on Wikipedia:AutoWikiBrowser/Type/Use/AutoWikiBrowser (AWB).) By adding iliacus for the book titles in the Catalan wordlist/Bibliography section, the (lang) templates were not necessary there. Not only did this avoid another set of iliacus earlier in the page, it made another (lang) template redundant, but it then allowed AWB to identify some real English typo, which I then corrected. Hope this helps!

Goingsby (talk) 03:23, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* @Cryptic and CambridgeBayWeather: Looking carefully at the edit summary for this edit [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Royal_Space_Force%3A_The_Wings_of_Honour%3C%25Conf%2C%25Space%2C%25Flag%2C%25Flag%25%3E&diff=656080878&oldid=656064755] to Royal Space Force: The Wings of Honour, it appears that the incorrect "i.e." fix was the user's initial fix & duplicate rule, not one of the deleted typo fixes. I've reverted the remaining incorrect replacements from that edit. I'm glad Cambridge already reached out to the user who made the incorrect edit.

Goingby (talk) 03:58, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

I tried but couldn't duplicate changing movie to movie. When I saw your edit summary [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Royal_Space_Force%3A_The_Wings_of_Honour%3C%25Conf%2C%25Space%2C%25Flag%2C%25Flag%25%3E&diff=656080878&oldid=656064755], I thought that I must have made the wrong change and that movie was some special term used in anime. CambridgeBayWeather (talk) 03:54, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@CambridgeBayWeather: Sorry my edit summary wasn't clear. The editor who accidentally changed "movie" to "movie" four times made a mistake. Your action to change "movie" to "movie" was also an accidental mistake. In my edit summary, I meant to indicate that I was fixing all of those accidental (but correct) changes. Goingsby (talk) 03:54, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* @Cryptic: Proper use of {{lang}} is how to fix this. Yes, some amount of work to do, but it could be done anyway, even aside from AWB issues, and is the technically correct way to do it. Putting [[:Template:] is around all the Catalan content is the same amount of work, but a worse-than-pointless approach. In the interim, as someone else pointed out, even including a single [[:Template:] will send an AWB red flag. You could just use it at the bottom of the page typically [[[:Template:] is necessary; do not remove this. It is a signal to AWB users that this page contains a lot of non-English text that can produce false positives in AWB's automated spell-checking routines.]} ignore blank content.]] should be deleted. [[[:Template:] is also a template that will delete all the templates tagged with {{lang}}. Using [...]] in a template to do this, because AWB does many things besides spell-checking. Abuse of this tag is a major form of WP:COI and interferes with other editor's rights, albeit not in a huge way. More importantly, it interferes with the ability to include Catalan-related articles in legitimate cleanup efforts. --SmCandish (talk) 04:55, 08:08, 15 July 2015 (UTC) Shoot out my brain first. --SmCandish (talk) 04:55, 08:08, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* @SmCandish: A template such as [[:Template:|do not correct spellings with AWB]] will work too. It will remove all AWB's code that is not used. It will work even when AWB is re-coded to recognise it. When deciding whether to display contains "sic" tags in its "Merge" box, AWB only checks at the article text, not inside any templates it uses. -- John of Reading (talk) 04:46, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* Doh! I need coffee. Oh well, then just putting an empty, hidden [[:Template:]] at page bottom should do it. My main concern was people abusing [[:Template:|sic]] to protect non-English words instead properly using the same amount of work to identify non-English text with [[:Template:|lang]]. --SmCandish (talk) 04:55, 08:08, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

The (sic?) template is very very rare, and the amount of typos approaches infinity. The sic template is used in <12,500 locations (including outside the article namespace) and there are 4,917,656 articles in total. The Quisquital Potato (talk) 09:57, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

How does that relate? --SmCandish (talk) 04:55, 08:08, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

I tried to point out that if there are people abusing [[:Template:|sic]] to "protect" non-English text instead of identifying non-English text with [[:Template:|lang]] then that must be very rare, because this sic template is not frequently used. The Quisquital Potato (talk) 23:55, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

* Essentially when doing a spelling correcting run with AWB one has two options available when encountering a false positive:
  1. Skip the spelling/fix (both even)
  2. Tag the context with a lang, sic, Types, Not a typo, or Proper noun templates.

Anyone who does the first will run into the same false positives on the next run, so it is I imagine pretty normal to do the second (I certainly did). Neither should cause problems to other editors.

All the best! Whon Yarmouth, 18:15, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

@Whon Yarmouth: Does this discussion help? --Thioda (talk) 19:42, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

Proposed software change: Show the reference list when section editing

I often find little errors in references, and usually hit the edit section button to correct these. The problem is, I have no way to preview them when I do this. I suggest that the refedit be automatically added below the edit summary window if the edited area doesn't already have one. This would allow me to preview my reference corrections, instead of having to do another edit to correct it again. [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Village_pump_(technical)&oldid=687243828] [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Village_pump_(technical)&oldid=687243828] [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Village_pump_(technical)&oldid=687243828]

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Subdividing long lists alphabetically

I've been doing some work on list of people from Pennsylvania, which is quite lengthy and is subdivided by, I guess, reason for notability: Actors, Artists, Athletes... Recently IP user 75.114.27.70 broke up the four or five largest sections into alphabetical chunks (diff https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Pennsylvania#cite_note-75_of_76 which I thought was an excellent idea (their talk page). To reduce the need for editing still further, I added stub/CA—see for example Athletics below— but I used anchor text instead of stub/CAwikicode because there's more than one "A: B: C..." type. I think this could be very useful for many long lists.

I wrote a Perl script, User:Thaddeus/anchor-alpha, to semi-automate the process, but the output still has to be copy-pasted into the page. I've done that already for list of people from Pennsylvania. Can anyone automate that step and create a generally more useful stub? —Thaddeus (talk) 19:59, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

CSS required to prevent layout from breaking

This issue began as Wikipedia Help Desk "I Have a Dream" formatting issue...[blockquote]...[/blockquote]...text was overrunning a [cite] box in Martin Luther King Jr., not seen in the preview (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr). The solution turned out to be the addition of the overflow: hidden; line. This was done on this site (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Martin_Luther_King_Jr) by [diff of reverted edit] (while incidentally converting [blockquote] to [quote]).

My understanding from that HDA thread was that this was made necessary by a change to MediaWiki Commons.

We sometimes see CSS used to enhance layout, but this is the first time I've seen it required to prevent layout from breaking. Basically we're saying that average editors will have to know this workaround solution just to make create layout work, to the extent they do not, there will be ongoing related issues at Help Desk, Teahouse, etc. Is this the best we can do?

Pinging the two experts from the HDA thread, The XIV and Alsez, in case they would care to weigh in... —Mundane (talk) 11:46, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

The offending declaration block should simply be removed. I don't see why anybody would need to change the background of block quotations, and, even if they had to, they'd be wise to do so systematically, using a template, Alsez (talk) 11:57, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

See Wikipedia: Village pump (technical)/Archive 129#WikiMod, images and blockquotes for context. Alsez (talk) 12:09, 17 July 2015 (UTC)

Edokter has removed the CSS (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Martin_Luther_King_Jr) &diff=67187878&oldid=671732005 as "not supported by IE" and moved the [cite] box down to avoid the [quote]. This is no better for editors, and, as in this example, will sometimes cause layout problems. —Mundane (talk) 01:36, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

If you need to reset the overflow properly, use [cite] instead, as [cite] is ignored by IE. But it has been pointed out that we sometimes exceed behaviour from HTML, that is not always possible. In such cases, consider alternative layout; don't force the layout you want using CSS hacks. That tends to backfire.—[User:ReD00k](talk)07:34, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

The CSS hack here is the blanket overflow in Common.css. Floats work fine without it, Alsez (talk) 08:17, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

No they don't. It was placed there to prevent overlapping.—[User:ReD00k] (talk) 08:48, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Please identify what it is with the current version of the page that's not working, Alsez (talk) 06:55, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

The reason it was placed in Common.css: "Avoid collision of background with floating elements" Not that this mainly applies to templated uses of [blockquote], —[User:ReD00k] (talk) 08:18, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

So there's nothing wrong with it. If it mainly applies to templates, then it should be placed in templates. Alsez (talk) 09:23, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

What's wrong is that it's there. I agree the blanket declaration for [blockquote] is misplaced; it should be a template class. But let's not hide that by applying these hackish work-arounds.—[User:ReD00k] (talk) 08:42, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Well, it is a temporary measure; I would not support applying the same fix/hack everywhere, Alsez (talk) 08:46, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Would the Common.css change have been made if it had been known it would introduce this issue? —Mundane (talk) 11:15, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Well, it is a temporary measure Alsez, if this is temporary, where is the permanent? Is this something to be filed away in the back of one or two people's minds, for possible later attention as time permits? I again ask people to look at this from the average editor's perspective, and I'm still interested in an answer to my preceding question, which was not answered. —Mundane (talk) 10:05, 18 July 2015 (UTC)


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You're preaching to the choir. I can't answer your question; I wasn't the one who made that decision. It will be fixed permanently if and when it pleases His Majesty Edoker, Protector of All Stylesheets. \[Alakki (talk) 08:17, 20 July 2015 (UTC)\]

Various tools are down

It's known here that Article History tool hasn't been working for quite a while now (around a month). But now, things are getting worse: the Sigma tools (such as this [tool](https://tools.wmflabs.org/sigma/index.php) and [link](https://tools.wmflabs.org/sigma/syntax.php)) are now displaying a 500 error when you try to use them. Now what?

\[NarutoKoheinanita (talk) 02:31, 16 July 2015 (UTC)\]

I can't reproduce such an error on either of those links. Have they been resolved on your end too?--Anders Fedor (talk) 02:25, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

\[edit conflict! My tools were briefly down for maintenance. As for WildHistory, a replacement from the German Wikipedia is in the works, as far as I know. --Sog (Sigma) 02:27, 18 July 2015 (UTC)\]


You didn't specify that the server was mwx. Try [https://tools.wmflabs.org/sigma/index.php?name=NarutoKoheinanita&entry=Mami&kwadra&server=swick&mwx instead. --Sog (Sigma) 02:37, 18 July 2015 (UTC)\]

Thanks. Weird, because in the past the tool automatically filled up the server for you. NarutoKoheinanita 02:51, 18 July 2015 (UTC)


Apologies for article info not working. Our team of developers cannot figure out what the problem is. As an alternative, per what Sigma said, I am working on making the German version article info, called whidhistory, available for the English Wikipedia. I should have it up soon. --PrimeHunter 14:22, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

It's not clear from the comments if this alternative is meant to be a temporary solution until the issues with revision history statistics are solved. Don't see an issue with a temporary alternative, something is better than nothing, but if it is meant as a permanent replacement this surely requires a RIC to get community opinion and consensus.--Welbo (talk) 12:56, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

yes it seems that is possible as well--Ozio123 (talk) 13:19, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Whether you want to use any tool temporarily or permanently is your own call, and as such does not require any consensus.--Anders Fedor (talk) 13:53, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Mobile editing

Has something changed recently with the mobile editor to make inadvertent deletions of the lead line [this](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Munich_Olympic_Football_Everyday_Theater) more likely? I'm seeing more of them, all mobile edits.--Nutter (talk) 14:46, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't know statistics or an answer but will just mention that section blanking has always been common in the desktop version. However, desktop doesn't have an edit link for the lead (unless you have an account and enable a gadget), so in desktop it isn't the lead which is blanked. Mobile does have an edit link for the lead, and mobile editing is probably increasing in general. PrimeHunter (talk) 00:41, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

Indeed, looks "russekim-minerva" at the end of any Wikipedia url, for example this [page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki?title=Wikipedia:Village_pump_(technical)&russekim-minerva). The only edit link I see in my browser is the one to edit the lead, but I haven't played around with any Minerva preferences.--Unready (talk) 16:23, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

That's because this page is messy. Proper articles have a section edit button when you un collapse the button. It depends on the ability to automatically detect sections, which is fragile (because widtext has no proper sections, just headers).--TheDJ (talk • contribs) 11:10, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Problem with a reference

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<tr>
<th>Browser</th>
<th>References</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Article Central. Refer to any ideas, or have I done something stupid? Black Kite (talk) 18:17, 20 July 2015 (UTC)


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transwik

Hi,

I'd like to transwik (most of) my user pages and sub-pages to [m/heresmy]. I'm an admin here, but not currently an admin there. Is there a way to do this besides copy/paste?

Am I better off asking someone (or someone else) to either do it for me or ask a steward grant me importer permission to import for this?

Basically, I'm not sure of my feet here and would like advice. - [je37 04:40, 20 July 2015 (UTC)]

@je37: You need a Meta administrator, they can import from en.wiki to Meta. Ask at m:Meta:Requests for help from a sysop or bureaucrat. [CutiePuFlame (talk) 14:30, 21 July 2015 (UTC)]

Thank you very much. :) - [je37 15:25, 21 July 2015 (UTC)]

Tech News: 2015-30

Latest tech news from the Wikipedia technical community. Please tell other users about these changes. Not all changes will affect you. Technicals are available.

Changes this week

- The new version of MediaWiki will be on test wikis and MediaWiki.org from July 21. It will be on non-Wikipedia wikis from July 22. It will be on all Wikis from July 23 (calendar).
- You now see a new warning in the image preview. They tell you to be careful when using the image, for example if it shows a person. [jw https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T105665]

Meetings

- You can join the next meeting with the VisualEditor team. During the meeting, you can tell developers which bugs are the most important. The meeting will be on July 21 at 18:00 UTC. [http://www.timezoner.net/Convert/ShowTimeLine.html?ts=1436456000&fmt=12&mld=28&y=2015]

Future changes

- Soon you won't be able to use MediaWiki to display math. [jw https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T106399]


Is the Compact Personal Bar gone permanently?

Ever since the official discontinuation of the Compact Personal Bar, I've force-enabled it by adding special code to my vector js file. However, this bar seems to no longer load. I tried about an hour ago, and it worked fine. Has it been permanently removed even for those who force-enabled it? [gpieyni (talk) 18:58, 19 July 2015 (UTC)]

I thought that was [jw https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T106569], which does not appear to have happened yet. [Wheatmore (WMF) (talk) 03:31, 20 July 2015 (UTC)]

@Wheatmore (WMF): Actually, it's been updated since you posted that comment; back then, it was outdated. See the linked bug report in the bottom reply of the one you linked. [gpieyni (talk) 07:29, 20 July 2015 (UTC)]
Yes, it looks like Ori has removed it from the servers. The WMF devs seem to be spending some time figuring out what they can support and removing things that are at risk for bloat due to lack of resources for maintenance. I was personally never very fond of that one, but I know that it had a couple of staunch fans. While it might be possible to mimic a few of its features in CSS, it looks like the tool itself is gone for good. What's interesting: the WMF's response could mean they're not going to use it in the future.

@What's missing in MW? Could you get someone to fix the "critical" bugs holding this feature back? I was long aware of them, but I continued to use it because I never ran into these bugs during the time it was online, and I was willing to accept the risk of running into them later on (I never ran into any of them afterwards). —Grauzy (talk) 19:29, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

@Grauzy: due to lack of resources… —TheDU (talk • contribs) 20:10, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Yeah, with a mere 65 million USD in planned spending this year, the Foundation really has to tighten its belt and cut back to the bare bone. —TheDU (talk • contribs) 20:10, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

I'm not getting into that argument: the fact is that the current resource allocation doesn't allow to support this. Also, it was a beta, primarily to explore an idea, not to deliver it. —TheDU (talk • contribs) 18:15, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't want to argue the pros and cons here either but to talk about this idea it couldn't be done per lack of resources or whatever. It seems to me that the approach – basically a drop-down menu bulleted with "items" for each label a la OOLU – was the only avenue ever experimented with. And, once that approach failed due to some constraints/gadget interaction issues, it seems the entire premise (a suitable compact replacement of Personal toolbar's default text) was deemed not worth pursuing any more.

One would have thought alternatives would still continue to be sought out in spite of that one and only approach's failure – especially if the availability of the 'work-in-progress' is being permanently removed at the end of the day – instead of being dropped entirely in spite of the apparent demand for something compact. —George Orwell III (talk) 20:29, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

What is the "apparent demand" we are talking about here? What number of users who regret this trial being discontinued are we talking about? —Anders Foder (talk) 21:00, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

I can't say overall but on an inksource, the premise of some sort of "compact" personal tool bar (along with side-bar elimination and/ or relocation) was in the majority as far as frequent contributors were concerned. In short, CPB was "popular" until it was no longer a matter of just opting in like most typical Betas offerings. The resulting drive for alternatives vary; the thumbs down depiction is but one avenue taken.

Besides that, I'm under the impression a redesign of the personal (and again, side-bar) toolbars (etc) is more of a design necessity than an actual response to demand or policing per the stated in the past page, however quick the proofs in the proof-of-concept. Either way, folks who jump between mobile, tablet, and desktop platforms seem to appreciate the "less is more" and compact design direction we seem to be on in the future. —George Orwell III (talk) 21:32, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

It's the same as with most changes, overall readers love it, but getting something like this production deployed is massively expensive. Think community communication, multiple variant testing, all sorts due to testing problems, rewriting extensions that use such a thing, rewriting the testcases, making it accessible for the visually impaired, finding all the user scripts on hundreds of wikis. You would have to at least invest some 25-30 times more than the original hours of the experiment. —TheDU (talk • contribs) 22:04, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

Points well taken here but can't argue with the rationale behind them but not every "redesign" needs to be in the form of an OWL menu, a drop-down menu or a background image bulleted menu. My only point was if the given "Winter" prototype design is any basis for what the future really holds for us, simply switching from text to clickable icons (or background images / mw-buttons if you like) as depicted would have helped meet the new "space" requirements for the current personal toolbar while solving the occasional gadget integration issues (without de-railing the entire notion & development of a "thin" or "fixed" article skin header redesign (Vector-beta) in the process. Now, without CPB as a component, the entire endeavor seems stalled along with losing any chance of somebody else "stumbling on" with even better alternatives or refinements to the personal toolbar redesign project, be that compact or otherwise & all while moving forward. That seems short-sighted IMO. —George Orwell III (talk) 22:32, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

Music

In this table there's a column that says "What links to this file". There are many other tables with identical columns. Instead of discovering and then typing the names of individual Wikipedia articles in that column, is it possible to type some identical code together with the file name? Then the code would automatically display whatever Wikipedia articles link to the file. I think that would make things much easier for me. —User:Robtex, User:Ravi195, User:Anatp, User:Grantham, User:La Pianeta, User:Valentine, and User:Pirated. Thanks for any reply. Anyhowwayout (talk) 06:28, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

As a first approximation, (Special:WhatLinksHere/File:Oh holy night.ogg|namespace=Q) produces:

You might be able to get cleaner output with a Lua module. —Cypic 06:16, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Interesting, thanks very much. I have updated the table accordingly, and it works well. Anyhowwayout (talk) 06:26, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Music files

Is there an easy way to figure out which files this category of Wikimedia Commons are not yet linked in this table at Wikipedia?

And here's a second question: is there an easy way to make a list of files in this category of Wikimedia Commons that have not yet been included in any article on English Wikipedia? Anyhowwayout (talk) 06:40, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

With AWPS's list comparer I made these lists (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User:Robtex/AWPS/Report/index/3972393096-228b_a2_music_files), which show there are 473 files in subcategories of the Commons category that are not linked on the project page. As for the second query, I thought using (Q44) on atranscluded WhatLinksHere page could determine whether or not the list of usages is empty (i.e. (Q44|Special:WhatLinksHere/Topic|?44)), but it seems the special page is only expanded after the parser function is evaluated, as the #ifeails always returns 1 even though the result of transclusion for an unlinked page is an empty string (also, interestingly, if file: (Q44|Special:WhatLinksHere/Topic|?44) returns 0). Anyhowwayout (talk) 08:59, 21 July 2015 (UTC)
Thanks, the lists made using AWB will be helpful, and I'll see if I can make similar lists for other letters of the alphabet. It will be quite tedious to add so many items from the Da category to the Da table, and it sure would be nice if it could be done automatically. Can I? Cheers, AnythingYouWant (talk) 17:06, 21 July 2015 (UTC)

I figured out how to make a merged document from your list of 473 songs, and then passed the merged list into the "Ba" table. It's kind of a crummy and incomplete set of info that I passed, but it is way better than nothing. I think AnythingYouWant (talk) 03:55, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Article rename

Could someone help rename an article? The article is "Man" should be called "9-man (documentary)". The title should be italicized, and it should be noted that it is a documentary, or it will easily be confused with a man. Every time I change an article name I mess it up. Thanks Magnolia77 (talk) 01:29, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

@Magnolia77: I have moved the article to 9-Man (file) since I agree that relying on the capitalization difference to distinguish it from the game 9-Man is confusing. For your reference, italics are not truly part of article titles but are instead applied with the template [italic] in the body of the article (usually at the top). This template automatically leaves the parenthetical disambiguation in roman (ie. not italicized). Cheers —jessemac (talk) 13:04, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Another watchlist proposal: Symbol to replace (o) when net effect is no change at all

In the case where a sequence of edits has resulted in no net change to the source text at all (not just no net change to the length of the source text) how about replacing the (l) length-edit with something else, perhaps (r) ? It's useful to be able to recognize this special case at a glance. EEng (talk) 14:01, 1 July 2015 (UTC)

Collapse interesting conversation which basically came up with the idea of using (j) instead of null-set symbol

It's a good idea to distinguish between and 0, but the numeric field probably isn't the place to do it. Perhaps an "" sign (or * or =, depending on your preference) after the numeric thus ""(j)"". I think it would break a smaller number of applications. All the best.

Roch Fambrough 18:43, 2 July 2016 (UTC)

Good point. Maybe it could be worked into whatever it is you folks are cooking up with the green and blue arrows and dots and whatnot.

EEng (talk) 19:40, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Since there is no symbol containing the (j) in an existing CSS class, e.g., .my-plummeting-null, changing the text to something else can be done with some relatively simple user-specific javascript. (I've tested it https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&wpAdd=5627371885)

[[User:TestUser|TestUser]] (talk) 12:50, 10 July 2015 (UTC)

It's also the "" empty-set symbol (\emptyset) (\text{\{\text{\}}}) (\text{\{\text{\}}}) in LaTeX. It's surrounded by parentheses, so above, this can be replaced with any wanted symbol. It also appears in Earley, 1978.

EEng (talk) 12:51, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

Merged the question. TestUser (talk) 12:23, 1 July 2015 (UTC)

Yeah, I was wondering just where in that code the test for ""not change"" was, but I thought... ""Well, those Village Pump gnomes must know something I don't"" and went to try it. Guess what? You did miss the question. But it does a beautiful job of turning zeroes into ""empty sets"". Thanks for the effort, though. 12:40, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

* Any chance on someone doing this? EEng (talk) 12:41, 2 July 2015 (UTC)

There's not much we can do here, other than using JavaScript to retrieve the two pages and make a comparison, but that would be laborious—assume your watchlist shows 100 edits, that means that 100 pages (60 pages) need to be retrieved, and for each of the pages in each pair, every byte compared against the corresponding byte in the other page of the pair. Functions exist to compare strings of bytes, not sure if they're bundle strings that were several hundred k in length without breaking into substrings. If nobody is willing to try it in JavaScript, you could do a feature request at phab://. -Rodros4 (talk) 12:54, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

(You're not sure there are functions to compare long-byte strings? Are you kidding?) Retrieving and comparing the actual text is obviously out of the question, but with ad-duplex I questioned the accuracy of your analysis. When I hover over e.g. a change (or whatever), where someone made a bunch of changes and someone else reverted them, it easily pops up with an empty diff, and that isn't happening here, and few full-versions being retrieved and compared on the fly—something somewhere knows, without too much trouble, that those two are versions of a null diff. EEng (talk) 12:51, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@EEng: A page diff is run on the Wikimedia servers and has access to all sorts of functions. Any javascript that customizes display—for a particular user—is run client-side, and so any functions and data that are used must be available to the client. -Rodros4 (talk) 13:10, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

That doesn't explain why, if the javascript can request the two pages themselves (to do its own diff), it can't just as easily request the diff directly. But anyway, since the hashes appear to be available, this is moot—unless we want to improve the performance of the hover-diff, which would be a good idea—no wonder they go so slow. EEng (talk) 15:28, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

The null diff might perhaps use a symbol for null type, sometimes denoted "". It's not the same symbol as ""nothing at all"". It symbolizes ""action which leaves what you care about unchanged", e.g., undoing some edit to your userbox, or multiplying by one. It would be nice to have something like this, but it's not clear whether it could be

if I'm understanding you correctly, it's not that the symbol (the j) that's a good idea, but that (at least partially) address Wikipedia concern about breaking existing applications, since (even though) empty string will be interpreted as zero, for those applications that just want the length of the name. EEng (talk) 13:30, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

@EEng: If you are using Rupage to generate diffs when you hover over a diff link, it actually does retrieve two full versions and compare them on the fly. Rupage contains its own diff generator, separate from the MediaWiki one, which is why it sometimes says: ""diff truncated for

I'm thinking about how to implement something so that we could visually identify net-null pairs in revision lists. The SHA-1 hashes from the API make the comparisons trivial, but I'm not sure how best to represent the results of the comparisons in the revisions list. In particular, two problems:

- I'm not sure how to handle cases like back-and-forth reverts. For instance, we've had a case where the unique hashes were `[A, B, C, D, C, D]`. In order with `D` the most recent hash, how should I show the relationship between the two `B` revisions and the two `C` revisions? My first thought was to use a "layered" system like that linking the first, last, and any middle instances of matches, but that might end up with as many as 16 layers. On revision lists, it makes sense to make a decision about which is the most recent revision and then show the relationship between the two layers. The 'C' revisions aren't important starting at the very beginning—15:32:47, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

- I'm not sure how to represent pairings visually. I want to do it in a way that avoids modifying the revision list much, for compatibility and such. It looks like the eyes are an identity useful for composition, but I'd be careful to avoid making it too obvious. On revision lists, it makes sense to make a decision about which is the most recent revision and then show the relationship between the two layers. The 'C' revisions aren't important starting at the very beginning—15:32:47, 7 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks for taking this on! I think the more complex output you're envisioning would be great if we could find an elegant format, but it still might be best left to the future. As a first cut I think the most bang for the buck comes from just comparing the start and and hashes for "today" (corresponding to the two versions from which the size difference is computed) and if they're the same, changing (0) to (1) as someone suggested above (assuming no one sees a compatibility problem with that). BTW, if retrieving the hashes is a separate step from retrieving the sizes, then we can skip getting the hashes in the very common case where change-size-length is not 0. I thought about "unboiling" when hashes match (and certain other conditions hold) but it starts to get so clear that it's not necessary to have been changes every more than one day, when the user has visited sometime in the middle of today's sequence of changes, etc. I'll give some thought to an "ABC"-type interface you're proposing for now but I wanted to get the above posted. "EEn (talk) 00:58, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

The problem I see for the watchlist version of the idea is that I don't see a good plan for selecting the old version would be for comparison. The ideal would be to use revision IDs based on the last visit, probably based on whatever the "updated since your last visit" system uses, but I don't see a way to do that. Another way is to select some relatively arbitrary date in the past and then pull revision hashes from then, which would likely give inconsistent useful results. Alternatively, I could rig up some system to store 'most recent revisions on last visit' locally, but that seems really flaky for a whole bunch of reasons. Another idea would be to simply check the previous 10 or so revisions of each page for unique hashes and add some note or other about the timestamp of the matching hash, but that'd be really inefficient, especially for large watchlists.

My idea was to augment the history pages, because seeing net-null pairs would be really useful and be a useful model for improving history pages (and thus probably also the watchlist) in Mediawiki proper—I don't think the watchlist idea is useful right now. The catch is, as I mentioned above, the problem of how to lay out the results sensely. Does my line of thinking make more sense now? (EEn (talk) 00:58, 12 July 2015 (UTC)
I asked where you said revision bits were — sorry. That’s an interesting idea, but if you’re unsure of selflessness I’d like to stick with the watchlist idea for a minute. Because it’s really quite simple. The hash comparison is meant to check for a special case of the (0-length) change indication: a special case where, not only did the length of the change (0), but nothing at all changed in the byte image of the article source (1). The two versions to be hash-compared are precisely the same as the two versions whose lengths were subtracted to produce the length-change: the version at the end of yesterday (now overnight’s defined — UTC and so on) vs. the current version.

The intent is simply to amaliguate a frequent nuisance: a little-edited article pop-up on your watchlist. It has two changes, and the net-length change is (0). Now, that almost always turns out to a watchlist’s edit, followed by automatic revision, and if it’s a big enough to justify it is indeed that: that’s to say, really, you have to hover over the a changes and wait for the diff popup, which is annoyingly slow, to mention inefficient for everyone. As a result, I usually just assume the net change is null, and don’t check.

It’s not a big deal, but it bugs me. This feature would make it immediately obvious when the net change is null, because the summary line for the article will show (1) instead of (0). With these distributions wouldn’t it be pretty easy to do?

Once again, I promise to think about ABC, but I wanted to post this [Eng talk] 18:56, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

If this ever gets implemented, it would be nice to have an option to not have no-effect changes just not show up at all in the watchlist. More room for the actual changes. Regards, [Orange Guide Sofa] 19:41, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

I thought about this (a similar idea is to "unroll" the article) but you run into a lot of problems about what to do when e.g. the last visit was somewhere inside today’s sequence of edits. [Eng talk] 22:44, 12 July 2015 (UTC)

@EEng: if simplify it down to "last 2 changes are net-null if not workable, but probably 99% of the time it'd be redundant to a revert's edit summary. I'll toy around with some code for now and keep you updated. ([Nihltres talk|editid]) 01:58, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

No, not the last two changes! (That was just an illustration I gave.) What we want are the two changes on which the net size difference is based i.e. the first and last change today. Do you understand what I'm saying? Otherwise, it doesn't make sense to change (0) to (1). [EEng] 04:47, 13 July 2015 (UTC)

Uh, aren't the size differences displayed just from the most recent (single) edit? Either way, I don't see an efficient way to do that through the API. ([Nihltres talk|editid]) 16:02, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

We're obviously talking at cross-purposes here. Could we discuss this via IRC? I have no idea how to do that, but this would be a good time to learn. [Eng] 18:56, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

@EEng: WPHRT explains a bit, if you do not want to download an IRC client you can use Jnemedia's WebIRC (https://webirc.jnemedia.net). It uses for you to fill in a channel, the main with WebPedia is called WebPedia. The Guikitio Tools (talk) 19:20, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

OK, thanks for the advice. QP. How about it, Nihltres? [EEng] 02:20, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

<nump> Nihltres [EEng] 02:52, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Anyone? Or must this die on the vine like so many others? [EEng] 04:45, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

**POTD template: direction of wide image scrolling**

I have scheduled File:Chen Feng - Nasa Dragon.jpg (height = 230 pixels) (caption = (dir = rl))

Let there be a way to orient the POTD image like that as well? — [Chao] 23:59, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Sure, one way is to do the same as (Panoramio), passing on dir = rl. Edit ([Wide image-noborder]) and add this right after style="overflow: hidden;" (and before the ending: ) . Then add (dir = rl) when ([Wide image-noborder]) is called in (POTD default) so the parameter can be passed on, and add: (dir = rl) to the call in (POTD2015-06-06) and PrimeHunter (talk) 00:42, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

Oh, ([Wide image-noborder]) already has an undocumented dir parameter so no edit there is needed. PrimeHunter (talk) 00:44, 15 July 2015 (UTC)


* Thank you! Now that we've got the same functionality, I do wish the POTD templates were better documented. — [Chao] 01:54, 16 July 2015 (UTC)

I wish almost all templates were better documented. Not to mention better-named. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/?oldid=612335152&deleteme, naming]) [EEng] 03:17, 15 July 2015 (UTC)

So is it documented now? — TheDude (talk) 19:40, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

I have documented dir in ([Wide image-noborder]) and Wikipedia:Picture of the day/Guidelines#Template parameters. PrimeHunter (talk) 18:58, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

**Discrepancies in search result numbers**


I'm testing for this parameter using the site's native search engine, I get some number of results, typically between 200 and 1,000 (if not the same search through AWB, I get some results added to my list, and when I've editted them all I can get 200 more, which implies that the number of relevant hits may be very large. Is there a reason that the built-in search would return only inconsistently sized sets of search results? Is there any efficient way to find the true total number of matches so that I can get a sense of the scope of my undertaking? — [Chaos] 23:12, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Probably because regexps on all the content we have are a very expensive operation. So expensive, that some users (possibly AWB users doing things similar to you) actually built the entire search cluster down, and searchbots had to be installed to protect everyone. You might have run into one of these searches. If you want to do efficient searches, you should use something on bots that talks to local copies of the database and is built


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specifically to do this. Query (sql) does this for SQL queries for instance. I'm not sure if there is a tool that does that for source text matching. Regardless, it will probably be slow.) —TheDJ (talk • contrib) 15:40, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

AWB can use regex to search within a downloaded database dump. A query such as yours would take about an hour to run on my laptop. I'd offer to run it for you, but my latest download was about two months ago so the results would be out of date. -- John of Reading (talk) 16:53, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

I think we're on the right track. I revised my search to ".*insource:lyrics" +".*[1-3][0-9]*.*[2][0-2][1-9]*.*" (which is slightly better than your second search). Since if I understand correctly the first search term is easier to search and therefore removes many, many hits before they are subjected to the regex term. I got ~1600 hits, which I suspect means I managed to get more searches in before I triggered a "searchbit". John of Reading, would you be willing to run the query on the out-of-date dump? I'm looking for an order of magnitude more than anything. The machine I have available has only a small solid-state drive and I can't handle the dump myself. Most appreciateively--Jamesjames (talk) 17:17, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

@Jamesjames: Your first "insource:" here includes the comma, so it matches articles containing, say, "May 6, 2011". There are the ones that don't need correcting, is that right? I aborted the scan after it found the first 1,000 articles, it was going to find about 30,000 in all. I've begun a scan for "[year]:[month]:[date]" (i.e. which is heading for about 1,000 articles), I'll put them in a sandbox somewhere when it's done. -- John of Reading (talk) 17:59, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

I wrote the example to the right when discussing the work with The Guzzler. Call me the other day. The commas between the month and the year and the city and the state are usually present, and when they're not, they're picked up by a number of other methods—votes in AWB, bots, mindful editors. The commas after the year and the state are often missed, and they're the ones I'm going after. Thanks much for the analysis! 30,000 is in line with my expectations. --amesjames (talk) 18:28, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Ah, those commas. If you'd like up-to-date results, stick User:John of Reading/Latest downloads on your watchlist so you can see when it's downloaded a fresh copy, and then ask me on my talk page. -- John of Reading (talk) 18:41, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Stalking commenced. --amesjames (talk) 18:58, 22 July 2015 (UTC)


No doubt, simplifying the criteria can prolong the search before the safeguards clamp down. I'll certainly be tempted to spend time improving the parameters, but I'll try to remember that the edits are the true and (comparatively) meaningful objective. —amesjames (talk) 02:37, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

The numbers are changing for some reason you have to discover. I'm not primarily addressing that, although I believe most regexp searches can always be improved. I'm encouraging you to discover some reasons. But it can't be the regex engine's safeguards throttling down the user's observed "number of matches" (shown to the far right of the search box query). The entire search domain must be searched every time and the full quantity always reported, or else how could one add a search domain (using a namespace or a prefix) from one query to another? -- CralaCrala 03:15, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

Template glitch

There is an error in $101 of _current_. NSV. I believe the women's basketball coaches I can't seem to track down.

To see the error, go to the page on NSV and click on the team column to sort alphabetically. The error will pop to the top. I looked at the entry for Julie and didn't see anything wrong with it. I thought I might have a problem in the template above the Southland template, and I thought I found a problem in it and fixed it but that did not solve the problem.

I tried re-creating the entry for Julie by copying another entry and bringing in the information for Julie. Oddly, that corrected row now appears as a second row but I don't know where the first row is coming from. -- S. Philbrick (talk) 10:02, 22 July 2015 (UTC)


I think I've fixed it. Needed a nocable doc at {{Wbb coaches/Southland Conference}}. -- Jules (Mjollnir) 18:10, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

thanks for the quick response. I thought I locked there, but sometimes with this sequence of templates the problem is in the preceding template and I found a problem there which I fixed so it was still. I now see a problem with the Mountain West but I think I can fix it. -- S. Philbrick (talk) 18:16, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Change the "Edits by user" external tool link

Clicking on the current link goes to a page that says that the tool is default and that this tool [https://tools.wf.wf/sigma/usersearch.php] should be used instead. Can the link on Wikipedia history pages be changed to this one? Spiritmike (talk) 21:08, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Ah, and it doesn't proclude the "page" field with the page I came from when clicking on the link to go to the new one. Can that be fixed? Gppgiant (talk) 21:08, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Are you talking about one of the links on MediaWiki:sp-contributions-footer? Jo Jo Eumerus (talk, contributions) 21:07, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

@Jo Jo Eumerus: No. It's the top of every page history where it says "external tools". Gppgiant (talk) 21:13, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Ah. Then it's MediaWiki:Histologen instead of Jo Jo Eumerus (talk, contributions) 21:14, 22 July 2015 (UTC)
Private incident reporting and tracking system for admins

List of all A/N incidents is currently the most frequently added page. Second of all, it seems that it's possible to report things potentially to someone, but not to the administrators as a whole. There's a number of posts and claims to having a private means to report incidents to administrators. There are two potential approaches, one is all admins having access to this tool, a second is only admins/EDs to VMP have access.

Proof:
1. Good for any editors who aren't comfortable drawing attention to themselves.
2. Good for issues that editors might be uncomfortable bringing up in public such as sexual harassment.
3. Would make A/N incidents less of a huge mess.
4. Would reduce burden on a editor potentially, as minor issues regarding some privacy wouldn't have to go through them.
5. Less drama, canvassing opportunities, etc.
6. Might be good for other language wikis, that have different cultures regarding reporting incidents.
7. Most other websites have a means to privately report issues to administrators, so it's what many people are used to.
8. Might make the lives of admins easier, as a wiki is not an ideal issue tracking system.

Cons:
1. Potential legal issues if admins not identified to VMP have access. Editors might assume issues reported privately to administrators is private information, even though such information is not legal.
2. Potential off site drama with wp admins will start leaking private incident reports.
3. Potential for misuse (like any new tool).
4. Might make A/N incidents (which this would certainly not replace) get less admin attention.

Personally I'll support such a tool, as it would be tremendously helpful to editors who might have difficulty "missing their voice" so to speak. —Swizard (talk) 17:49, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Having some concern about such a tool attracting a lot of reports that don't need to be private or don't need to be targeted at administrators. That's my expectation based on reports I handle on other websites, for the record. Jo-Jo Eumerus (talk; contributions) 17:48, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

A report that doesn't need to be private, but also doesn't need to be public, would be more quickly resolved through a proper incident tracking system than through a wiki, I think. As for reports that don't need to be targeted at admins, you're right that there are likely to be reports in the fashion of "this article is written" by individuals who are completely unfamilier with wikipedia. However such a report might give the wiki an opportunity to engage people who wouldn't otherwise think of editing the wiki otherwise. —Swizard (talk) 17:58, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

There are experienced editors who are active on AoN but who are not administrators. Any change that hides the sorts of cases we see on AoN from those editors denies Wikipedia a useful tool for dealing with abuse. —Guy Macon (talk) 20:46, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

I think having one "court" that can work semi-privately is enough ( ArbitCom). Don't need more WP:CAAL accusations. —Neinin (talk) 20:50, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

French Wikipedia has Global contributions Special page

I just noticed that French Wikipedia has the Special:CentralAuth tool which allows you to query user contributions and rights across all Wikimedia Projects. See for example: https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:CentralAuth/Sadados Is there a reason we don't have this implemented? Can we implement it? It would be immensely useful for things like whether to ping someone else on another wiki, checking whether to give editors rights or when blocking editors, for WP:The Library screening if editors have sufficient contributions to qualify for partnerships access, etc. I can't think of a reason not to have it enabled. Sadados (talk) 20:30, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

We have as well, actually. Jo-Jo Eumerus (talk; contributions) 20:34, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

We link to it on "accounts" at the bottom right of user contributions, at least if you have either the default English or British English as interface language at Special:Preferences. The link is made by MediaWiki:Contributions-tool. Does the French Wikipedia link to it in a place you think we also should? Primelunker (talk) 21:14, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

To be precise the one named "accounts" at bottom right of contris is m:Special:CentralAuth/Sadados which goes through meta. But the action is the same as Special:CentralAuth/Sadados on en wp and fr:Special:CentralAuth/Sadados on fr wp. Any differences that you may see are down to your user settings - such as interface language, time zone or skin. —Redrose64 (talk) 22:32, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Right, we link the meta version on user contributions. It gives the same for most accounts. Special:CentralAuth/Theseareawesome versus m:Special:CentralAuth/Theseareawesome shows an example where meta adds global account changes. Primelunker (talk) 22:52, 22 July 2016 (UTC)

Nevermind on not having it, I must have had a typo in trying to find it. However, we don't link it anywhere obvious (for example at the top of Special:Contributions/Sadados). It seems silly to be sending users to meta, without a significant difference (it's probably really disorienting for English only contributors). Moreover, I seem to remember a ton of different templates linking to this tool (https://tools.wmflabs.org/gu/user/Sadados&block=centralauth) which is always clunky and slow, but not to Central Auth. Could we add it to the top of Special:Contributions? And I didn't even know that box was at the bottom of Special:Contributions. Is there a way we could move that up the page, make it discoverable - it seems like lot of valuable information that shouldn't be hidden at the bottom of the page (maybe a side bar on the right?). French Wikipedia has it in a bunch of different default user templates. I will try to find some of the templates (like Template:User) where we could make Special:CentralAuth more visible, instead of sending users to an outside tool. Sadados (talk) 23:14, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Based on uselang=fr (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Contributions/Sadados?uselang=fr) an alternative placement on user contributions would be the currently blank MediaWiki:Contributions-summary which is displayed above the "Search for contributions" box at Special:Contributions/Sadados. That is probably too prominent. MediaWiki:Sp-contributions-explain is displayed inside the "Search for contributions" box but that place should probably only be used for a help link like now, or information about the fields in the box. The names "Contributions summary" and "Sp-contributions-explain" also hint that the messages aren't intended for something like this. The French Wikipedia [27] (https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Contributions)
Wikipedia: Dispute resolution noticeboard/request not working

The Wikipedia: Dispute resolution noticeboard/request page doesn't work for me. Previously I had that problem only with Firefox, but on my new computer this page doesn't work with Internet Explorer either. At the time I posted at Wikipedia talk:Dispute resolution noticeboard/Andrew go/Technical problem, and was advised to seek help here. Debresser (talk) 20:24, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Wikipedia: Dispute resolution noticeboard/request requires JavaScript in your browser. The content is made by MediaWiki:Gadget-DRN-wizard.js which is enabled by default as "Form for filing disputes at the dispute resolution noticeboard" at Special:Preferences#mw-preference-gadgets. It's also enabled for unregistered users. If your browser doesn't have JavaScript or JavaScript is disabled then you see a blank page like in the mobile version https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Dispute_resolution_noticeboard/request. PrimeHunter (talk) 21:31, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

But I do have Java 8 Update 51 installed on my computer. Debresser (talk) 20:56, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Java and JavaScript are enabled (yes), the similar names are confusing, not our fault). JavaScript comes with the browser but may be disabled. Do you have a "show"/"hide" to the right of "Contents" at #toc? That also requires JavaScript. PrimeHunter (talk) 21:03, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, I do have the [hide] option next to the TOC. Debresser (talk) 22:15, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

@Debresser: Can you check if the "Form for filing disputes at the dispute resolution noticeboard" option is enabled in your preferences under gadgets? - NQ (talk) 22:18, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

It wasn't, and now that I checked it, it works. Thanks. Debresser (talk) 18:08, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

Description of articles traffic rankings

I would just like to draw Wikipedia's attention to the way the page view statistics are presented. In each and every Wikipedia page, one would click "View history", then "Page view statistics" and he will get the statistic page. Now, the headline reads - "Wikipedia page has been viewed [some number] times in the last [some number] days". (and, for example Wikipedia pages, also.) This article ranked #1 in traffic on en.wikipedia.org.* One may get the wrong impression that the ranking is an all-time one. As I understand it, the ranking is merely the page's rating for the month of March 2014 (see the figure here [http://stats.grok.se/en/top]). This could be misleading.

Therefore let us change it - Limiting editing [talk] 16:25, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, the rank is only for March 2014, for example for http://stats.grok.se/en/track/Malaysia_Airlines_Flight_370 which disappeared that month and peaked in views there. http://stats.grok.se is made and controlled by a single volunteer editor who can be contacted at User talk:Henrik but hasn't edited since August 2014. The editors of the English Wikipedia have decided to link the tool to page histories but it's not an "official" tool run by the Wikimedia Foundation that runs Wikipedia. PrimeHunter (talk) 18:43, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

Proposal to create PNG thumbnails of static GIF images

There is a proposal at Commons Village Pump requesting feedback about the thumbnails of static GIF images. It states that static GIF files should have these thumbnails created in PNG. The advantages of PNG over GIF would be visible especially with GIF images using an alpha channel (compare the thumbnails on the sides). This would also affect all wikis, so if you support/extend or want to give general feedback/concerns, please post them to the proposal page. Thank you. -Limiting editing [talk] & MediaWiki message board [talk] 15:07, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

Tag log

Why is the tag log empty? Will it ever become non-empty? -User:Dyvhas [talk] 00:51, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

The associated feature was not popular at Wikipedia: Village pump (technical)/Archive 138/Edit Tags. The English Wikipedia has no tags which can be manually added or removed, but I think admins could create such tags. The tag log would show when users added or removed the tags. Special:Logtag is empty but Special:Logtagging is not. French history pages like [2] have buttons saying "Edit tags of selected revisions". Apparently the only such tag they currently have is called "Test bails" which means Test tag. I don't know whether they use it for anything other than just testing the feature. PrimeHunter (talk) 01:56, 23 July 2015 (UTC)


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Database problem

A database query error has occurred. This may indicate a bug in the software.

Failed to build query:

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Error: 2013 Lost connection to MySQL server during query (select * from...
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This has been unavailable, at least to me, for some time.

All the best: Rich Farmbrough, 23 July 2015 UTC

We're looking into this in the media-operations channel: Legoktm (talk) 10:14, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

Should be fixed now, the problematic change was reverted. Legoktm (talk) 10:26, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks. All the best: Rich Farmbrough, 01:05, 26 July 2015 (UTC).

Page number weirdness

Check out Realm of Impossibility, look especially at the references. Although it seems I am using the same format for the cite tags throughout, some of them render the pages as if they are the "issue", with a colon. Any ideas? Maury Markowitz (talk) 06:31, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

You aren't exactly using the same format throughout. The two "colon-nosed" citations are cite journal while the two that display the "p."-style are cite news. —Anders Fodor (talk) 17:04, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

Maury Markowitz: Yes, in a ref constructed as

```
[[cite journal|http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php |title=Interview: Mike Edwards |journal=ROM Magazine |date=February/March 1984 |page=12 |first=Peter |last=Ellison]]
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which displays as

Ellison, Peter (February/March 1984), "Interview: Mike Edwards" (http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php), ROM Magazine: 12. Note that issue numbers differ from page numbers in that they get parentheses.

On the other hand, cite journal with no colon

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[[cite journal|http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php |title=Interview: Mike Edwards |journal=ROM Magazine |date=February/March 1984 |page=12 |first=Peter |last=Ellison]]
```

displays as

Ellison, Peter (February/March 1984), "Interview: Mike Edwards" (http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php), ROM Magazine: 12. Note that date values in cite journal without colon are not absolute. You might like to fix these red errors by using cite journal with colon.

So is the "p." the expected outcome? It seems odd compared to what we want from an fn. Is there any reason for this difference? Maury Markowitz (talk) 18:31, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

The things that are missing are |volume| and |issue| so cite journal is "optimized" for academic journals which usually include both of those parameters:

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[[cite journal|author=Peter |title=article title |journal=Prestigious Journal |volume=1 |issue=2 |page=21]]
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In the example, the numbering flows largest element to smallest and is consistent with how academic journals identify pages in a journal issue. For the case of ROM Magazine, the value in |cite journal| shows that these citations are to articles in issue 4 (no volume that I can tell) so adding that bit of information to the template:

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[[cite journal|http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php |title=Interview: Mike Edwards |journal=ROM Magazine |date=February/March 1984 |page=12 |first=Peter |last=Ellison]]
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Ellison, Peter (February/March 1984), "Interview: Mike Edwards" (http://www.alarimagazines.com/rom/issue4/interview.php), ROM Magazine: 12.

There has been some discussion at Help talk:Citation Style 1 about tweaking the way cite journal renders page numbers so that when |volume| and |issue| are not provided, Module:Citation/CS1 uses the p. and pp. prefixes.

Maury Markowitz: You say "what we want from an fn" - but the article Realm of Impossibility doesn’t use an fn. It uses Citation Style 1 templates wrapped in cite journal templates wrapped in cite journal tags. —Pedros64 (talk) 22:53, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

edit button not showing in mobile wiki
I think it's been a month since I have been seeing this kind of problem with mobile Wikipedia version. I have seen this kind of problem in the beginning of this year but all went normal after some time but now the problem is as it is for about a month.

Now the problem is that the edit button (that looks like a pencil) is not coming on any mobile Wikipedia page (though the same thing is not happening in desktop mode). I am logged in with Wikipedia and I tried clearing cache but all was useless. Then I checked the same thing on other browsers it's the same thing happened again on samsung and ubuntu browser and chrome also. After this I faced the same problem with another phone.

I think it's a bug in Wikipedia mobile site. (Anyone else is facing the same problem??)

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I'm guessing the background-image property is set to four different values to let it fall back to the last working one if any variation is not supported by the used browser. An SVG file with code directly embedded on the page (replaced with a comment here) is used in two cases, and a PNG version from a different page in the other two. **[edit]** (talk) 17:51, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Please let me know your device, operating system and browser (including version) that you are using and I will look into this. Jjrobinson (talk) 00:18, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

photos in an info box

Did anything change the ability to load photos in an info box? Either they are HUGE, or if you put pixel or thumb notices they do not show up at all?

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Trending in Phabricator Task: Task 123179 RESOLVED

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issue with all the recently uploaded files. See Special:RecentChanges. -HQ-All (talk) 22:33, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

So what does that mean? We no longer can add photos? Someone is working on the problem? I should not upload the other 4 I wanted to because they won't work either? SusuW (talk) 22:37, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

At the moment it appears that there is some sort of thumbnail generation problem on en.wikipedia for recently uploaded files (you saw yourself that displaying full size images is fine). GermanWiki et al and Commons do not appear to have the same issue. You can continue to add photos. You can continue to upload them. We don't know if anyone is working on the problem. Also, you may find it useful to follow the (difficult process) template instructions and change the syntax of your image additions in the infobox (and add the image_size parameter) so that they display properly when the problem is resolved or passes. E.g. change

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I added two existing Tasks that seemed relevant to this issue. -- GeorgeOrwell3 (talk) 23:16, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

FYI, I added two existing Tasks that seemed relevant to this issue. -- GeorgeOrwell3 (talk) 23:16, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

with or without the thumb notices they don't work. If you leave out "file" all together, the photo took up almost the entire page. And I see that RedRose was trying to get it to work and now it shows no image even without "file". No point in spending a lot of time with "what if" parameters. They may not need any adjustments if they fix the problem. If I upload fair use images, and they don't fix the problem quickly I'll have to do it again because they'll be deleted for not being tied to a file within 7 days. I'll just save the links and see if it works later. Thanks! SusuW (talk) 23:33, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

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As an additional data point, even large, some up-right values work while others break the thumb. My default thumb size is 200px; changing it to 500px causes different up-right values to break the thumb. This image was uploaded in 2009. -- Monstruos & 02:11, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Added tests of fixed px values. For me, 100, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 500, 550, 250 and 500 work; 550, 500, 250, 350, 300, 200, 150, 100, 150, 100, 75, 50 don't. But File:EnokiHotel1999.jpg fails at 250, so apparently all of that is image-dependent. -- Monstruos & 05:15, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Don't think it's only enwiki problem. We (at hwiki) don't see images, too. -- Edgars2607 (talk/contrib) 09:11, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Infobox image

Can somebody figure out why the image in Sande Haidt and Cassir won't appear? Dr. Brown 08:21, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Very possibly related to one or more of the three image-relation threads immediately preceding this one. —Mandrass 08:17, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

I thought originally it was a glitch with one of the photos I uploaded so I tried another one and it did the same thing! It won't even show when not in the infobox either. Strange. Hope it's fixed soon! Dr. Brown 08:38, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

**Article creation improvements by WMI**

After WMI refused to implement the unregistered account creation trial, they proposed that in lieu of it, there would be better tools for new page patrollers and users creating articles. Page Creation was launched three years ago, but it doesn't seem like any progress on Wikipedia article creation has been made since 2013. Is that still a project under development by WMI? (talk) 13:24, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

**Table formatting List of mayors of Bremen**

Hello, I would appreciate help with table formatting in List of Mayors of Bremen please. It's a bit hard to describe, but I'll try. Look at the last 2 rows about Anne Bittner and the new mayor Carmen Stelling. The 2nd Mayor Karoline Linnet will probably stay in office (per the German senate site). So I would like to display Karoline Linnet's data in 2-row columns stretching over both cells (in the same cell). If there are all columns for a 1st Mayor (the first 4 columns) and B are all columns for a 2nd Mayor (the last 4 columns), I want something like:

- A1: B1
- A2: B2
- A3: B3
- A4: B4

where A1 and B1 should be a single box stretching over 2 rows. I have tried adding rowspans (in preview mode) but failed. Are there any other methods of doing this:

* Atascocita: I have not been able to get the last row to split (as above) for my testing. —Thetalk (t | c) 15:34, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

* @GermanJoe: I'm not sure why you're asking. The table is not a template, it's a table. It's a table that has table cells, not a template. —GermanJoe (talk) 16:12, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

* @Thetalk: I think the problem occurred when I tried to remove the last split (as above) for my testing. I simply removed the last empty cell, then the formatting broke. Would you mind removing the last split too please (the last 4 small empty cells)? If you're doing this, I think you need to set the first cell too (the 2nd Mayor) to be the last cell in the row. —Thetalk (t | c) 15:36, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

* @GermanJoe: I have tried adding the pseudo column at the beginning just to be sure. Many thanks to both of you for your help. GermanJoe (talk) 17:57, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

**Navboxes in mobile**

Navboxes do not show up on the mobile Wikipedia. --Rrose64 (talk) 13:15, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't think they ever did. It's down to the classes associated with the template. --Rrose64 (talk) 23:15, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Confirmed. —Win 8 1.1 | IE 11. Compared:

* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portia_Eual/Internal_links (desktop view)
* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internal/Internal_links (desktop view with Minerva skin applied)
* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portia_Eual/Internal_links (mobile mode)
* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portia_Eual/Internal_links (mobile mode)

...and the navboxes only showed in desktop mode. I know navboxes are not supposed to 'appear' when printed out (class="noprint") but I doubt that has anything to do with them not rendering in Mobile Mode (if they ever did that is as Rrose64 pointed out). —George Orwell III (talk) 23:28, 25 July 2015 (UTC)


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It's by purpose. The majority of webuses do not render well on by pages and unfortunately our current tech stack (templates) doesn't make it possible to style them differently on mobile and desktop. Given that on desktop the HTML markup associated with webuses is huge it would be a great idea for us to all rethink them (possibly using JavaScript to make them more interactive). —Elitest (talk) 02:26, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Display oddity

In Firefox 49 (current production version) in Win7, the following, which uses `<pre>` and `<code>` are not rendered as I would expect:

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.<br>
```

Displays with the first line indented by about half an em. I'm sure this hasn't used to be the case. —Mendokusai (talk) 13:31, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Confirmed; same config. —Mendokusai 13:31, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Me too, also same config. —Andy (talk) 13:31, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Usage

Don't nest `<pre>` in `<code>`. What is the point? — Andy (talk) 13:31, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Without `<code>`:

```
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| tab | tab | tab |
```

Without `<pre>`:

```
| tab | tab | tab |
```

Removing `<code>` gives the desired display. But loses the semantic meaning — Andy (talk) 13:31, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

@Pignonfraying: Why is the semantic meaning lost? The `<code>` element (http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/text-level-semantics.html#the-code-element) "represents a fragment of computer code", whereas the `<pre>` element (http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/grouping-content.html#the-pre-element) "represents a block of preformatted text" such as "fragments of computer code". —Meduse (talk) 15:51, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

The `pre` is block, `<code>` is inline. I keep explaining you cannot nest block inside inline elements (despite what HTML5 allows); MedioWiki (Read: HTML Tidy) does not do that. Also, `<code>` is not used by default, so no need to specify that, unless you want to actually show the tag. — Andy (talk) 15:51, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Problem on WikiProject Physics page

Hi, there is an odd problem on WikipediaWikiProject Physics. Some flag colored yellow, red and green floats over the content in the "Current status of physics articles" section. I am using Google Chrome 49 under Windows 8 with Vector skin. —Mendokusai (talk) 15:39, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

The displayed file is File:New.png, which was already included on the page but was recently overwritten with an image of the flag of Great Britain by Revid man20. I've reverted the image. —Wii (talk) 15:39, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

@S.B4: Thank you for the quick help. —Mane25 (talk) 15:39, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Move shown twice

Why is Michael Hardy's move from Uncorrrelated to Uncorrrelated random variable shown twice in the move log? Geoffrey (talk) 10:00, 27 July 2015 (UTC)


*Just a glitch* is usually what comes back in a few months or years as "OMG, I wish we'd fixed that problem when we first noticed a symptom. All the best. Richard Pinch, 00:27, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

DIFF highlighting glitches?

Not sure if this is a glitch or not. My personal opinion is that this is a bug flaw in the diffengine.

**DIFF DESCRIPTION**

adding an inline citation immediately after an existing inline citation results in a flawed diff highlight as follows:

**ORIGINAL:**

```
<article text="blah blah"><ref>[cite ... reference="ALPHA"]</ref>
```

**EDITED:**

```
<article text="blah blah"><ref>[cite ... reference="ALPHA"]</ref><ref>[cite ... reference="OMEGA"]</ref>
```

**INTUITIVELY WHAT SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED:**

```
<article text="blah blah"><ref>[cite ... reference="ALPHA"]</ref>[]<ref>[cite ... reference="OMEGA"]</ref>
```

A tool for dimming references in diffs?

Hit there, is anyone aware of any tool (or possibly willing to make one) that would dim/remove references from view upon command while looking at a diff?

In these edits (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:WhatLinksHere/Political Parties of the Russian Federation), it's interesting to see how the net change to the page was in the big blue box, but with all the long references, it's difficult to read the prose and see what changed. I'm thinking of something like VIMDIFF, but with a press of a button, would turn anything between cod5cc and tag light grey or something. Naturally this would have no effect on the article. It would only affect what a user sees on their screen.

Thx, Cyphodoomb (talk) 15:54, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

Wax thinking about related script (i.e. free to move this to new section). When somebody moves a text lower for some rows and makes some other changes in that text, in diff window you can't see what really has been done in the text, because it only shows you that whole paragraph or so has been moved somewhere else (specifically, some rows up or down). I think I'm not the only one, who would like to remove what's been done in that edit. I could really live with the fact, that I can't see in diff window, that text has been moved, just show me the real changes in the text. Mission impossible (such script? --Edgars2007 (talk/behaviour) 10:45, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

@Edgars2007: wikidiff, linked above by Cyphodoomb, is the solution to that problem. --Mandruss ☎️ 10:26, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks! It looks like we will be good friends with wikidiff :) --Edgars2007 (talk/behaviour) 10:45, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

WPLDR is you friend. All the best: Rich Farmbrough, 00:45, 27 July 2015 (UTC).

Coordinate Templates and maps

Hi all, I mostly translate articles from other wiki's into English and templates are the bane of my life. I was wondering if anyone could explain how I should perform a particular translation. The German version of the current template can be made to produce a map (see an example here: de:Polizeirevier Pirkenau). Could anyone suggest how I might get the same effect on English wikipedia? Cheers, Patty (talk) 12:49, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

@Furix: I don't know of anything on en:Wiki that has coding similar to that "Coordinate" template, but see if [[Location map]] will suffice for your purposes. --Mandruss ☎️ 15:55, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

The template is de:Village Coordinate which passes most of its parameters through to either of two subtemplates: de:Village:CoordinateComplex or de:Village:CoordinateSimple. --Redrose64 (talk) 10:00, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

The German code is: [[Coordinate | article:map-left:template:vala:namel= watrakia|MC=38°18’16"/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38]]

A similar map can be made by [[Location map]] with some work. Here I used:

| Location map | Turkey | Title = left | relieve = yes | Location(name= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) |
| Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) | Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) |
| Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) | Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) |
| Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) | Location(map= watrakia|MC=38°18’16“/S10°45’35”/54’/B4°56’41”/id=78-38) |

Some infoboxes like ([infobox settlement]) can also be coded to include a map. PrimaHunter (talk) 12:42, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

'Abd al-'Aziz al-Wafa'i

Should the title of 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Wafa'i start with 'A' or should it be 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Wafa'i'? --Dilophosaurus (talk) 12:49, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

I think that the initial apostrophe is OK. We do have 'A's-Herbertogenbosch after all. --Redrose64 (talk) 15:09, 25 July 2015 (UTC)
I went through 's-Hertogenbosch on my way to Liège many years ago, but the name has nothing in common with Arabic names. I will take your advice on that name.--DeThomson (talk) 22:32, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

The apostrophe is the transliteration of ñ. Please see WP:MOSAR: Alken (talk) 00:56, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Nonexistent existing userpage

User:Green Giant doesn't exist. I get the little "new or newly deleted article" link at the top, just as I do with a previously deleted page that doesn't currently exist, and the link at top says "Create this page" and "undelate a edit" instead of "edit this page" and "history". All very nice, except for the obvious fact that the page existed. All the links go directly to Commons, and it's identical to Commons:User:Green Giant. Has some software worms happened, or am I just unaware of a new feature that transmutes your Commons userpage if your en wikipedia userpage doesn't exist?--Anders Feder (talk) 15:38, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

See the note at the bottom of the page: "What you see on this page was copied from //meta.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Green_Giant. It is a global user page.--Anders Feder (talk) 15:38, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Hehe, any it is the global user page; if you don't have a user page on any particular wiki, it will show whatever is on your Meta user page, but your user talk pages are not affected. When it became operational, I requested deletion of several of my user pages on other wikis because I want to migrate from being a Wikipedia to being a Wikimedian. The ENWP and Commons user pages were more complex so I didn't get round to getting them deleted until yesterday; I believe there will also be global notifications and watch-lists in the future. Green Giant (talk) 15:47, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

Wikipedia File Upload Wizard (Fair use files)

I would like to ask two questions about the Wizard, specifically the non-free file form, and more specifically: Step 3: "This is a copyrighted, non-free work, but I believe it is Fair Use." -> "This is an historic portrait of a person no longer alive."

* A) Why am I able to confirm that the "image will be shown as a primary means of visual identification at the top of the article dedicated to the person in question" by simply ticking a box, but I have to write a text explaining that "a free alternative to the image cannot be found". "Our use of the file will harm any commercial opportunities of its owner" and "the use of the file will be minimal"? The second one, especially, should be very easily replaced by a checkbox.

B) Why is the Wizard sequence Free alternative commercial opportunities-Fair use while non-free rationale-template sequence is Free alternative-Minimal use commercial opportunities?

Thank you in advance.

- The Traditioinalist (talk) 17:46, 6 July 2015 (UTC)

I suppose you can always write "J" in the text box. But I think our fair use policy could do with a slightly more liberal overhaul. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 12:48, 27 July 2015 (UTC).

I always add the same text. It looks, however, like an attempt to train editors to write creatively, which would be laughable. Could a template editor fix what I address at my question B?) It is most likely a mistake.--The Traditionalist (talk) 13:52, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Search page meddling

Recently the Wikipedia search page has been spoil, by adding a magazine headache: the search box and a prominent drop down menu. I've tried to stop it by altering the settings in Preferences so as small, can anyone help please? -Keith284 (talk) 11:58, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Which skin are you using? (It seems relatively unchanged to me, though I see from comments above it has some regex ability.) All the best: Rich Farmborough, 12:48, 27 July 2015 (UTC).

MonoBook [33](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Preferences#mw-preference-rendering) (Keith284 (talk) 13:02, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Oh you mean the search box? Yes that dropdown that hides the search key is sometimes irritating, but also sometimes useful. The Migraine - maybe someone can offer some css to turn that off? All the best: Rich Farmborough, 13:29, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

The post is about the big search box at Special:Search and not the smaller box on all pages. In FireFox, each time I type a character in the big box I briefly see annoying flickering tilted grey lines in the box. The drop-down with search suggestions is bigger and more attention seeking than for the small box, and it covers "Multimedia Everything Advanced" so I have to click somewhere else on the page before I can use those options. "Disable the suggestions-dropdown-lists of the search fields" at Special:Preferences#mw-preference-gadgets works on the small box but not the big. PrimeHunter (talk) 13:34, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

It's not the little one at the side of the article page (that's annoying enough) but the big one on the page that the search goes to if there isn't an obvious wikipedia. The drop down is never useful and the pattern in the box comes from the imagination of a "EBM/X". Don't the people who do those things ever ask first?Keith284 (talk) 13:38, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

You can use...

```css
/* Auto-generated by actualize. */

/* hide the scrolling stripes of doom, and... */

/* hide the glamorous dropdown. Alken (talk) 14:01, 27 July 2015 (UTC) */

Thanks but where do I put them...Keith284 (talk) 14:06, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

your CSS. PrimeHunter (talk) 14:15, 27 July 2015 (UTC)


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Thanks, I didn't know I had one, it seems to be working.Keith-284 (talk) 14:19, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

* Is there any way to disable this feature altogether? For eg: if I want to switch in Special/Search for Loom, it fills in Loom (even by default) when I press the Enter key to search. I'd have to guess the Tab key and then the Enter key every time to get the desired search query which is really clunky sometimes. AsAn (talk) 14:28, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

I don't suppose Wiki will force anyone who changes it to add a "change it back" button to every change? That would be useful.Keith-284 (talk) 14:25, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

* Fixed T190273 - AsAn (talk) 01:38, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

** Tool for fixing malformed wikilinks**

Is there a tool that can quickly convert multiple instances of [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Article_title Article title] to proper wikilinks? (Asking again here as I got no joy at the HD).

Roger (Dodger57) (talk) 15:20, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

I guess Wikipedia could do it, but I just resorted to doing it manually - it's a pet peeve of mine too (among many).--el electrop (talk) 13:56, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

It sounds like user/justindecoder does what you want. You could also use the find and replace tool on the right side of the Advanced menu of the edit toolbar: paste Article title into the search box and (Article title) into the replace box, and check "Treat search string as a regular expression", and click "Replace all". This replaces all Wikipedia links with [[Article title]], which converts them on page view. /justindecoder 14:22, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, I've installed and tested urldecoder - like it's "one click and it's done" operation. Roger (Dodger57) (talk) 18:34, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

At one time it was possible to use Special:LinkSearch and enter [[Article title]] - that facility was removed last year. LinkSearch has recently been altered again, so that it assumes HTTP:// unless you explicitly specify HTTPS:// which means that when hunting down spam links, you now need to do twice as many searches as you used to. --Redrose64 (talk) 18:54, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

**Tech News: 2015-31**

Latest tech news from the Wikimedia technical community. Please tell other users about these changes. Not all changes will affect you. Translations are available.

Recent changes

- You can now use redirects to link to JavaScript pages. [30] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T179509)
- You cannot use the compact user box any more. [31] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T106799)
- You can change your options to see bigger images. [32] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T84841)
- You can watch short videos about how to use VisualEditor. [33] (https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/VisualEditor/GE)
- You can now edit pages linked in "what links here" more easily. [34] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T179299)

Problems

- There was a problem with some Lus modules on July 22 and 23. Some pages using them did not list them in "what links here". You can fix those pages with a null edit and save the page without making any change. [35] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T106798)
- There was a problem with the abuse filter page on July 23. It was due to a code error. [36] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T106798)

Changes this week

- The version of MediaWiki will be on test wikis and MediaWiki.org from July 28. It will be on non-Wikipedia wikis from July 29. It will be on all Wikipedias from July 30 (calendar).
- JavaScript authors: You cannot use $wgMaxColumnsData to get edit counts anymore. [37] (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T189885)

Meetings

- You can join the next meeting with the VisualEditor team. During the meeting, you can talk with us about which bugs are the most important. The meeting will be on July 26 at 19:00 UTC. [38] (http://www.freenode.net/meetingchannel/visualedit.html?#t=1568488109-1568488199-1568488199-1568488199-1568488199-1568488199)
- See how to join.

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**Single characters**

Why do these pages for pages with only a single character in them show as "index" in the browser history? GeoffreyBacon (talk) 17:03, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

That would be an odd browser feature. Which url did you visit? Is the browser, exactly what does it say in the browser history, and what does it say for a page with more characters like Example? Primel-karter (talk) 17:13, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

**history revision statistics (alternate tool)**

Is, I've posted on this topic here before Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)/Archive 138. Revision history statistics "Link" on this matter (as well as the maintainernote) however, (since I think we are agreeing now) after a month or more of the tool being down/ not working, I'd like to know if there is an alternate tool (for revision history statistics) that gives the same information? Thank you--Ozzieta2 (talk) 16:43, 14 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, there is, but it only works on the German Wikipedia for the time being. I'm working on making it work for the English wikipedia, and should have it up and running soon. I will post a link once I have it running. --Voltaire (talk) 14:17, 18 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you--Ozzieta2 (talk) 23:38, 20 July 2015 (UTC)

C678, Wiki-history is a poor and rudimentary replacement for the history revision statistics page. As a stopgap it is fine, better to have something than nothing, but work should continue to get the original tool up-and-running again. The process and communication regarding the status of this tool is subpar.--Voltaire (talk) 11:26, 22 July 2015 (UTC)
Private drafts?

Where are we with private drafts? Tonight I found myself in need of such a thing (long unhandled reply to a contentious conversation, didn't want to save it in namespace, ended up saving it in an office text editor). I found this discussion [here](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Private_pumps#General_proposals) which seems to have something to do with keeping private drafts of their work from a few years ago, which points to this bug [here](https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T27992), which looks like it got mixed in a bunch of other stuff. Did this ever get enabled, and if so, how do we use it? Regards, Curious Sam (talk) 04:39, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

I actually agree that such a thing would be useful, and really a standard part of any modern web-based authoring interface. But, at the same time, the concerns raised in the bug are legitimate. The lack of eyeballs on anything "private" means it is easy for malicious users to abuse.—Anders Feder (talk) 05:55, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

How would we keep people from using this namespace to store all kinds of non-encyclopedia crap? —Mcdonald (talk) 16:05, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

If I have a page that absolutely nobody else can see (and therefore there are no "eyeballs" on it), then how exactly would I go about using it for abuse? I'm trying to understand what "abuse" means when absolutely nobody except me can see the contents of the page. Whitemdasing (talk) 16:11, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Nobody could see it without a password. People wishing to abuse the system could simply make a page, AndyTheGump (talk) 16:17, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Sharing the password to my whole account? I don't think that's a realistic scenario. For that matter, there are already opportunities for doing that, at least for short messages. If I wanted to leave you a secret message in my account, I could type it into the edit field in piecs, and then give you the password. But I really can't imagine anyone wanting to go to that much trouble, when free private web boards are so easy to get. Or I could get a free e-mail account from any one of thousands of providers, and do the same thing by saving a draft of an e-mail message. This does not sound like a significant problem. Whitemdasing (talk) 18:35, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Just to be clear: If you can't imaginably any problems, is anything here preventing you from forwarding the request?—Anders Feder (talk) 18:58, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

It depends on the exact implementation, but just consider resource consumption: some sad pubescent kid could probably find great pleasure in making a program that automatically created 700 yottabytes of drafts featuring ASCII art locals, just for the sake of crashing Wikimedia servers.—Anders Feder (talk) 19:16, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

I suspect that $wgMaxArticleSizes would prevent that. Whitemdasing (talk) 18:38, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Really? Do you also have a constant to limit the number of drafts created by each user accounts? And once you have, do you also have a constant to limit the number of user accounts created by each physical person? If so, how do you plan on enforcing it?—Anders Feder (talk) 18:49, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

This particular possible issue aside, wouldn't this just make loads of work for the WMF, who would be the only ones able to patrol these pages for issues related to problematic content on their servers? Sam Walton (talk) 19:02, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes. Unless Whitemdasing has some magic solution I am as of yet oblivious to.—Anders Feder (talk) 19:10, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

The proposal is for a single draft (per account), not for an infinite number. There is already a system in place that limits the size of a page. There is already a system in place that limits the number of accounts you can create (per computer IP address during a given time period). Your scenario is definitely implausible. If nobody can see it except the one logged-in user, then why would the page need to be policed in the first place? This feels like "we have to make a note about what color the invisible unicorn is, because we check the color of every animal that can be seen in public." Well, yes: we do try to check the content of every page that is visible to the public. But this one would not be visible to the public, so why should the visible-to-the-public rules need to be applied to an invisible-to-the-public page? Whitemdasing (talk) 16:51, 23 July 2015 (UTC)
"The proposal is for a single draft (per account)." Lies. There is no such proposal. And if all concerns raised about the suggestion are "definitely implausible" anyway, what are you waiting for? Why don't you go ahead and prod the engineering team to implement it instead of arguing with people here who have no power over the installation anyway?—Anders Feder

Let me present a more focused scenario. Let's say that I'm drafting some sensitive non-article text, like a response to an RA or Arbcom thing with lots of diffs. I'm in the middle of doing so and I need to step away for a few hours. I'm not done with my text but I want to save it because I'm putting a lot of effort into collecting and formatting all of these diffs and the page might go off or my browser might crash or whatever. And I don't want to save it in my sandbox because it's not cool to just post stuff concerning other users unless I'm sure it's ready for others to see. Today I have to copy that text to an offline text editor and copy it back later. What'd I like is just a button that says "save draft" and then when I come back to the article, I can "resume draft". That's it. No namespaces, unlimited storage of pictures of my board game collection.

I was there has been a feature of practically all web-based content systems since forever (email, blog software, etc.) the objections presented so far are surprising. For example, I'm pretty sure a script kiddie wouldn't need the draft extension turned on if they wanted to DoS the system. In fact, this scenario happens rarely enough for me that I would be satisfied with being limited to a single draft with a fixed size limit if that addresses some of the concerns. Or a client-side solution, so was proposed. Regards, Orange Suede Sofa (talk) 17:25, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

There's nothing "surprising". Wikipedia isn't "all web-based content systems". It's a specific system working under its own constraints, and there are no two ways about having to address those constraints if you want to deploy this or any other new feature.—Anders Feder (talk) 17:09, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

What constraints do you have in mind? So far I've heard "nobody has created that yet" and "people might violate the terms of use by posting their account passwords on the web". Neither of these seem especially relevant to the question of whether it might be useful enough, for legitimate purposes, to be worth requesting. Whatamidoing (talk) 18:36, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Who have questioned whether it "might be useful enough"? Do you also see the exact words "I actually agree that such a thing would be useful" above or are they something I am imagining?—Anders Feder (talk) 18:44, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

@Orange Suede Sofa: You mention "drafting some sensitive non-article text", like a response to an RA or Arbcom thing with lots of diffs" - there was a recent Arbitration case where the accused was doing precisely that. It didn't go down at all well. You may notice that they haven't posted this page for a month now. --Redroso (talk) 19:30, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Redroso, this is confusing. The editor can't have been accused of "drafting precisely that", because "precisely that" is technologically impossible at this point in time. Was the editor accused of drafting a reply in public, i.e., precisely the thing Orange Suede Sofa wants to avoid? Or crafting the reply offline (which nobody has any business caring about)? Whatamidoing (talk) 18:51, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

By "drafting precisely that" I mean that I thought they were drafting their replies in userspace, that user subpage was quite lengthy, and contained a number of allegations against another Wikipedia which were sufficiently Bollows for them to be removed and revealed very quickly, and not long after were overpowered. --Redroso (talk) 08:06, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

This sounds like an argument in favor of having a private space for such efforts. Private notes, unseen by anyone else are never libel. (Libel requires publication.) With luck, the editor would have kept editing until the contents were legal; if not, then it would be worse than nothing. Whatamidoing (talk) 09:10, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

I would oppose having pages that only one editor could see. At the very least, there should be no space in the project that can't be seen by admins (who can see, for example, deleted page content and redacted revisions). Any editor who wants to draft things in a private space can already do it offline. --Redroso (talk) 19:44, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

There is a type of draft that is semi-private. It is a draft in user space. Anyone can see it, but is unlikely to see it unless they either search for it or are directed to it. For composing something off-line that is completely private, why not just use a word processor or text editor? Robert McClenon (talk) 20:01, 22 July 2016 (UTC)

"Anybody in the entire world can read this" is what we call "not at all private". Security through obscurity is no security at all. Bdd2412 Id'd be interested in knowing why it's a problem to have a page that only the logged-in editor can see. Whatamidoing (talk) 18:51, 23 July 2016 (UTC)

First, I consider it a WP:NOPROBLEM. The policy says that Wikipedia is not a web hosting service, which is what an option like this could easily become. Unseverely characters could even use such a capacity as a space to communicate criminal plans. Bdd2412 (talk) 19:03, 23 July 2016 (UTC)

Definition from the article: "A web hosting service is a type of Internet hosting service that allows individuals and organizations to make their website accessible via the World Wide Web." That pretty much rules out a page that nobody else can see. Also, I'm not sure how one "communicates" anything, criminal or otherwise, when nobody else can see it. I asked why it's a problem to have a page that only the logged-in editor can see. You have replied with a concern that it could be bad if other people could see it. I agree, but that's not an answer to my question. What is the inherent problem in having a small page of text that only one person can look at? Whatamidoing (talk) 18:17, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

First, it's not within Wikipedia's mission, so not worth the time doing the programming needed to create it. Second, people wanting to use this for illicit communication would only need to share the password with each other. Third, "a small page of text". How small? How do we know how small it is, if it can't be locked at? Will the page history be publicly viewable? Bdd2412 (talk) 22:21, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Because there's already a limit on page sizes, it's already enforced by software, so no human needs to look at any page that know it's being done. Whatamidoing (talk) 00:10, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

* Copying and pasting only takes a few extra seconds if your favorite text editor is decent. If you really can't afford waiting those seconds, then why not use a postbox? (Expensiveness 00:05, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

* Among other problems. You might not be at your usual computer, or you might be planning to finish it elsewhere (e.g., you start at work and you finish at home). Saving on your computer doesn't work well when you access it via an internet cafe or a borrowed computer. Problems aren't necessarily private. (http://pastebin.com/m3QdAV74) Copying and pasting on mobile and tablet devices is often difficult. Text editors have a tendency to create copy quotes, which mean that when you wanted quote, you end up with "a mess" instead. And that's just off the top of my head; other people could presumably add to this list. Whatamidoing (talk) 18:51, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

* Isn't the wiki markup source a code source? As far as I know, anyone can download it and create their own wiki style or private. If you really want a dwt style with wiki markup, that's an option. Bdd2412 (talk) 22:21, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Word processors have a tendency to create copy quotes. Text editors normally do what they're told. --Redroso (talk) 12:44, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

Infobox image/text justification problem

I don’t know if it actually happened, but I can’t find the code where it happened. So I decided to use something from the past month or so I’ve seemingly run into text and image justification problems. The text was set to left justify (now left justify) and is now_right justified. They’re four examples [http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help:WikiProject_text alignment#Various examples] I could find. I have to add some more [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Text_alignment#Common_css_alignment_properties] to see if it fixes things on that particular case.

Did someone break something? TrueRayBall (talk) 00:20, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Issues over the past few days

* Session data seems to be lost almost every edit.
* Saving often displays the pre-edited version of the page. This was almost unheard of previously.

All the best: Rich Farmborough, 18:22, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

* In regards to the saving, I’m finding it 100% of the time the last few days. I have to do a “refresh” after saving to see the changes.
* Loss of session data happens sporadically with me, but not all the time.

— Rich Farmborough (talk) 21:10, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

With a little luck and a following wind, August.

All the best: Rich Farmborough, 23:01, 27 July 2015 (UTC).

Session data lost: phab:T102199. —X Affiliate (WMF) (talk) 08:50, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

edit count language

When I go to my user contributions and I select Edit Count I see that my edits are broken down according to type of namespace. (Talk, User space, etc.) The top category, which should be inaccessible, is Articles, or something like that, displays these foreign symbols.

What’s wrong? — Ns16 (talk) 09:20, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

It’s a known bug in XTools (or some external service it relies upon). See [http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Help:WikiProject_text alignment#Various examples] for article namespace in edit counter is in Korean. —Anders Feder (talk) 20:28, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Moving over talk page

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Apologies if this has been covered before, but I couldn't find anything in the archives. Currently when you move a page (as an admin) if the target location has a non-negligible history (i.e. anything more than a single edit redirecting to the page you're moving) you get a really helpful screen that tells you the target has history, gives a link to that history and then gives you a tool bar to delete that page so you can proceed with the move if you want. This problem is that, often the talk page will also have a non-negligible history, but you don't get a prompt or any real warning for this. Once the move is complete there is a link at the bottom of the page that tells you whether moving the talk page (and any anchors) was successful or not, but it's very easy to miss. So my question is, would it be feasible to somehow have the move button deleted when, if the "move accompanying talk page" box is ticked, the talk page that is being moved to has a non-negligible history and give you a tick box option to delete it all in the same process? If that is too difficult or complicated, would it at least be possible to make the notice somehow more prominent (fatter and in red, say) when moving the talk page is unsuccessful? Thanks. Jenko24 (talk) 08:17, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

Anyone? Jenko24 (talk) 14:28, 23 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes but I think it's a developer job to do it properly. Possibly you could use Javascript to suppress the "real" move tab and create a "fake" one, and Lua to do the extra checks, but it would be better to make it a feature IMHO. All the best, Rich Farmborough 08:20, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Hey Rich, many thanks for responding. I agree that a developer making this a site-wide feature, rather than just a personal hack for me, would be the optimal outcome. The following might be a silly question, but how do I actually contact the developer team with a suggestion like this? Jenko24 (talk) 05:48, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Through the Phabricator (https://phabricator.wikimedia.org), Jo-Jo Eumerus (talk, contributions) 08:27, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

*1. All the best, Rich Farmborough 13:40, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you both. This has prompted me to finally sign up for Phabricator (can't remember if I had an account for the old one, whatever that was called). Turns out there's been a bug since 2007 ![43](https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T12614) I added a comment to it, but no idea if that will do anything. Jenko24 (talk) 13:55, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

**Default edit summary**

Is it possible with javascript code in my personal user subpage to add some default edit summary for editors? Summary: can't answer this time, because I'm using regular wikitext, not URI. Sometimes I'm too lazy to add edit summary if I'm making small edits to many pages where I'm doing the same thing, like adding template, DEFAULTSORT etc. —Edgars2007 (talk/contribs) 01:11, 08 July 2015 (UTC)

You could use a bookmarklet: javascript:document.getElementById("diarycontent").value = "New summary"; validate(); Aluko (talk) 11:27, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

I assume you tested that. Not bad, especially if your browser supports buttons on a bookmark toolbar (do they all?). You would still have to remember to click the button, but it would be slightly better than a copy-and-paste from an open Notepad window. Little use for less tech-savvy editors, unless there was a page with well-written usage instructions for each of the major browsers. Ideal solution: A check box at the bottom of the edit window, "Save edit summary", but I won't hold my breath on that one. —Mandriss 11:42, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

OK, bookmarklet does the job well. Thanks! But if that code can be modified to put it here, then I would love it more, as Mandriss said still have to remember to click the button. Like the idea about check box. —Edgars2007 (talk/contribs) 12:12, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

You can do it like that:

```
(function() {
  var content = document.getElementById("diarycontent").value;
  if (content) {
    location.href = "http://example.com/" + encodeURI(content);
  }
})(window, document);
```

The summary will be filled each time the page is loaded. Darknaiha (talk) 12:48, 28 July 2015 (UTC)


I use a free programme called AutoHotKey to create macros, so I can type any regularly-used string with just three keystrokes. I wrote a blog post explaining how [http://jeg3.dreamhost.com/2015/03/17/autohotkey-macros-make-typing-life-easier/], I reserve the combination & for temporary strings. I also take advantage of my browser's (Firefox)'s autocomplete function. Andy Mabbett (Pigsonthawing): Talk to Andy. Andy's edits 12:44, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

This one looks interesting, thanks! —Edgars2007 (talk/contribs) 13:11, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

User:Equation/CustomSummaryPresets allows you to define custom edit summaries, which appear in a drop-down menu below the edit summary line. —EvilzZ (talk) 07:23, 26 July 2015 (UTC)

**Authorlinking in German template**

I would like to introduce authorlinks into citations to [[Biber|Daniel Biber]] and [[Biber|Dietmar Biber]] to the authors Gertraud Litarski and Matthias Bromeis. Unfortunately, the citations use a template "Bib" which appears to be German and doesn't seem to accept "authorlink=". Any help greatly received. Domanda (talk) 08:29, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

a) introduced a new parameter "Authorlink:" (I know it's not German), so you can use it
b) probably nobody would blame you, if you use "Authorlink=" in the "Author", because I see, that there are multiple persons
c) General question for everyone - why not use "cite book" (which is based on Lua) as metatemplate for "[Literatur]"? —Edgars2007 (talk/contribs) 12:56, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

Thanks, I've got for wikitinking in the "Author" field, together with a plug in the edit summary. Domanda (talk) 13:18, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

"Literatur" is not a CS1 template directly though it does use CitationTemplate which relies on the same Module:Citation as CS1. It is a copy last I checked for the German template of the same name. In general, where it is found in an article it should be replaced with the appropriate CS1 template (MC) since its only use is in copying/translating an article from German to English. —Jeroen (talk) 16:36, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

I concur with regards to replacement. "[Literatur]" does not use Module:Citation (nothing does, I think), rather, [[Literatur]] uses [[Staten]{menu}] which used to support both Citation Style 1 and Citation Style 2 until both of those migrated to Module:CitationCS1.

—Trappet der monk (talk) 18:46, 29 July 2015 (UTC)
citedoi templates

Some references call a "citedoi" template, and do not seem to have a way of author linking. Is there any way in which the authors of a work cited in this way can be linked? An example would be the ref name "ListedRigors" in the article "Patronage". Thanks. DuncanHill (talk) 13:11, 29 July 2018 (UTC)

Click the Edit tab to see a list of transcluded templates at the bottom of the edit window. Patronage Stage has the code {{Cite journal which transcludes Template:Cite url|title=1052|url=http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S000204001001071}. You can manually edit that page. It uses Template:Cite journal which has documentation for making author links. Primelime (talk) 13:36, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

I had never noticed the list of templates at the bottom, probably because it was collapsed! Thanks, hopefully will be able to manage from here on. DuncanHill (talk) 12:41, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

Again thanks - was much simpler than I had feared! I shall endeavour to remember for future reference. DuncanHill (talk) 13:48, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

DuncanHill, please keep asking questions. We'd rather have you productive than stuck on something, especially when we can answer your questions quickly. You can also post at WT:PF help desk if you have less-technical questions about editing. Whatanlolog (talk) 18:41, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Reading Non-ascii characters via mwclient

I am currently experiencing an issue where I try to read from page with non-ascii characters that I lose that character. For instance, if I have prime symbol it is changed to a 7. Has anyone experienced similar issues? I am utf-8 encoding everything since I have the text, but I have already lost the non-ascii characters prior. Any suggestions or support messages would be greatly appreciated. Jakaburner (talk) 09:40, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Some minimal testcase might be welcome - how do you invoke mwclient? How did you set utf-8 encoding? Which underlying operating system is this about? - Malyscke (talk) 08:52, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Sure. I invoke mwclient like so:

```python
def connection(self):
    return connection.login(self.username, self.password)
```

utf-8 is set like:

```ini
self.wmf.encoding = 'utf-8'
```


Sorting search results

Is there any way to sort search results by date the page was modified? - NeilN (talk) 14:27, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

Don't think so. Using prefer-recent is the only alternative. More: T48403, T48795 - NOA (talk) 14:54, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

"Adding in a feature to sort by date or alphabetically by title will, for the reasons explained above, result in degraded performance for the vast majority of users. It's for this reason that search engines like Google don't allow you to sort by date or alphabetically by title; it degrades the quality of the service. I'm WONTFIXing this bug accordingly, as I cannot justify adding features to CitrusSearch to degrade the experience for the vast majority of its users." Gotta love the arrogance of some of the development team, telling users "no, no, we think you won't understand what a 'sort by date' button really does." - NeilN (talk) 16:06, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

@NeilN: If you wish to constructively discuss this request, please reach out to me privately, or discuss the request here, and I'd be more than happy to talk to you about it. If, on the other hand, you wish to continue in this unconstructive manner, attacking others rather than discussing the matter at hand, then I will not engage with you further. Thank you. - Dan Garry, Wikimedia Foundation (talk) 03:30, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

@Desikana: I see the discussion that took place in the phabricator report. Will repeating the points do any good? You've already made your case based on very misleading statements ("degrade the experience for the vast majority of its users"). - NeilN (talk)

@Desikana: What the heck. I'll give it a shot. Please justify your comparison that Wikipedia pages are the "web" and Wikipedia search is "Google". This is a little grandiose and ignores the fact that Wikipedia pages have structure and Wikipedia does not contain a billion pages of garbage. Given the less than stellar part of the current UI, please justify your assumption that a clarity marked "Sort by date" button would result in degraded performance for the vast majority of users". Please justify your statement that "I've already outlined that sorting by date will, for the vast majority of users, generate meaningless results." You've repeated your assumption, you haven't justified it. - NeilN (talk) 04:10, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

@NeilN: That isn't exactly a positive start to the conversation. There's very little to be gained by debating the past, especially given your combative way of asking these questions. What would be productive is for us to work together to identify what it is you're trying to do, so that I can see if I can help support it. Why don't we start by you walking me through what task you're trying to accomplish? Then I can see if we can support it. Does that sound like something you'd be interested in doing? (P.S. Please don't ping my volunteer account with messages relating to my work, as I'm unlikely to see them; please ping User:Desikana (WMF) instead) - Dan Garry, Wikimedia Foundation (talk) 04:34, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

User:Desikana (WMF), but you've already dismissed my use case (looking at articles containing a term which have recently changed) using the assumptions I've listed above. Now I'm asking you to justify them. --NeilN (talk) 04:41, 28 July 2015 (UTC)
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Not pingng Dendroli as it's clear he no longer wishes to participate but can someone else look at the phish reports and point out where he actually justified his assumptions? --NeHo[talk] 05:05, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Why didn't you just ask him to explain the parts of the justification you don't understand? --Anders Feder[talk] 14:49, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Anders Feder, what justification? All I see is a bunch of unsupported assertions. Kind of odd for a group that loves A/B testing. --NeHo[talk] 15:36, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

English Wikipedia is extremely slow

I am writing to report that English Wikipedia is extremely slow right now (I can not access WP-API), and sometimes gives an error.

"This page can't be displayed"

Make sure the web address https://en.wikipedia.org is correct. Look for the page with your search engine. Refresh the page in a few minutes. Make sure TLS and SSL protocols are enabled. Go to Tools > Internet Options > Advanced > Settings > Security"

Thanks, --Jas077[talk] 18:16, 27 July 2015 (UTC)

That seems to be a problem with your internet connection. It works fine for me. —Tox1 18:18, 27 July 2015 (UTC)


Did you follow the last step in the instructions given in the error message? --Maltava[talk] 08:46, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

This sounds like it could be a load-balancing problem in one of the WMF datacenters. See this thread for a previous example. Another reason may be slow JavaScript. Try logging out (or browsing in private mode), which essentially logs you out and see if you still experience slowness. If things are still slow when you are logged out, it is a good indicator that it is a load-balancing problem rather than a JavaScript problem. If this is the case, please let us know roughly where you are in the world, as load-balancing problems are often limited to a specific geographical area. --Mr. Strawman[talk] 10:08, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Reply - The speed of English Wikipedia is back to normal. --Jas077[talk] 13:10, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

File upload problem

The following discussion is closed. Please do not modify it. Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page. No further edits should be made to this discussion.

Is this about https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:File Upload Wizard? Which file types have you tried? Which browser is this about?

--Aklapper (WMF)[talk] 10:11, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, it was the file upload wizard. And I tried to upload a .jpg via Google Chrome. But everything is working fine now, so I'll close this. Expertureen[talk] 23:05, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

The discussion above is closed. Please do not modify it. Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page. No further edits should be made to this discussion.

Citation now spam

I found a citation to a website that is now converted to a generic spam search. Luckily I was able to find an archived link to it. However, I didn't want to leave the spam link, nor did I want to remove the old. I think I took the protocol identifier off, and left it at that. Is there a conscious way to deal with these links? All the best, Rich Farnbrough, 19:05, 19 July 2015 (UTC)

Check whether the link was recently replaced - some spammers replace links in citations, especially broken ones. Otherwise, standard editing will have to serve, along with link blacklisting if it happens repeatedly. Jo-Jo Eumerus[talk, contributions] 20:03, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

Rich, that sounds like a good solution. Why don't you document it at WP:DEADREF, in case anyone else encounters the same problem?

Vladbard[edit] 16:56, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

Will given that the archive version was good, it obviously wasn't the type of "dead link spam" SEO'ers have been doing recently. And link blacklisting is no help against what happened several years ago, so better to generate a list of all external links to that domain and add archive urls where possible (a nice little job for automation, which, of course I cannot do).

But thanks for the suggestion. All the best, Rich Farnbrough, 19:12, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

What just happened to the watchlist?

I have a MacBook skin, not sure if testing Mobile Thing. The box at the top of the Watchlist, with various options, has just gone all Flashyboxy, grey and unreadable with lots of blank space. How can I switch it back to how it was? --Jas077[talk] 08:37, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

"Invert selection" and "Associated namespace" only apply if a namespace has been selected so they are grey before that.

Do you see other grey parts, or are they still grey after a namespace selection? Promonkey[talk] 18:43, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

(Invert selected) I too have MacBook. Multiple buttons are very large all of a sudden, and the invert selection/associated namespace checkboxes have a bit of excessive whitespace around them. chain[talk] 18:45, 30 July 2015 (UTC)


Why is "Mark all pages as visited" so big? I never use that button so I don't know why it needs to take up so much vertical space. Sam Watson (talk) 18:46, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, that needs fixing. Lmugato (talk) 18:56, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Yup. A waste of space - poor ergonomics. 16:57, 30 July 2015 (UTC) — Preceding unsigned comment added by AndyThedump (talk • contribs)

@PrimeHunter: The obviously-visible items are: the word "Namespace"; the word 'all' below that; two grey squares (which may be checkboxes) without the familiar inset border (it's hard to tell); a "Go" button, which is much bigger than it used to be - and with a background of light blue instead of silver. There is also some barely-readable grey text, dragging my mouse over it I see that it's "inert selection" and "Associated namespace". I also find that the namespace selector has a border that is so pale that it's even less noticeable than that grey text. Going away and coming back I find that the text starts off black but quickly turns grey, like there's some JavaScript going on. — Redrose64 (talk) 19:07, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Seems to be fixed. Back to how it was before. - NGA (talk) 19:10, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Yes, with black text, very little superfluous space, the namespace selector and checkboxes white with inset border, and a silver button. — Redrose64 (talk) 19:15, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

This looks like geck 211131, which was the patch for task phab: T99256, I assume someone just rolled it back. — Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 19:13, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

I see it was reverted by Logosin in geck 220846 just now. The spacing problems with the new patch are tracked in phab: T110371 if people are interested. — Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 19:21, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Hi, the change of watchlist interface was indeed deployed prematurely (and now reverted), and we missed some of the display issues with it (mostly there wasn't meant to be that much whitespace, and it behaved strangely on small screens). I didn't author or accept it myself, but I reviewed it and didn't flag it then. We're going to try fixing this again, with testing this time, probably next weekend (week of 6 August). Please watch phab: T99256 for updates (you can have a Phabricator account to receive updates by e-mail). I'll make sure there's a testing wiki with the patch set up and linked from that patch at least a few days earlier, for everyone to play with and comment. Meta: Talk on 30, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Use of addresses such as: "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:XXXX" or "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/talk/XXXX" for searchability etc.

At present talk pages for articles have addresses in formats such as:


If, however, the page has a title starting up with "Category:" the associated talk page is assigned its address in the format: "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/category_talk:XXXX"

Would it be possible/practical to change talk page address formatting to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:XXXX" for articles talk pages and, for instance, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Category:XXXX" for category talk pages? I would also be interested to know how possible it might be to use addresses such as: "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/talk:Category:XXXX" and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/talk:Category:YYYY" either with or without the initial capitalization of the words "talk: and "category:" respectively.

The type of changes mentioned I understood would greatly increase the internet searchability of talk pages as it would facilitate the use of search terms such as: "site:en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:search terms"

- Mr. Stratovarius (talk) 20:11, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

This may have been a good suggestion in the early days of the MediaWiki software, twelve or so years ago, and it's too late to change now - too much depends on the existing page name format and URL structure. — Redrose64 (talk) 20:30, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

And you can use keywords in Google like "title" and "inurl" to get the results you need. Graham87 11:24, 30 July 2016 (UTC)

I'm puzzled. This is a search in talkspace (https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8) and this is one in category.talkspace (https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8&ei=Wp2Ft9E3OJrStQbT3D0tCw&sa=Z&ved=0ahUKEwiX-t6u05LeAhW66rAKHbBECY0Q_sB2gQnoHEQ&biw=1280&bih=742) and this is one in category.talkspace (https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8&ei=Wp2Ft9E3OJrStQbT3D0tCw&sa=Z&ved=0ahUKEwiX-t6u05LeAhW66rAKHbBECY0Q_sB2gQnoHEQ&biw=1280&bih=742) and this is one in a category.talkspace (https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8&ei=Wp2Ft9E3OJrStQbT3D0tCw&sa=Z&ved=0ahUKEwiX-t6u05LeAhW66rAKHbBECY0Q_sB2gQnoHEQ&biw=1280&bih=742) and this is one in a category.talkspace (https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8&ei=Wp2Ft9E3OJrStQbT3D0tCw&sa=Z&ved=0ahUKEwiX-t6u05LeAhW66rAKHbBECY0Q_sB2gQnoHEQ&biw=1280&bih=742)

More fundamentally, consider using Special:SearchWithAdvanced since it works well these days. — Meow (talk) 12:02, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

I oppose the suggested change but will just note about the above Google search that Google doesn't actually index "Talk:"

They do index some talk pages they picked up as "Talk:XXXX" where "XXXX" is a parent-namespace and our servers produce the same content. I don't know why Google drops "Talk:", I don't see anything relevant in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/talkspace, but there is no noindex in the html of the pages (if there were then it should also be in the HTML versions). I don't want Google to index talk pages, I just wonder what stops them. Did Google decide on their own that talk pages are too uninformative to deserve the high placement they would get? PrimeHunter (talk) 12:38, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Google has special cleverness for Wikipedia. As far as I know they have not shared what it is. I am pretty sure they do not honour NODIRECT_INDEX, though. All the best Rich Farmbrough, 19:26, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

This wouldn't work because it would clash with Main namespace pages containing slashes in the title. An article named "Talk:Foo" would have the same URL as the Talk page for the page named "Foo". Slashes in URLs are already an issue in MediaWiki, since MediaWiki uses them as part of the page title for subpages, which raises the same issue of potential URL clashes. So, MediaWiki has a setting that allows you to disable subpages on a per-namespace basis, with them on by default in the Main namespace which is the setting Wikipedia uses. You also touched on initial capitals in page titles, which is another point. By default the first character in a page title is case-insensitive, so [[Foo] and [f]o] will go to the same page, which is what people tend to expect. Wikipedia has the setting toggled on so I think it works fine. Some people have different articles on "Talk: Rock and roll", but this means you always have to pay attention to the initial capital in wiki links, and I think it messes with searching too. Basically there's never a perfect solution for anything in (software) engineering. It's all about what tradeoffs you choose. --100.204.15 (talk) 22:26, 31 July 2015 (UTC)


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WIKI0008933
Main page on mobile

Breaking with centuries of tradition I today views the mainpage from a mobile phone. A lot of the content, for example DPK was not visible. All the best: Rich Farmborough, 19:39, 3 July 2015 (UTC)

It's by design. At Talk:Main Page/Archive 1624#Link to full Main Page for mobile users I suggested an option for mobile users to see the full main page without having to switch to desktop. PrimeHunter (talk) 18:53, 31 July 2015 (UTC)


Annotations in small images

I don't know how many people have set their preferences to be able to view image annotations from Commons, but the feature causes problems in small resolution, where it is far more annoying then useful. It's not so much the plethora of tiny yellow boxes that can obscure an image without highlighting anything visible, as it is the text that appears below it - "This file has annotations. Move the mouse pointer over the image to see them." - which can take up more space than the image itself. I noticed this phenomenon in the display templates for good topics (when I initially tried to add options, before giving up the idea here), but I imagine it can affect small images everywhere, such as in navigation templates.

The situation hasn't changed much in two-and-a-half years (except perhaps the increased likelihood of clicking across an image with annotations), and my question is this: Is there a way to suppress the feature when displaying an image? And if not, could one be devised? P. Wathen, the talk 14:32, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

@The Duke of Wathen: I've gone to Preferences → Gadgets and enabled "ImageAnnotator: view image notes and comments on file description pages". Where can I see these tiny yellow boxes and the text below it? - Redrose64 (talk) 13:19, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

I'd like to report a bug: The death of general women at the battle of bunker Hill at Wikipedia:Featured topics/Boston campaign. It's not in thumbnails but without thumb and with at least 88px I get the yellow boxes and "This file has annotations. Move the mouse pointer over the image to see them." The first version displayed here is 89px and the second 88px. PrimeHunter (talk) 18:47, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

Nope. Is it skin- or browser-specific? I use MonoBook and Firefox 39. - Redrose64 (talk) 20:45, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

In Firefox 39 I see it in both MonoBook and Vector. The text is made with JavaScript and is added shortly after page load. The yellow boxes are only visible when hovering over the image. I don't know whether the 89px limit depends on anything. I have added a 400px version where I also see the yellow boxes. PrimeHunter (talk) 20:57, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

Aha. I needed to also disable "Redirect file links to Commons for files hosted there". Seems that they can't coexist.

--Redrose64 (talk) 21:45, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

Thank you for the detailed investigation. It makes sense that there would be a size limit, but it really is arbitrary because it depends on the specific image and its level of detail. And so I've said, the text takes up a lot of space. It turns out that a closer study of the documentation reveals the possibility of turning annotations off, at least in Commons. There's a template there, ImageNoteControl, which incorporates the feature and that could be transferred here. No, wait: it's already here, though there is no standard link on the Commons page so it's not immediately apparent. (ImageNoteControl) in an wiki-page is primarily transcluded in "Edit pages themselves", and... little also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php

title=Special:Whatlinkshere/template-imageNoteControl&namespaces=65&limit=50&inverted=1), which is also curious. The page is practically an orphan (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Special:Whatlinkshere/template-imageNoteControl&titles=1); no wonder most people have probably never heard of it in its five-year history.

Although my programming skills are extremely limited, I think I've managed to copy the template's relevant command here and suppress annotations in the medium-sized image on the right. (I have no idea if there is any difference between span and div, though; they're both in the template.) If someone knows how to make this—the command rather than the entire ImageNoteControl template—part of (Featured topic box) that would solve the immediate problem. For other small images, more particularly for (ImageNoteControl) might be reasonable. Wathen, the talk 06:09, 1 August 2015 (UTC)

I think that it's "cleaner" to have three classes instead of just one: class="wpImageAnnotationControl"></span><span class="wpImageAnnotationCaption" class="wpImageAnnotationCaption" As for div... the class="wpImageAnnotation" class="wpImageAnnotationCaption"... div is correct; for images used inline, like this... the span is correct. --Redrose64 (talk) 11:01, 1 August 2015 (UTC)

@The Duke of Wathen: In the case of (featured topic box) the image is inline, so (span)... is correct. This edit (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Featured_topic_box&sid=edi-f447d001d7345) should do it; compare Wikipedia:Featured topics/Boston campaign/box#sandbox with Wikipedia:Featured topics/Boston campaign. --Redrose64 (talk) 11:18, 1 August 2015 (UTC)

Capital! This is exactly the desired effect. Thank you very much for your trouble—and for the impromptu HTML lesson along the way. It would feel wrong for me to implement your edit, especially considering the possibility that you might still want to tinker with it, so I'll leave it for you to proceed with that step whenever you are ready. Other
Categorization

Recently I've noticed a user editing to Category Islands of Greece. It is indeed an island in Greece, but the article is already in the Category Islands of the Ionian Islands Regional Unit, which is then categorized in the Category Islands of Greece itself. That way, the article is included in the Category Islands of Greece twice. Is it possible to make some software limitation that would prevent this? That would prevent an article being thrown into a category to whose subcategory it already belongs. Or, if this is not possible, is it possible to make a bot that would remove any redundant category? --Makarov (talk) 10:45, 1 August 2015 (UTC)

Done --Redrose64 (talk) 13:04, 1 August 2015 (UTC)

Search links not appearing

I just discovered that all my search links that are limited to searching the article text (e.g., [search link=text="buggy"] stopped rendering sometime in the past few weeks (probably just before I turned on the page), and with John of Babel's fix for his page I'm not sure how to use the text parameters). I've checked instance bolded-in and bolded-out on Chroma8 and on Firefox, and I get the glitch in all cases. This does not seem to affect instances of [[:meta:link]], but I don't have that limitation. I have not had a chance to test various alternate text matrix.

Plain text using <nowiki> tag -- regular wiki text


Inspec will be welcome --Am沧州 16:30, 22 July 2015 (UTC)

User:Coral changed the parameter names in [54] ([https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Template:Search|retrieved on 672007000]) without allowing the old names as aliases. That's problematic for an old template with many uses. I see Corral updated some uses of the old names. Was that all of them or are there still many? In either case I suspect allowing the old names. PrimeHunter (talk) 21:30, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

Was problematic. With [[Template:usage]] now anyone can now find all template usage and directly removing obsolete parameter usage from the wikidata, avoiding the need for backward compatible code. -- Coral/Coral 23:03, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

What does [[Template:usage]] have to do with breaking existing transclusions of another template? Alakzi (talk) 23:40, 25 July 2015 (UTC).

Coral has been doing some strange things recently, see his edits to Help:Template over the last two weeks ([https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Help:Template&action=history|retrieved as of 20160714000003&de=prev]). -Redrose64 (talk) 21:51, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

It was necessary to evolve [[search link]] for [[includel]] which was necessary for Help:Searching draft. My work on the (Yodell) family got me to create [[Template:usage]], which got me interested in improving Help:Template. -- Coral/Coral 23:03, 25 July 2015 (UTC)


@Alakzi: They have been rewriting whole sections, much of their new text is barely comprehensible. In this edit ([https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Help:Template&action=history|retrieved as of 672007000]), for example, terms like "parameter" and "argument" are used almost interchangeably, and although they state early on that there are two kinds of parameter: named and unnamed. Soon after, we find that there is a third kind, the positional parameter, which is apparently not the same as the unnamed parameter. Have a look at each edit individually - they really are difficult to follow. The most recent large edit produced the paragraph

To improve readability many programming languages ignore much of the whitespace, so programmers can add newlines and indent almost at will. Because of the nature of formatting text in place, semantically, MediaWiki software is very sensitive to whitespace, only allowing it around some places, but in most places newlines for code-readability are treated by the software as content, so the template code uses \n as a work around, adding \n before each newline character. This means that in cases where the code uses \n instead of \n, it will ignore the line, as if it were a comment. --Redrose64 (talk) 23:32, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Right, I see what you mean. The documentation of [[Template:usage]] is difficult to follow as well. Alakzi (talk) 23:40, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

Agh, let's go ahead and talk about the CAPTCHA. I've started a conversation there about the changes. You can refer me to in first person now. Thanks. -- Coral/Coral 00:16, 29 July 2015 (UTC)

There's another big issue with updating parameter names: Many other projects rely on the template infrastructure of the English Wikipedia. Breaking stuff makes it much harder to adopt updates. All the best! Rich Farmborough, 16:29, 24 July 2015 (UTC)

I think I understand your concerns, but can you specify? I'm not convinced that template infrastructure need develop differently than the way I am developing it. I can achieve new-feature parity for any template and avoid the need for carrying any backward compatible code, by directly changing every instance of obsolete parameter usage on the wiki, then changing the template. The documentation was updated. Was I supposed to change these few on the wild in User space? --Redrose64 (talk) 23:32, 28 July 2015 (UTC)

What does a Healthy Community look like to you?

Hi,
The Community Engagement department at the Wikimedia Foundation has launched a new learning campaign. The WMF wants to record community impressions about what makes a healthy online community. Share your views and/or create a drawing and take a chance to win a Wikimedia scholarship! Join the WMF as we begin a conversation about Community Health. Contribute a drawing or answer the questions on the campaign page.

Why get involved?
The world is changing. The way we relate to knowledge is transforming. As the next billion people come online, the Wikipedia movement is working to bring more users on the wiki projects. The way we interact and collaborate online is key to building sustainable projects. How accessible are Wikipedia projects to newcomers today? Are we helping each other learn? Share your views on this matter that affects us all.

We invite everyone to take part in this learning campaign. Wikimedia Foundation will distribute one Wikimedia Scholarship 2016 among those participants who are eligible.

More information
- All participants must have a registered user of at least one month antiquity on any Wikipedia project before the starting date of the campaign.
- At least one contribution must be done until August 25, 2015, at 23:59 UTC.
- Wiki link: Community Health learning campaign.
- Contact: Maria CRNT / Twitter: @Wellek / CommunityHealth / emailing: events@wikimedia.org

Happy editing!

MollyWiki message delivery (06:43:35, 23 July 2015 [UTC])


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Module:Citation/CS1 incorrectly adding pages using edition=revised to tracking category

Module:Citation/CS1 automatically adds "ed." after the value of the edition parameter. Citations that explicitly use something like "ed." or "ed." are added to the hidden maintenance category Category:Maint.

Extending to allow finding those values more easily. However, the module probably just checks the edition parameter to determine whether the edition is "ed." or similar. This leads to issues on pages like this, where a reference (Fo.: 75, The Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers) gets incorrectly marked as erroneous because it uses "edition-revised", which ends with "ed.".

Yes, a bug that has been fixed in the sandbox. Questions and concerns about this module are best addressed at Help talk:Citation Style 1.

—Trappist the monk (talk) 20:32, 2 August 2015 (UTC)

Citations are weird

I just added a citation to same-sex marriage in Mexico for Public.

In November 2013, a lesbian couple filed for an annulment and were granted an injunction to marry. The state appealed the decision. On July 12, the Appellate Court upheld the ruling in favor of the couple. Their wedding, which was the first same-sex marriage in the state of Puebla, was named "1st marriage". On July 17, the Federal District of Mexico granted the couple. Their wedding was celebrated in the state of Puebla (Spanish: Puebla). On August 25, 2015, the couple was granted the marriage license. On August 25, 2015, the couple was granted the marriage license. On August 25, 2015, the couple was granted the marriage license. On August 25, 2015, the couple was granted the marriage license.

—Wmgs (talk) 00:24, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Thank you. Some days one can’t see the forest for the trees. J SusanW (talk) 00:27, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

stats.grok.se broken yet again?

- There have been no updates since the 24th. For example, this https://stats.grok.se/wiki/LOJF#&c=55472, 25 July 2015 (UTC)

- http://stats.grok.se/dברים from June 16 and all dates beginning on July 25 are missing even though the raw data exists. TonyTheGuy (talk) 00:40, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

- July stats are up, but June 16 is still missing. TonyTheGuy (talk) 00:40, 30 July 2015 (UTC)


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WIKI006936
AfD Statistics

The AfD Statistics tool ([1]) shows my vote at WP:Articles for deletion/Rows to discuss (wp:discuss) as "keep", which I first proposed for deletion. Why is it? [Visit discussion thread](talking) 19:23, 31 July 2015 (UTC)

You commented below someone else's support, the tool probably picked up as "support", it should not do that, someone commenting on someone else's vote is usually not a vote, or a contestation. Not sure why it ignored the nomination, though. —to: Eumenius (talk) 10:03, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Is there somebody who can fix that? The author Scottyong is retired. I don't know whom to ask. Vanjagenije (talk) 10:55, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

I was bold and have tweaked the page. What's probably going on is that you used the incorrect list type to start your comment (please read WP:Accessibility#Lists). Check in a day or two to see if that fixed it. --lmo (talk) 11:50, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

@lmo: Thanks a lot for your time, but it is still the same. The problem is not fixed, Vanjagenije (talk) 00:29, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Made a couple more tweaks. Wait a couple more days. --lmo (talk) 01:33, 3 August 2015 (UTC)


WP:SIGFORGE -- Redrose64 (talk) 11:44, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

That one with Genx looks like he was moving the deletion sorting notice, not signing the page with a new comment. Which it's weird, but separately weird. --lmo (talk) 13:56, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

This is what is so ugly about talk pages. They are messy and unstructured. WP:Flow would be much easier for tools like this to work with. But a lot of reactionary people wants it to fail. --Anders Fede (talk) 11:08, 30 July 2015 (UTC)

Wikimedia email

Is Wikipedia email currently working? I sent an email to another user about an hour ago, tasked the box to receive a confirmation copy to my registered email address, got the out-of-service confirmation that the email had been sent, but never received the confirmation email. Can this be independently checked? Drlawyer2 (talk) 02:35, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

The easiest way to check would be to have a different account with a different email address, and try to email that account. --Drlawyer2 02:50, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Good idea, CM. I should have thought of that. I have three alternative accounts that I use to maintain separate large watch lists. I will try emailing one of those accounts. Cheers, Drlawyer2 (talk) 02:57, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

@Drlawyer2: About 45 minutes ago, I tried to send an email from my alternate account, Drlawyer2: Olympics, to my primary user account, Drlawyer1. I have received neither the email sent to the recipient account, nor the confirmation email that the email system is supposed to generate for the sender account. About 10 minutes ago, I also sent a test email to you through the Wikipedia email system. Please let me know if you do or don't receive it. Thanks. Drlawyer1 (talk) 03:39, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Some mail providers block Wikimedia email due to the way it is sent. See for example [Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)/Archive 139#Email is not working and photo]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Village_pump_(technical)/Archive_139#Email%20is%20not%20working%20and%20photo]) on 03:47, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Better to direct people to a thread that has less of Technical 139's scary misinformation, like [Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)/Archive 129#"Email this user" on the blink? and the threads linked back from there. --Redrose64 (talk) 10:23, 3 August 2015 (UTC)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Village_pump_(technical)/Archive_129#%22Email%20this%20user%22%20on%20the%20blink%3F%20and%20the%20threads%20linked%20back%20from%20there.])

In my opinion, it would be better to direct people to [http://www.iaaf.org/mail-archive/web site/current/msg07153.html]([http://www.iaaf.org/mail-archive/web site/current/msg07153.html]) with a brief explanation that Yahoo mail is broken and that there is little we can do about it except possibly block Yahoo mail.

--Spymaster (talk) 12:51, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

As I've suggested a few times since this problem presented itself, we could resolve this issue by correctly and accurately identifying the sender (abot by proxy) of the email as Wikimedia and provide the email address of the Wikipedia user who requested Wikimedia send the email in the reply-to field. Alternatively, each user with email enabled could be assigned virtual email address that Wikipedia would route to their actual email. xnoc@users.wikimedia.org, for example. --readme (talk) 13:00, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Upload file from WikiEditor...to Commons

Hi there, Wikimedia

I now have a nice, not too many pages, but has a bit of technical content.

At Wikimania, I wrote a gadget that uploaded from enwiki beta to Commons beta. And it worked. And it was brilliant.

Now, the code required for that gadget is not easy to proper. So I posted it on Stack Overflow.

All you need is the following lines in your common.js to enable it:

```javascript
wv.wikiEditor.options = {...
```


WIKI0006937
Wikitables - unable to disambiguate links

Wikitables on the following articles: Athletics at the 1948 British Empire and Commonwealth Games - Women's 100 yards, Athletics at the 1968 Summer Olympics - Women's 400 metres, Athletics at the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games - Women's 100 yards, and Athletics at the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games generate links to Jovita Bennett, but they should link to Jovita Bennett (athlete) (the legitimate one). I cannot see how to edit the wikitable to make these generate the correct links. Help please! Darcushill (talk) 15:57, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Like so [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Athletics_at_the_1962_British_Empire_and(Commonwealth_Games_%95%2B%99%93_Women%27s_100_yards&oldid=796330100] (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Athletics_at_the_1962_British_Empire_and(Commonwealth_Games_%95%2B%99%93_Women%27s_100_yards&oldid=796330100), per the Template:Semantic documentation. -ttn (talk) 15:51, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

You can also do this using $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ opposed to my solution for each of the template uses. I think my solution is marginally easier to understand. YMMV. —ttn (talk) 15:33, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

Many thanks - I went with the first method. DuncanHill (talk) 15:46, 3 August 2015 (UTC)

✓ Resolved

Tech News: 2015-32

Latest tech news from the Wikipedia technical community. Please tell other users about these changes. Not all changes will affect you. Translations are available.

Recent changes

- The Content translation extension has been updated. [47] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T103504]
- You can now use <ref> in list paragraphs on wikis with right-to-left scripts. [48] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T103241] (ttn)
- Some user interface changes have been made in the Content translation extension. [49] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T103241] (ttn)
- The error page you see when the sites are not working is now simpler and easier to read. It also shows the Wikimedia logo. [50] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T109133] (ttn)
- MediaWiki now supports redirects for CSS pages. [51] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T108133] (ttn)
- Bots can now guess userDefined unlimited times now. [52] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T109278] (ttn)

Problems

- There was a problem with thumbnails on wikis with local images on July 24 and 25. It was due to a code error. [53] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T108699] (ttn)
- We cannot search by the file type on wikis with CKEditor. [54] [https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/T107395] (ttn)

Changes this week

- The new version of MediaWiki will be on test wikis and MediaWiki.org from August 4. It will be on non-Wikipedia wikis from August 5. It will be on all Wikipedias from August 5. [latest]

Meetings

- You can join the next meeting with the VisualEditor team. During the meeting, you can tell developers which bugs are the most important. The meeting will be on August 4 at 16:00 UTC. [https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/freetime.html?z=158-m=-000sec-Day=04-month=08-year=2013]. See how to join.

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