The Athena Project: Wikipedia in 2015

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More Kirk, Less Spock

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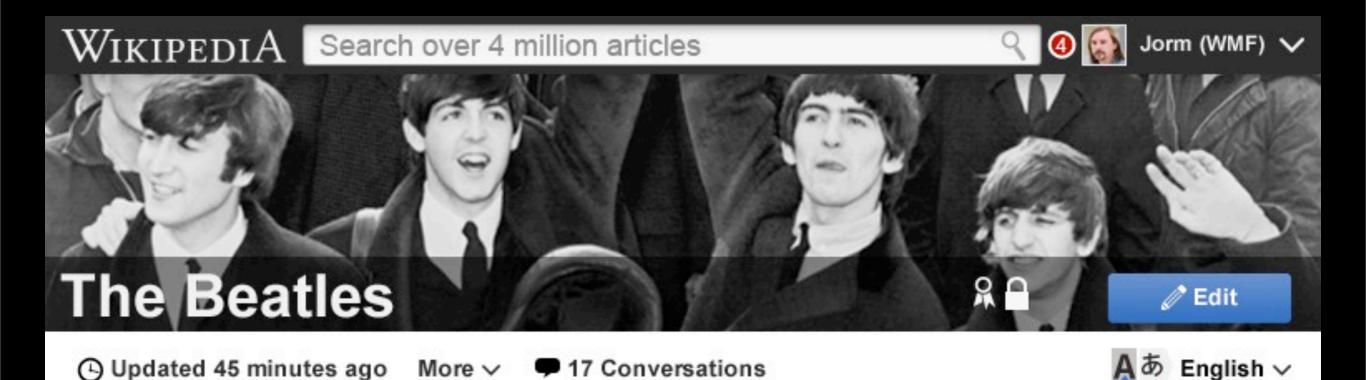


Agora

- A design guide for Foundation projects
- Standardize the design "fist"
- Applies actual design to color usage
- Research and data driven decisions

Athena

- A rethinking of Wikipedia's interface
- Based on object and action associations
- Drag the interface kicking and screaming all the way from the year 1999 to 2015
- Focuses on content
- Buries the confusing



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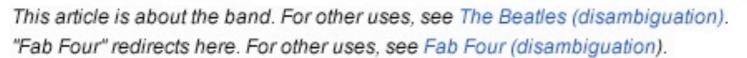
17 Conversations











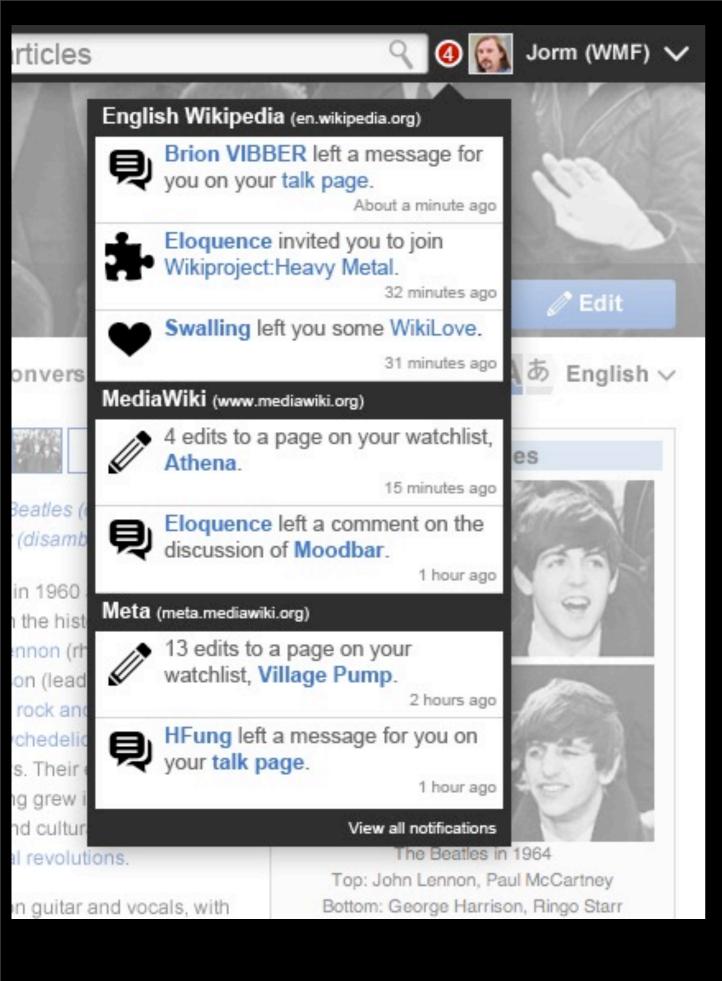
The Beatles were an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960 and one of the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed acts in the history of popular music.[1] The group's best-known lineup consisted of John Lennon (rhythm guitar, vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar, vocals), George Harrison (lead guitar, vocals) and Ringo Starr (drums, vocals). Rooted in skiffle and 1950s rock and roll, the group later worked in many genres ranging from pop ballads to psychedelic rock, often incorporating classical and other elements in innovative ways. Their enormous





Echo

- Global, cross-wiki notifications system
- More than just your talk page
- Crucial for tagging interactions
- Crucial for discussion interactions
- Publications (e.g. Signpost, newsletters)



- Global Notifications
- Engagement in real-time
- Effectively becomes a global watchlist
- Standard system for publication from any feature
- Eventually publishes to mobile devices
- Signpost, Wikiproject newsletter subscriptions can publish to it
- Project announcements

Flow

- Structured user-to-user messaging system
- Replaces "user talk" pages
 - User to user conversations are simpler than content discussions
- Eliminates "whose talk page" problem
- Conversations exist everywhere



- Sortable conversations
- Defaults to most recently updated
- Freshness indicators
- Ability to stop watching individual conversations
- Flat discussion hierarchy
- Posts editable only by author or admin
- Avatars provide empathy and identity context

Global Profile

- Structured profile data for users
- Crosses all projects
- Designed to elevate your contributions and interest graph
- Allows for searching for the like-minded
- Absolutely not Bookface



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Understands English (fluent) • Spanish (poor) • Latin (moderate)
Skilled in Photoshop (high) • Java (high) • Painting (high) • Drawing (high)
Interested in Heavy Metal • Philosophy • Electric Guitar • Cigar • Led Zeppelin • Wikipedia
• Warhammer 40k • Photography • Painting • (+6 more)

Brandon Harris

895 contributions on 12 projects









It is 4:35 PM in Brandon's local time

File Uploads











About Me

I am made of steel wool and whiskey.

I am easily findable and am willing to help you in any way that I can.

My Work

Here is a partial list of the things I am or have worked on:

- An essay about Collaborative Systems
- Athena a "universal" skin for Wikipedia, designed to work on mobile, tablet, and

Affiliations

Wikimedia Foundation Staff MediaWiki code committer WikiProject: Heavy Metal WikiProject: Warhammer

Recent Contributions

24 May 2012

- 18:08 MediaWiki talk:Common.css
- 01:01 User talk:Happy-melon

23 May 2012

- 20:53 User:Jorm (WMF)/vector.css
- 01:03 Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)

22 May 2012

- 18:22 User talk:Okeyes (WMF)
- 02:32 User talk:Jorm (WMF)
- 00:22 Wikipedia:Village pump (technical)

(View all)

- Configurable "widget" layout
- Curating

Modes

- Wikipedia's interface is too complex and cluttered
- It breaks down to three primary tasks:
 - Reading
 - Editing
 - Curating

Mode: Reading

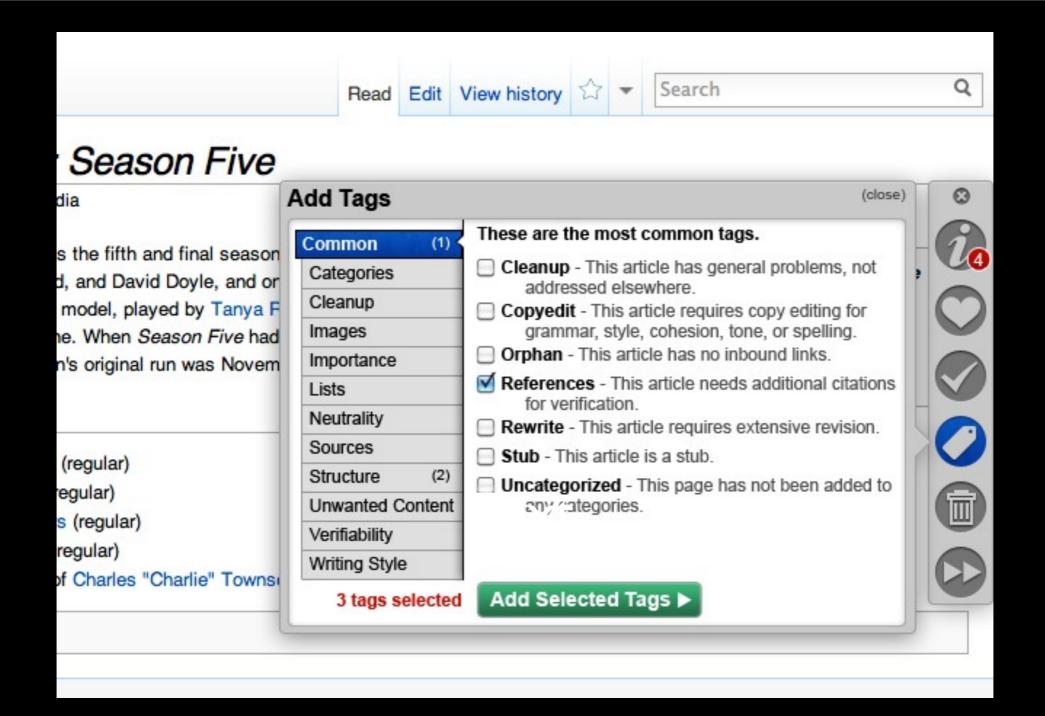
- Simplest format
- Minimal controls
- Content focused

Mode: Editing

- Contribution mode for editing
 - Sections, documents, wikidata
- Upload photos, media

Mode: Curation

- A fast mode for all types of curation:
 - New Page Patrol
 - Countervandalism
 - Recent changes
- Coming (very) soon with Page Triage
- Needed to offset the "VisualEditor Apocalypse"



- Duplicates Twinkle functionality
- Adds in gratitude mechanisms
- Native, Foundation-supported

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