



# **ECHO**

## **Project Overview**

Editor Engagement Team  
01/30/2013

# Goals

- **unify notifications experience**
- **make users more aware**
- **invite them to take action**

# Target users

- first release: **new editors**
- from **first edit** to ~**100 edits**
- support their critical **first steps**
- next releases: **new members** + **active editors**

# Core features

- **badge + flyout**
- **all notifications**
- **emails** (single / digests)
- **preferences**
- **hooks**

# Next features

- **bundling**
- **dismiss + preferences**
- **job queue**
- **HTML email**
- **metrics**

# Future Features

- **api**
- **files**
- **cross-wiki**
- **watchlist** upgrade?
- **talkpage/flow** upgrade?

# First Notifications

We are developing these notifications for the first release.

- you have a **message**
- your edit was **reverted**
- your page was **reviewed**
- your page was **linked**
- someone **mentioned** you
- **welcome**

# Next Notifications

We are considering these new notifications for our next round.

- how to use your **watchlist**
- here are **more articles** to edit
- someone **replied** to you
- your page was **rated/featured**
- your **user rights** have changed



# Echo Roadmap (2012-2013)

## First Release (March 2013 on en-wiki)

- **focus on new users** (but make it usable by experienced editors)
- **complete core features** (flyout, "archive", prefs, job queue, bundling, metrics, HTML email)
- **add a few more notifications** ("happy path" for new users, useful notices for power users)
- **deploy limited release on en-wiki** (different defaults for new and experienced users)
- **fix bugs + critical feature tweaks** (as needed, prioritized by urgency)
- **provide in-house developer support** (through hooks, i18n and dev guidelines)
- **estimate maintenance + i18n support** (2013-2014 plan)

## Future Releases (as time and resources allow)

- **add even more notifications** (based on community feedback and testing)
- **develop a few more features** (e.g. relative timestamp, 'mark as unread')
- **get started on api framework** (for 3rd party support outside mediawiki)
- **explore cross-wiki notifications** (limited notices from commons/meta?)
- **discuss custom localization** (on other language wiki, as needed)

# Echo Demo



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### Developing & Extending



#### Become a MediaWiki hacker

- Learn to use the [API](#) and [write extensions](#)
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- Already a hacker? Visit the [developer hub](#)

### Current version



- **1.20.2** – 2012-12-04
- 1.19.3 – 2012-11-30



### News



- **2012-12-04: 1.20.2 released**  
💡 [MediaWiki 1.20.2](#) is now available.
- **2012-11-30: 1.20.1, 1.19.3, 1.18.6 released**  
⚠ [MediaWiki 1.20.1, 1.19.3 and 1.18.6 security](#)

### New opportunities



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02:03, 4 January 2013



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02:02, 4 January 2013



[Article feedback/Version 5/Links](#) was linked by [Fabrice Florin](#) from this page: [Editor Engagement/2013 strategy](#)

02:00, 3 January 2013



Fabrice Florin posted on your talk page.

*Added note to test first Echo prototype*  
01:31, 1 January 2013



Steven (WMF) posted on your talk page.

*Testing: This is an edit, not a new comment. Let's see what happens.*  
20:28, 2 August 2012



Tychay posted on your talk page.

*Testing: new section*  
20:13, 2 August 2012

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- Reviews a page I created
- Creates a link to a page I created
- Reverts my edit

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