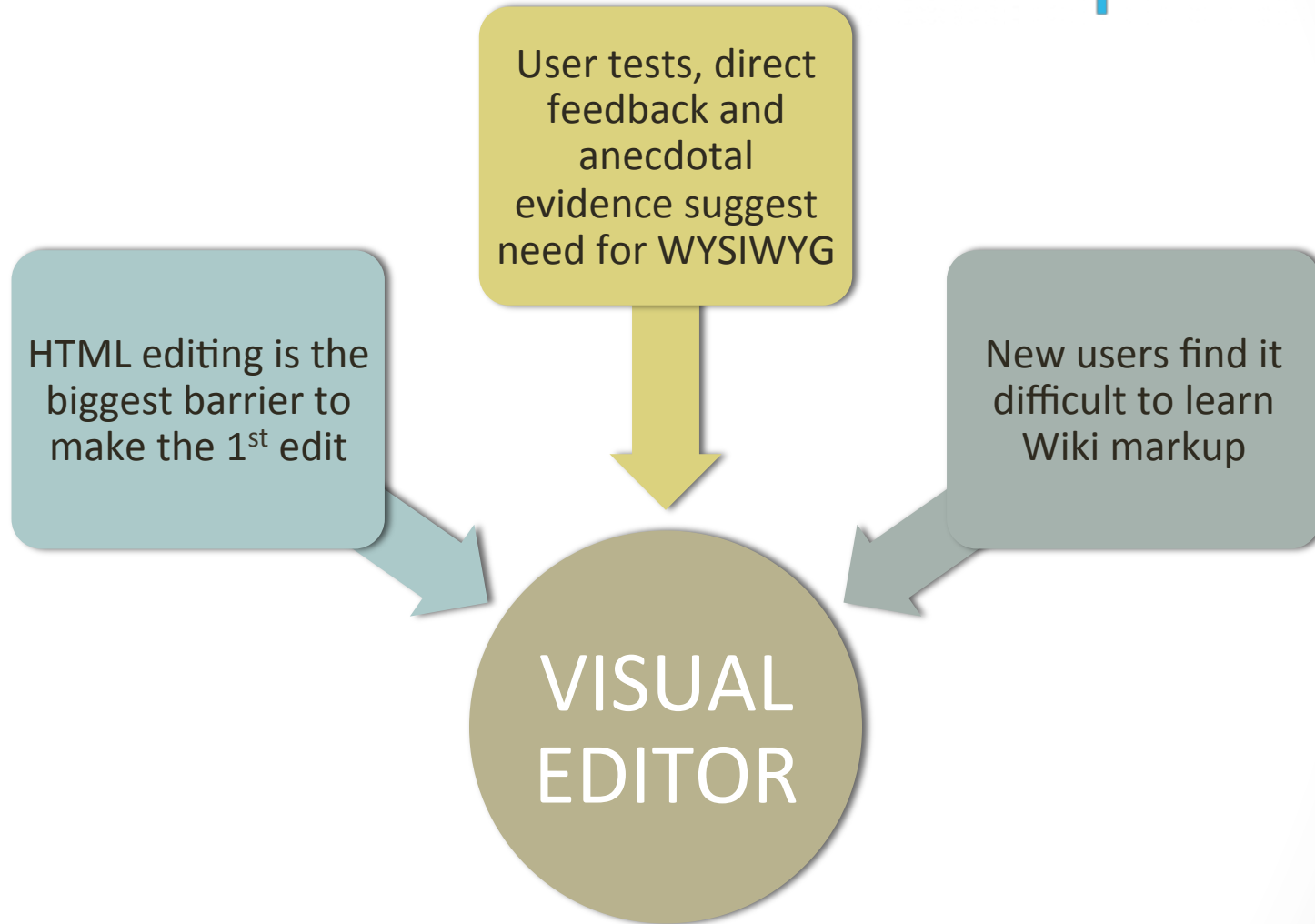


WIKIPEDIA

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What is the need of **visual** editor



It is the biggest and most important change on MediaWiki ever since project's inception.

What is visual editor



Software

- Developed by WMF
- Let people edit without learning wikimarkup

What VE can do

- Basic content
- Text, links, headings, bold/italics, media files, adding categories, adding templates



What VE cannot do

- Complex edits
- Edit - templates, references, categories, tables



Opt-in editor

- > 1,500 user accounts have it enabled
- > 1,700 edits with VE have been saved



Current Deployment of **visual** editor



Benefits & Challenges of

BENEFITS	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No need to learn Wiki syntax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slow to load
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VE makes editing easy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Odd looking
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VE will increase early productivity of newly registered editors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incomplete editing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VE will increase retention of good newcomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited browser support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Namespace and Userpage only

Timeline

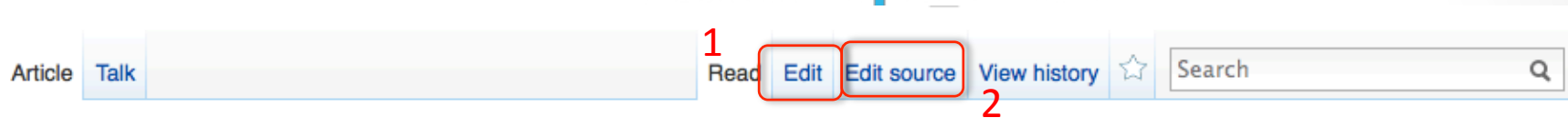
Timeframe	Description
2011-2012	1 st VE-only namespace on MediaWiki.org
Dec 2012	2 nd VE on namespace and userspace on en.wikipedia; opt-in function
23 rd June 2013	A/B test on the English Wikipedia . VE is released by default to 50% of newly registered accounts.
1 July 2013	VE on English Wikipedia for all logged-in users. (default)
8 July 2013	VE on English Wikipedia for anonymous and logged-in users. (default)
18 July 2013	VE on first-tier Wikipedias. Definitely include Wikipedia in German, French and Italian, for all users. (Maybe Hindi too)
29 July 2013	Deployment of the VE to almost all other Wikipedia wikis
Dec 2013	Currently, the plan is to deploy to Wikipedia sites first, and to deploy it to sister projects by end of December 2013

How to enable visual editor

The screenshot shows the MediaWiki Preferences page. At the top right, there is a user profile for 'Nitika.t' and a search bar. The 'Preferences' link is highlighted with a red box and the number '1'. Below the search bar, the 'Special page' dropdown is visible. The main heading is 'Preferences', with the 'Editing' tab selected and highlighted with a red box and the number '2'. Under the 'Editing' tab, there are sections for 'Size of editing window' (with input fields for 'Columns: 80' and 'Rows: 25'), 'Advanced options' (with a dropdown for 'Edit area font style' set to 'Browser default' and several checked checkboxes), and 'Usability features' (with three checked checkboxes, the last one 'Enable VisualEditor (only in the main and user namespaces)' being highlighted with a red box and the number '3'). At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Restore all default settings' buttons.

1. Go to your "[Preferences](#)" screen
2. Click into the "Editing" section
3. It will have an option labelled "*Enable VisualEditor*". Check that option.

How to use visual editor



Nelson Mandela [edit]

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"Mandela" redirects here. For other uses, see [Mandela \(disambiguation\)](#).

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (Xhosa pronunciation: [xoˈliʔaʔa manˈdeːla]; born 18 July 1918) is a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary and politician who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the first black South African to hold the office, and the first elected in a fully representative, multiracial election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid through tackling institutionalised racism, poverty and inequality, and fostering racial reconciliation. Politically an African nationalist and democratic socialist, he served as the President of the African National Congress (ANC) from 1991 to 1997. Internationally, Mandela was the Secretary General of the Non-Aligned Movement from 1998 to 1999.

A Xhosa born to the Thembu royal family, Mandela attended Fort Hare University and the University of Witwatersrand, where he studied law. Living in Johannesburg, he became involved in anti-colonial politics, joining the ANC and becoming a founding member of its Youth League. After the Afrikaner nationalists of the National Party came to power in 1948 and began implementing the policy of apartheid, he rose to prominence in the ANC's 1952 Defiance Campaign, was elected President of the Transvaal ANC Branch and oversaw the 1955 Congress of the People. Working as a lawyer, he was repeatedly arrested for seditious activities and, with the ANC leadership, was prosecuted in the Treason Trial from 1956 to 1961 but was found not guilty. Although initially committed to non-violent protest, in association with the South

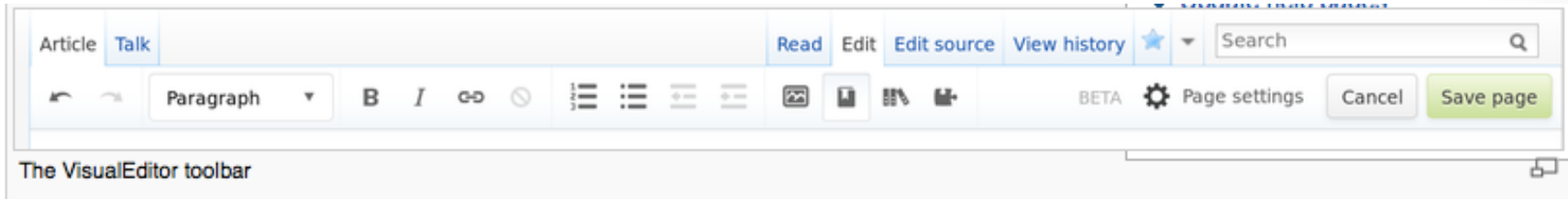
His Excellency
Nelson Mandela
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Once visual editor is enabled, you'll have 2 options to make an edit:

1. "Edit" tab will take you the VisualEditor,
2. "Edit Source" tab which takes you to the traditional wikitext editor.

visual editor Toolbar

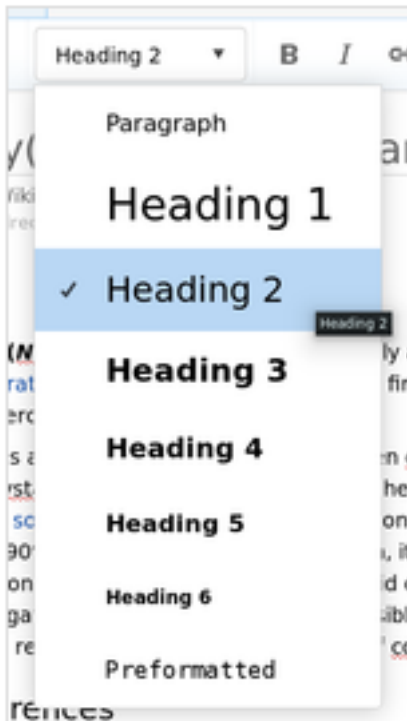


The VisualEditor toolbar appears at the top of the screen when you begin editing through VisualEditor. It includes some familiar icons that we'll see in the following slides.

visual editor Toolbar (1)



Undo and Redo the changes you've made.

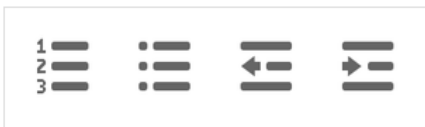


Headings pull-down menu: allows you to change the header level of text. The standard section headings are "Heading 2".

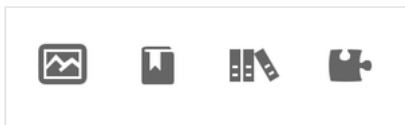
visual editor Toolbar (2)



Formatting: The "B" turns selected text bold, and the "I" italicizes it. The chain is the [linking tool](#). The last icon ("clear formatting") removes whatever formatting is currently applied to selected text.



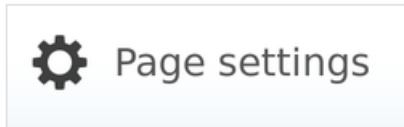
Lists & indentation: The first two icons allow you to make numbered or bullet lists, respectively. The last two allow you to increase or decrease the indentation level of content.



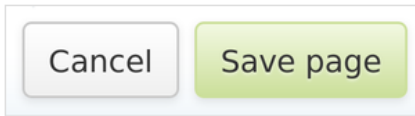
Media, references & transclusions: Each icon opens a dedicated dialog:

- The "Media" icon (a picture of mountains) opens the [media dialog](#).
- The "Reference" icon (a bookmark) opens a dialog to [edit references](#).
- The "References list" icon (three books) opens a dialog to display references.
- The "Transclusion" icon (a puzzle piece) allows you to [edit templates](#).

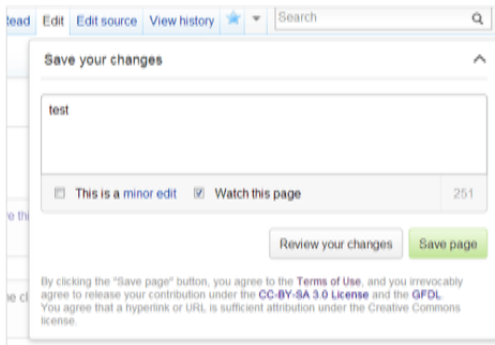
visual editor Toolbar (3)



Page settings currently allows you to [edit categories](#) and list language links.



Cancel or save your changes. When you're done editing click the green "Save page" button in the toolbar. The green button can't be clicked if no changes were made.



Pressing the green "Save page" button opens a small dialog into which you can enter a brief summary of your actions, mark your edit as minor, and choose to watch future edits to the page. The number indicates how much space is left in your edit summary. You can also review your changes to be sure they work as intended before saving your changes.

Important Links

- VE Feedback On [Wikidata](#)
- VE bugs On [Bugzilla](#)
- Feedback On [MediaWiki](#)
- [VisualEditor: Welcome](#)
- [VisualEditor/June 2012 release FAQs](#)