

The Athena Project: Wikipedia in 2015

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More Kirk, Less Spock

The Future

- Agora
- Athena
- Echo
- Flow
- Global Profile
- Usage Modes

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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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The Beatles

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*This article is about the band. For other uses, see [The Beatles \(disambiguation\)](#).
"Fab Four" redirects here. For other uses, see [Fab Four \(disambiguation\)](#).*

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





The Beatles








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)

Articles    Jorm (WMF) 



English Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

-  **Brion VIBBER** left a message for you on your [talk page](#).
About a minute ago
-  **Eloquence** invited you to join [Wikiproject:Heavy Metal](#).
32 minutes ago
-  **Swalling** left you some [WikiLove](#).
31 minutes ago


MediaWiki (www.mediawiki.org)

-  4 edits to a page on your watchlist, [Athena](#).
15 minutes ago
-  **Eloquence** left a comment on the discussion of [Moodbar](#).
1 hour ago

Meta (meta.mediawiki.org)

-  13 edits to a page on your watchlist, [Village Pump](#).
2 hours ago
-  **HFung** left a message for you on your [talk page](#).
1 hour ago

[View all notifications](#)


The Beatles in 1964
Top: John Lennon, Paul McCartney
Bottom: George Harrison, Ringo Starr

- 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

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 Respond to this...

Hide 

- 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



Male, 39, Lives in [Oakland, California](#), in the [United States of America](#)

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 \(technical\)](#)

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- 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”

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

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