Coordinating Tasks on the Commons

Designing for Personal Goals, Expertise and Serendipity

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Social software & Task management
hundreds of thousands of tasks, from tens of thousands of editors
Collective Creation & Design
Distributed groups, collaborating asynchronously to accomplish a goal
Wikipedia
how Wikipedia editors approach task management on Wikipedia

what design principles can we extract to make these practices more effective
Roadmap

Background
Requirements Analysis
Design of WikiTasks
Tasks for “Stanford University”

unassigned tasks

Short (~5 mins)

Add the fact about Stanford being the 2nd largest University in terms of land, and how many cities they actually own

accept | vote + —
add information about Co-ops under greek life

accept | vote + —
add info about inventions/companies begun at Stanford and started from Stanford graduates

accept | vote + —
add conspiracy theory about Jane Stanford’s poisoning

Leland Stanford Junior University, commonly known as Stanford University or simply Stanford, is a public research university in Stanford, California, United States.

Stanford was founded in 1885 by the former Governor of California and future U.S. Senator Leland Stanford as a memorial to their only son, Leland Stanford Jr., who died of typhoid in Europe a few weeks before his father purchased 8,000 acres (3,200 ha) of farm lands to create the university, and hoped to establish a major research university in the Western United States. It was established as a co-educational institution, enrolling both male and female students.

Stanford University enrolls about 6,700 undergraduates from all over the United States and the world. There are approximately over 160,000 living Stanford alumni, both undergraduate and graduate. It is affiliated with Stanford. The University, because of its close location to Silicon Valley, offers superb resources in computer science and engineering; many Stanford alumni have founded companies associated with technology, such as Google. Stanford is a highly selective school and is currently ranked 4th among national universities for undergraduate education and in the top two for law, business, education, and engineering.
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Design of WikiTasks
Task organization

In traditional companies

In volunteer organizations

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Wikipedia

Based on flexible MediaWiki

Evolves its own practices

Study practice, design around needs
Wikipedia

Prior research uncovers patterns, broadly
Interplay between quantitative & qualitative
Wikipedia thrives & evolves

(Kittur et al. 2007)
Roadmap

Background

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Design of WikiTasks
How do editors select and track tasks?

How does this vary across participation levels on Wikipedia?

What implications does this have for the design of tools for Wikipedia?
Method

Participating & Recording

Wikipedia community, WikiProjects, Recent Changes patrol

Interviewing

15 Wikipedia Editors Email, IRC, & Phone

Prototyping

and validating design ideas as we observed
Sample questions

How do you figure out what to do next on Wikipedia? Do you use any project to-do list, or your own list?

What was the best collaborative effort you were part of on Wikipedia?
Wikipedia Personas

78M visitors
- Passers-by
- Readers
- Lurkers

175,000 Editors
- Beginning
- Advanced

1,630 Administrators
- Superusers

builds from work in Bryant et al. (2005)
Finding tasks on Wikipedia, today
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History

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In the 1960s, Hyde Park threatened to secede from Boston over the city's plans to build its planned Southwest Expressway through the town, but interchanges at Gordon Avenue and Neponset Valley Parkway, displacing many residents in the process as it had in Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. Hyde Park has also faced other challenges along with its fellow Boston neighborhoods, such as the housing crisis of the 1970s.
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Members

Markco1 - I live in East Boston and am interested in culture and history of Boston. Markco1 02:24, 18 November 2006 (UTC)
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Member Projects

Here you can find Boston related member projects that are in progress or finished.

- Member Projects

To-do list for Wikipedia:WikiProject Boston:

- Copyedit: Roslindale
- Wikify: Hyde Park, Brighton
- Merge: Fenway-Kenmore ---> Kenmore Square
- Verify: Dorchester, Massachusetts
- Cleanup: Slapshot (band) - First Parish Church of Dorchester - Dorchester, Massachusetts
- Expand: East Boston - South Bay
- Stubs: Increase Sumner - Leather District - Fort Point Channel - Boston Finance Commission
- Other: Create a template for users and project pages

New Template

I hope this thing works. If you can improve go for it! {{{Project Boston}}}, which looks like

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The following values may be used for importance:

- Top (adds articles to Category:Top-importance Boston articles)
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Jeeny - Born, raised and schooled in Boston. Attended the very first public elementary school in the nation, the Mather School. I love it's rich history.

Tjil82090 - Though I live right outside of Boston, I know much about it. Tjil82090 20:04, 9 May 2007 (UTC)

EmCree - I'm a student of the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science, I want to help improve and maintain the excellence of Boston's school systems. 23:08, 7 June 2007 (UTC)

cwinder - I was born at what is now Brigham and Women's Hospital. Grew up in Charleston, have lived in the South End, the North End, Beacon Hill, and Jamaica Plain (currently). --Cwinder 15:03, 13 June 2007 (UTC)

Raime - I have lived in Plymouth, and am very interested in Boston architecture and history. Raime 17:59, 24 June 2007 (UTC)

honds - Though I grew up in Connecticut, I attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston last year. I work just outside of Boston. 15:33, 10 July 2007 (UTC)

Hiberniantears Hiberniantears 17:02, 24 July 2007 (UTC)

hellgirl13 hellgirl13 - Native and "townie", I have grown up and lived in many neighborhoods and cities that make up the "Greater Metro Area": southe (Old Colony), The Back Bay, Everett, Malden, JP, Somerville and Medford. I currently reside 5 miles from the North End, near Wellington and Medford. I am most interested in the history of Boston's underworld.

MarkinBoston Grew up in Jamaica Plain, went to Boston Public Schools. I'm rewriting/expanding the Jamaica Plain page and modifying related articles MarkinBoston 00:59, 4 August 2007 (UTC)

Fred sienkiewicz I live in JP and am a freelance musician in town. I'm interested in the classical music articles about Boston musicians and ensembles. Fred 03:04, 4 August 2007 (UTC)

SolarApex I live in Boston and have been contributing to this project here and there, but didn't have a chance to list my name here. Solarapex 09:06, 5 August 2007 (UTC)

Zonic13 I grew up and have lived in the Boston area my entire life.

Focusoninfinity Descend Copp's Hill's, Wm Copp b1589, Bewall, Hatton, Warwick, England, dBoston 1670, wed 1634 Judith Itchenor (d1670) son Johnathan Copp. William's parents were Thomas Copp (1539-1628) & Isabel Gunne. Desc. LtCol David Copp, Sr., of Dover, N.H., fought at "Bunker Hill" as Capt., Dover town fathers gave him three guineas money for first of three Dover militia companies to battle. As legislator, David fought the disenframent of Catholics.

Stormtracker94 Love that dirty water... STORMTRACKER 94 Go Irish! 19:28, 18 April 2008 (UTC)

Ktr101 I live on the Cape but I still am involved in this project.

Vhoscythe I live in Franklin, that's a town that is like, 30 minutes from Boston. I'd be glad to help! --Vhoscythechatter-sign 13:57, 6 August 2008 (UTC)

Pmcyclist I live in Needham and work in Boston Pmcyclist (talk) 21:28, 26 August 2008 (UTC)

"Tinydr" I grew up outside Boston and lived all over town for a long while... I was a messenger 93-98 and cabdriver 01-03 so I know my way around and know the city pretty well.

Kagura8 I have been working on a project transcribing the notes of Professor John White Webster who was hanged for the murder of Dr. George Parkman in 1849. 10 November 2008
Hello! Welcome to my user page.
If you would like to leave me a message, please click on this link.
You can also check out my contributions, my sandbox, my edit count and my awards. Thank you!

Rai·me

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About me

Hello everyone! My user name is Rai·me, and I have been editing Wikipedia since December 14, 2006. Before creating an account, I edited now and then under an IP address. I have been using Wikipedia as a resource for years.

I currently live in Rhode Island, a state in the United States, and have previously lived in Massachusetts. I also travel to Vermont quite frequently. I love New England in general, and also love the city of Miami, as I go there often and am very familiar with the city.

My main focuses on Wikipedia lie in creating and editing articles relating to architecture, New England, Miami, skyscrapers and engineering. I am involved in several WikiProjects, and served as a founding member of WikiProject Skyscrapers, WikiProject Engineering, and WikiProject Dubai. I currently dedicate most of my Wikipedia time to the WikiProject Skyscrapers Featured topic drive, which involves bringing several lists relating to United States buildings up to Featured list status. I have also been active at Good article reassessment, but have recently not reviewed many articles, as I have spent more time working on the featured topic drive.

Articles

Quality articles
These are good or featured pages that I have created or heavily contributed to:
What I'm up to right now

- Working on the WikiProject Skyscrapers Featured topic drive
- Working to cleanup Dubai-related articles under WikiProject Dubai
- Working the cleanup articles about bridges in Rhode Island
- ⭐ Attempting to bring List of tallest buildings in Las Vegas to Featured list status
- ⭐ Working on the Plymouth, Massachusetts article, attempting to bring it to Featured article status
- Nominating and reviewing lists at Wikipedia:Featured list candidates

Credits

The formatting of this user page is modeled after that of User:MER-C.
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Focus: Two Personas

Beginning Editor

Advanced Editor
Beginning Editors

broad editing, rather than article ownership

site-provided actions

random browsing
“We like to consider it a game of whack-a-mole.”

source: Huggle
“Huggle lets me see only filtered, likely vandalism [edits]”
I find things to do by...

“reading Wikipedia namespace drama/doing Huggle mindless reverts/actually reading random Wikipedia page”
“I don't tend to stick around articles much”
Needs of Beginning Editors

Template tags are insufficient

Hard to contextually discover tasks

Users feel lack of expertise
Advanced Editors

Initiate their own Wikipedia activities, from off-site triggers

Participate actively in WikiProjects, and help guide work

Stick to topic areas
“If I’m going somewhere - like Deptford or Dovedale or Amsterdam - then I will work on that article for a bit as a way of gathering information about a place that I am about to visit.”
Featured articles in Wikipedia

Featured articles are considered to be the best articles in Wikipedia, as determined by Wikipedia's editors. Before being listed here, articles are reviewed at featured article candidates for accuracy, neutrality, completeness, and style according to our featured article criteria.

At present, there are 2,469 featured articles, of a total of 2,806,385 articles on the English Wikipedia. Thus, about one in 1,130 articles is listed here. Articles that no longer meet the criteria can be proposed for improvement or removal at featured article review.

A small bronze star (⭐) on the top right corner of an article's page indicates for non-logged-in readers and most user settings that the article is featured. Additionally, if the current article is featured in another language version, a star will appear next to the language page link, in the list on the left of the page (see also featured articles in other languages).
Collaboration

The project's Collaboration department seeks to identify particular articles that would benefit from a significant collaborative effort. A single article is selected as the focus, and the project attempts to improve it, potentially to featured article standards. The current collaboration article is *The Tempest.*

Any Shakespeare article is eligible, and everyone is invited to nominate articles.

Templates

This article is within the scope of WikiProject Shakespeare, a collaborative effort to improve the coverage of Shakespeare on Wikipedia. If you would like to participate, please visit the project page, where you can join the
Needs of Advanced Editors

Connecting between own goals and site goals

More granularity in WikiProject lists

Offload triaging to more members
Discussion

Tasks are generally self-created, not delegated

Template tags do not function well as ‘next actions’

Lack of triage reduces reliability of task views

Site-wide and personal tasks are disconnected

Lack of support for contextual discovery of tasks
Roadmap

Background
Quantitative study / requirements analysis
Design of WikiTasks
Design Goals

facilitate transition between personal and site-wide tasks

on-page, contextual task management; fortuitous discovery

contextual display of related articles’ tasks

reduce threshold for Beginning Editors; improve management and triaging for Advanced
Stanford University

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

(Redirected from Stanford)

"Stanford" redirects here. For other uses, see Stanford (disambiguation).
Not to be confused with Samford University.

Leland Stanford Junior University, commonly referred to as Stanford University or Stanford, is a private research university located in Stanford, California, United States.

Stanford was founded in 1885 by former California governor and senator Leland Stanford and his wife, Jane Lathrop Stanford, as a memorial to their son Leland Stanford Jr., who died of typhoid in Europe a few weeks before his 16th birthday. The Stanfords used their farm lands to establish the university hoping to create a large institution in California.

Stanford enrolls about 6,700 undergraduate and about 8,000 graduate students from the United States and around the world every year. The university is divided into a number of schools such as the Stanford Business School, Stanford Law School, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford School of Engineering, etc.

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The school was established as a coeducational institution. However, between approximately 1899 and 1933, there was a policy in place for female enrollment to 500 students and maintaining a ratio of three males for every one female student. This was based on a concern of Stanford, who worried that without such a cap, the school could become an all-female institution, which she did not feel would be an appropriate memorial for her son. By the late 1960s the "ratio" was about 2:1 for undergraduates and much more skewed at the graduate level, especially in humanities. As of 2005, undergraduate enrollment is split nearly evenly between the sexes, while male enrollees outnumber female enrollees 2:1 at the graduate level.\[14][15]

After Senator Stanford died in 1893, Jane Stanford continued to supervise the university's development for the next 12 years. However, she was increasingly disturbed. In 1897, she directed the board of trustees, "that the students be taught that everyone born on earth has a soul that on its development depends much in life here and everything in Life Eternal."\[16] She forbade students from sketching nude models, life-drawing class, banned automobiles from campus, and did not allow a hospital to be constructed so that people wouldn't get the impression Stanford was unhealthy. She had Starr Jordan fire Edward Alsworth Ross, a close friend of his on the economics and sociology faculty, suspected of being a radical for his public statements in favor of municipal control of city transit systems. Between 1899 and 1905, she spent $3 million on a grand construction scheme building lavish memorials to the Stanford family, while university faculty and self-supporting students living in poverty.\[16]

The 1906 San Francisco earthquake destroyed parts of the Main Quad (including the original iteration of Memorial Church) as well as the 1907 Stanford Memorial Church, which first marked the entrance of the school; rebuilding on a somewhat less grandiose scale began immediately.

The official motto of Stanford University, selected by the Stanfords, is "Die Luft der Freiheit weht." Translated from the German, this quote by Ulrich von Hutten means "The wind of freedom blows." At the time of the school's establishment, German had recently replaced Latin as the supraregional language of science and philosophy.

In addition, the Stanford Research Institute operated one of the four original nodes that comprised ARPANET, predecessor to the Internet.

### Campus

Stanford University is located on a 8,180-acre (33.1 km²) campus approximately 37 miles (60 km) south of San Francisco and approximately 20 miles (32 km) northwest of San Jose. Stanford is situated on the western slopes of the city of Palo Alto, on the San Francisco Peninsula. It also operates the Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, California, in Monterey Bay. The main campus is bounded by El Camino Real, Stanford Avenue, Junipero Serra Boulevard and Sand Hill Road, in the northwest part of the Santa Clara Valley on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Stanford University owns 8,183 acres (33.1 km²), which makes it the largest university campus in terms of contiguous acreage.\[17] Moscow State University is built vertically and has a larger total floor area but occupies a smaller piece of land. Berry College occupies 28,000 acres (110 km²) of contiguous land, Smith's College occupies 14,200 acres (57 km²) of land in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York; neither is a university. Duke University occupies 8,709 acres (35.2 km²), but they are not contiguous.
History

Stanford was founded by railroad magnate and California Governor Leland Stanford and his wife, Jane Stanford. It is named in honor of their only child, Leland Stanford, Jr., who died of typhoid just before his 16th birthday. They decided to dedicate a university to their only son, and Leland Stanford told his wife, "The children of California shall be our children."

There exists a popular story that a lady in "faded gingham" and a man in a "homespun threadbare suit" went to visit the president of Harvard about making a donation, but were rebuffed, and then founded Stanford.[7] This story is untrue. The historical account is that the Senator and Mrs. Stanford visited Harvard's President Eliot and asked how much it would cost to duplicate Harvard in the Bay Area. Eliot replied that he supposed $15 million would be enough. However, the Stanfords were gracefully rebuffed in securing A.D. White the president of Cornell University as Stanford's founding president. Instead, White recommended David Starr Jordan, White's former student. They eventually settled on Starr Jordan, president of the Indiana University, although they had offered leaders of the Ivy League.

Locals and members of the university community are known to refer to the school as The Farm, a nod to the fact that the university is located on the former site of Leland Stanford's horse farm.

The University's founding grant was written on November 11, 1885, and accepted by the first Board of Trustees on November 14. The cornerstone was laid on May 14, 1887, and the University officially opened on October 1, 1891, to 559 students and 15 faculty members, seven of whom came from Cornell University.[10]. At the opening of the school there was no tuition for students, a program which lasted into the 1930s.[11]. Among the first class of students was a young future president Herbert Hoover, who would claim to be first student ever at Stanford, by virtue of having been the first person in the first class to sleep in the dormitory.[12]
Starr Jordan, president of the Indiana University, although they had offered leaders of the Ivy League a salary to direct Stanford. [9]

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The University's founding grant was written on November 11, 1885, and accepted by the first Board of Trustees on November 14. The cornerstone was laid on May 14, 1887, and the University officially opened on October 1, 1891, to 559 students and 15 faculty members, seven of whom came from Cornell University. [10] At the opening of the school there was no tuition for students, a program which lasted into the 1930s. [11] Among the class of students was a young future president Herbert Hoover, who would claim to be first student ever at Stanford, by virtue of having been the first person in the first class to sleep in the dormitory. [12]

On October 1, 1891, Stanford University opened its doors after six years of planning and building. In the early morning hours, construction workers were still preparing the Inner Quadrangle for the opening ceremonies. The great arch at the western end had been backed with panels of white cloth to form an alcove where the dignitaries would sit. Behind the stage was a life-sized portrait of Leland Stanford, Jr., in whose name the university was founded. About 2,000 seats, many of them sturdy classroom chairs, were set up in the 3-acre (12,000 m²) Quad, and the space proved insufficient for the growing crowd. By midmorning, people were streaming across the brown fields on foot. Riding horses, carriage and farm wagons were hitched to every fence and at half past ten the special train from San Francisco came puffing almost to the university, on the temporary spur that had been used during construction. [13]

The school was established as a coeducational institution. However, between approximately 1899 and 1933, there was a policy in place to limit female enrollment to 500 students and maintaining a ratio of three males for every one female student. This was based on a concern of Stanford, who worried that without such a cap, the school could become an all-female institution, which she did not feel would be an appropriate memorial for her son. By the late 1960s the "ratio" was about 2:1 for undergraduates and much more skewed at the graduate level, except for the humanities. As of 2005, undergraduate enrollment is split nearly evenly between the sexes, but male enrollees outnumber female enrollees 2:1 at the graduate level. [14][15]

After Senator Stanford died in 1893, Jane Stanford continued to supervise the university's development for the next 12 years. However, she became increasingly disturbed. In 1897, she directed the board of trustees, "that the students be taught that everyone born on earth has a soul that on its development depends much in life here and everything in Life Eternal." [16] She forbade students from sketching nude models, life-drawing class, banned automobiles from campus, and did not allow a hospital to be constructed so that people wouldn't get the impression Stanford was unhealthy. She had Starr Jordan fire Edward Alsworth Ross, a close friend of his on the economics and sociology faculty, suspected of being a radical for his public statements in favor of municipal control of city transit systems. Between 1899 and 1905, she spent a million on a grand construction scheme building lavish memorials to the Stanford family, while university faculty and self-supporting students living in poverty. [16]

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In addition, the Stanford Research Institute operated one of the four original nodes that comprised ARPANET, predecessor to the Internet.

### Campus

Stanford University is located on a 8,180-acre (33.1 km²) campus approximately 37 miles (60 km) of San Francisco and approximately 20 miles (32 km) northwest of San Jose. Stanford is situated in the city of Palo Alto, on the San Francisco Peninsula. It also operates the Hopkins Marine Station in Grove, California, in Monterey Bay. The main campus is bounded by El Camino Real, Stanford Avenue, Junipero Serra Boulevard and Sand Hill Road, in the northwest part of the Santa Clara Valley on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Stanford University owns 8,183 acres (33.1 km²) which makes it the largest university campus in the terms of contiguous acreage. Moscow State University is built vertically and has a larger total floor area but occupies a smaller piece of land. Berry College occupies 28,000 acres (110 km²) of contiguous land. Smith's College occupies 14,200 acres (57 km²) of land in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York, neither is a university. Duke University occupies 8,709 acres (35.2 km²), but they are not contiguous. United States Air Force Academy has a contiguous 18,000 acres (73 km²) at its disposal, but it is not a university. Dartmouth College, with a large land grant, owns more than 50,000 acres (200 km²), but only 269 of those are part of the campus.

In the summer of 1886, when the campus was first being planned, Stanford brought the president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Amasa Walker, and prominent Boston landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted westward for consultations. Olmsted worked out the general concept for the campus and its buildings, rejecting a hillside site in favor of the more practical flatlands. Charles Allerton Coolidge then designed this concept in the style of his late mentor, Henry Hobson Richardson, in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, characterized by rectangular buildings linked by arcades of half-circle arches. The original campus was also designed in the Spanish-colonial style common to California as Mission Revival. The red tile roofs and solid sandstone masonry hold a distinctly Californian appearance and most of the subsequently buildings have maintained consistent exteriors. The red tile roofs and bright blue skies common to the region are a famously complement combination.

Much of this first construction was destroyed by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake but the University retains the Quad, the Old Chemistry and Encina Hall (the residence of Herbert Hoover, John Steinbeck, and Anthony Kennedy during their times at Stanford). After the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake inflicted further damage, the University implemented a billion-dollar capital improvement plan to retrofit and renovate older buildings for new, up-to-date uses.
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![Campus Image](image-url)
Tasks in WikiTasks

are added by community members

can be accepted by anyone

can be marked as completed, or
returned to community
Tasks in WikiTasks

can be tagged as short, medium, or long time investment
are displayed in sidebar on article
can be voted up/down by community
Implementation

Browser

Browsing/Editing

Firefox extension

Wiki page
Implementation

XMLHttpRequest loads more information on page load

WikiTasks loaded into sidebar, sized using location hash parameter

Matches look & feel of Wikipedia
For other developers

Augmenting is simpler than proxying

GreaseMonkey turns into Firefox extensions easily

Instrument extensively
Goals

Usability evaluation of WikiTasks

Does WikiTasks aid task discovery on Wikipedia?

Suggestions for future steps
Method

11 students using WikiTasks for 1 week

Asked to focus efforts on Stanford-related topics

Pre- and post-study questionnaire
Evaluation

Results

93 tasks added (8.5 per participant)
79 tasks “accepted”, 49 completed
## Evaluation

### Results

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Evaluation

Origin of tasks

Participants were more likely to take tasks suggested by others

$p < 0.05$
Sample Participant Contributions

**Task:**

Provide more information about student groups

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Monday, August 24, 2009
Evaluation

Sample Participant Contributions

**Task:**

Write about Haas Public Service Center

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The Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University connects academic study with community and public service to strengthen communities and develop effective public leaders. The Center aspires to develop aware, engaged and thoughtful citizens who contribute to the realization of a more just and humane world. The center offers fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students specifically in Washington (Stanford In Washington) as well as abroad.

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Traditions
Evaluation

Participant responses

“[I like how WikiTasks] puts the items to be edited right next to the main content, therefore encouraging editing.”

“Provides direction in any given context by suggesting quick edits that get someone working immediately”
Evaluation

Participant responses

Pages with dense task lists perceived as more credible

Perceived applicability to other settings, such as educational environments
Evaluation

Usability tweaks

Add tasks box too similar to search box

Filtering & search

Per-person statistics
Next steps

Would like to see it deployed to all Wikipedia

Testing applicability of findings and design to other collaborative systems

Exploration of other task visualizations for social software
Summary

Distributed, asynchronous social software projects evolve their own task practices

Task management for such communities must bridge individual & community goals

Contextually displaying tasks lowers threshold to participation on collective creation sites
For more information

http://hci.stanford.edu
mkrieger@hci.stanford.edu
http://slideshare.com/mikeyk
Bullet points:

1. Bellotti et al.: design principles for task management
2. Faceted views into tasks
3. Capturing task history
4. Capturing time constrains
5. Tying tasks to context
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**Articles you might like to edit, from SuggestBot**

*SuggestBot* predicts that you will enjoy editing some of these articles. Have fun!

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source: Cosley et al. (2007)
User page lists

(back burner) Working on

- motorcycle
- quadracycle
- electric bicycle
- Electric bicycle laws
- History of the bicycle
- Fixing my user page.
- Learning how to upload a video on electric bicycles

Finding other types of manufacturers or articles such as:
Bicycle culture