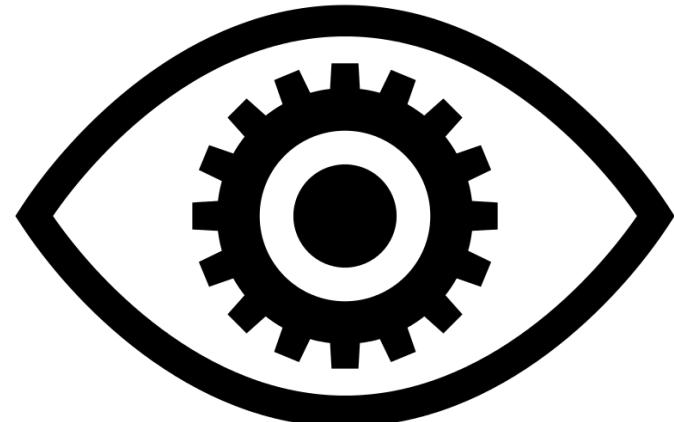


Introduction to Phabricator

Slides by Birgit Müller and Andre Klapper

Phabricator

- Project management tool, primarily for software projects
- Management of "tasks"
- Easier collaboration / working together



<https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/>

Who uses Phabricator?

Notifications /
Echo
(Extension)

Page Views
(Tool on
Toolforge)

SRE / Technical
Operations
(e.g. hardware)

Provolt
(Gadget on Commons)

Vector
(Skin)

Wikimedia
Sverige (for any
of their projects)

Wikimedia Hackathon
(Organisation,
Sessions)

Wikimedia
Deutschland's
Technical
Wishes Team

Edit-a-thon organizers, to
request removing the user
account creation limit [1]

Wikimedia communities,
to request site
configuration changes [2]

Your
project?

- [1] https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Mass_account_creation
- [2] https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Requesting_wiki_configuration_changes

Who uses Phabricator?

- Technically interested people, authors ...
- Developers
- Product managers
- Testers
- Deployers
- People doing communication
- Designers
- Translators
- Documentation writers
- Triagers
- Analysts
- Organizers of events
- ...

Open, Normal

Public

Tasks, Metadata fields, Projects

- Tasks (e.g. individual tasks, software bug reports, feature requests) with a description and further comments
- Associated projects (tags)
- Further metadata (Status, Priority, Assignee, Author, Subscribers, etc.)

Tags

-  Revision-Slider (Backlog)
-  Design (Incoming)
-  TCB-Team (Revision Slider)
-  German-Community-Wishlist (Incoming)
-  WMDE-Design (Incoming)

Subscribers

WMDE-leszek, Lea_WMDE, Aklapper

Assigned To



Authored By



Projects and teams

- If you want to develop something yourself, you need a project.
- Tasks get associated to projects.
- Projects can have members.



WMDE-Design Group

Active

Public

DESCRIPTION

Project of the design team from WMDE. Similar to WMF-Design . Mostly working on design-related tasks for Wikidata and TCB-Team .

Members (13)

View All



Lea_WMDE (Lea Vogel)

Product Manager



gabriel-wmde (Gabriel Birke)

User



Abraham (Abraham Taherivand)

Head of Software Development
WMDE

Projects and their workboards

- A project can have a workboard which simplifies planning.
- Workboards have columns. Tasks associated to the project are shown as cards in the columns.
- Drag and drop of cards is supported.

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- Some Subproject**: Contains one task:
 - T188516 Move field for email address out of address section (WMDE-Fundraising-Tech, WMDE-FUN-Team, Story, Design)

The sidebar on the left shows navigation links for WMDE-Design, Workboard, Open Tasks, and Reports. The top bar includes Phabricator branding, a search bar, and various system icons.

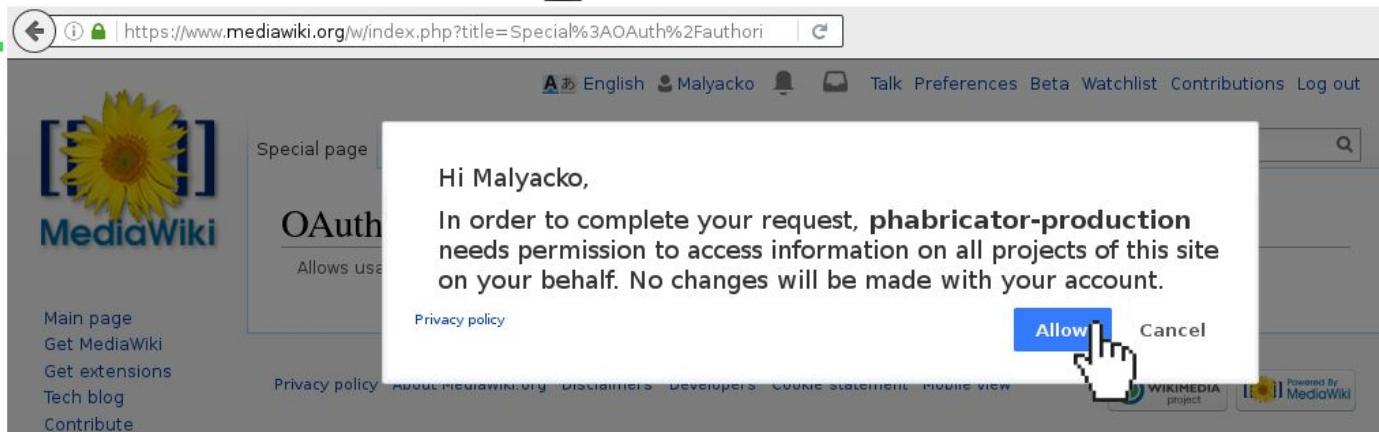
Setting priorities of tasks

- Priority values: needs triage, lowest, low, normal, high, unbreak now!
- Priorities express the urgency of a task.
- Maintainers, developers, product managers set the priorities.
- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Project_management#Setting_task_priorities

Questions so far?

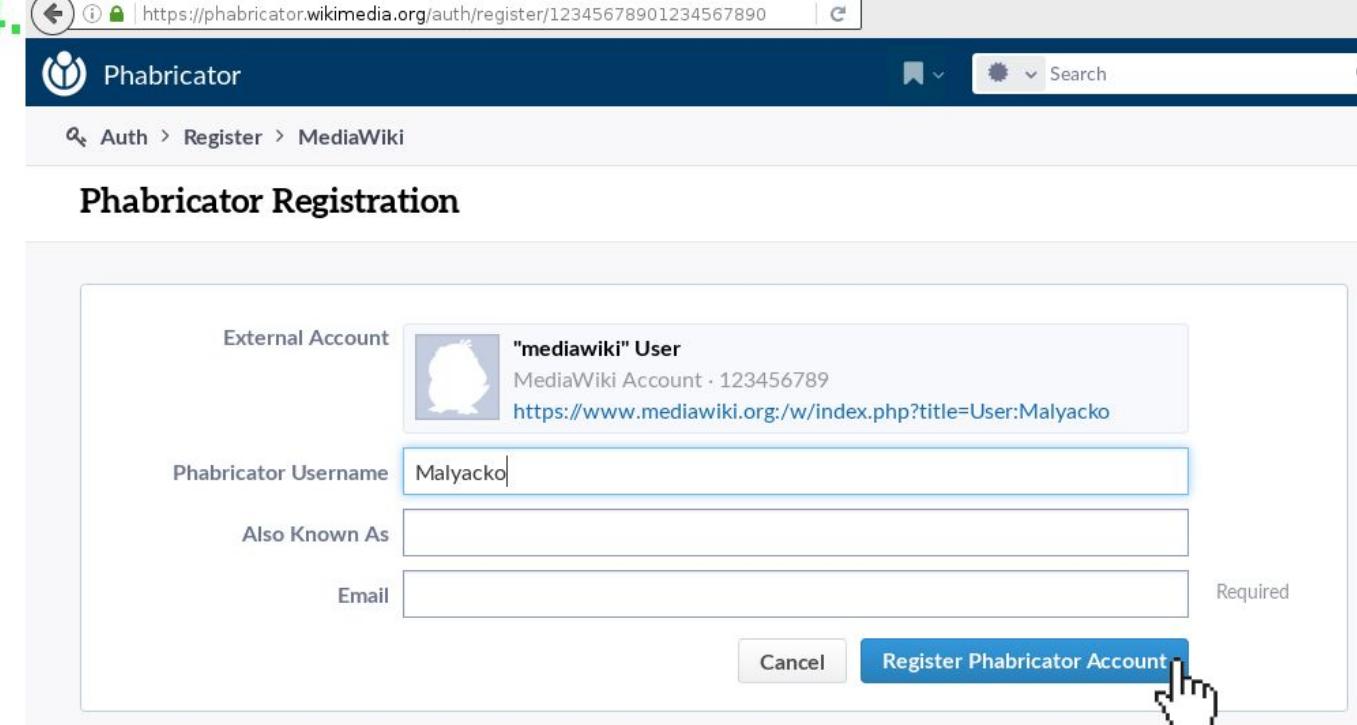
Practical part

Account registration

1. A screenshot of a web browser showing the Phabricator login page at https://phabricator.wikimedia.org. The page has a dark blue header with the Phabricator logo and a "Log In" button. A large green number "1." is in the top-left corner of the image area.
2. A screenshot of a web browser showing the "Log in or register to Wikimedia Phabricator" page at https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/auth/start/?next=%2F. It features a "Login or Register MediaWiki" button. A large green number "2." is in the top-left corner of the image area.
3. A screenshot of a web browser showing a MediaWiki page with an OAuth consent dialog. The dialog asks for permission for the "phabricator-production" project to access all projects on behalf of the user. It includes a "Privacy policy" link and "Allow" and "Cancel" buttons. A large green number "3." is in the top-left corner of the image area.

https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Help#Creating_your_account

Account registration

4. The screenshot shows the Phabricator Registration page. At the top, there's a header with the Phabricator logo, a search bar, and a user icon. Below the header, the URL https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/auth/register/12345678901234567890 is visible. The main content area is titled "Phabricator Registration". It contains fields for "External Account" (with a "mediawiki" User icon and details: MediaWiki Account · 123456789 and a link to https://www.mediawiki.org/w/index.php?title=User:Malyacko), "Phabricator Username" (set to "Malyacko"), "Also Known As" (empty), and "Email" (empty). A "Required" label is next to the Email field. At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Register Phabricator Account" buttons, with a hand cursor pointing at the "Register Phabricator Account" button.



https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Help#Creating_your_account

User profile

https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/p/Malyacko/

Phabricator People > Malyacko

Malyacko (Malyacko (AKlapper PERSONAL))

User Details

User Since Nov 20 2014, 2:56 PM (145 w, 3 d)
Availability Available
MediaWiki User [Malyacko](#)

Personal account of Andre Klapper (WMF).
For my alter ego working at the Wikimedia Foundation, see [@Aklapper](#).

Recent Activity

Sun, Aug 20

Malyacko added a comment to T173618: MultimediaViewer uses an old version of jquery.scrollTop which is broken for Chrome 61.
(Originally mentioned in [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Village_pump_\(technical\)&oldid=796369433](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Village_pump_(technical)&oldid=796369433))

Sun, Aug 20, 4:03 AM · MediaWiki-extensions-MultimediaViewer, Multimedia, JavaScript

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Projects

Developer-Relations Group

Calendar

Today

Clear sailing ahead.

Tomorrow

Clear sailing ahead.

Wednesday

Clear sailing ahead.

Filing a task

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Phabricator interface at <https://phabricator.wikimedia.org>. The browser's address bar shows the URL. The Phabricator header includes the logo, navigation links, and a search bar. A context menu is open in the center of the screen, listing options: 'Report Security Issues', 'Create Task' (which is highlighted with a blue background), 'Browse Source Code', and 'Browse Events'. Below these options is a horizontal line, followed by the option 'Edit Favorites'. A large, semi-transparent hand cursor icon is positioned over the 'Create Task' button.

- Report Security Issues
- [Create Task](#)
- Browse Source Code
- Browse Events

- Edit Favorites

+ Create Task (Simple)

Task

Well-written tasks with enough information get fixed faster: [How to write a good bug report.](#)

Title Required

Assigned To

Description

Steps to reproduce:

1. Enable Hovercards on <https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spezial:Einstellungen#mw-prefsection-betafeatures>
2. Go to [https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Waal_\(Fluss\)&oldid=153721945#Heutige_Flusslandschaft](https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Waal_(Fluss)&oldid=153721945#Heutige_Flusslandschaft)
3. Hover over "Waalbrücke bei Nimwegen, gebaut 1931/1936" link currently linking to https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Waalbr%C3%BCcke_bei_Nimwegen&oldid=155342759

Expected result: 'Clean' Text extract.

Actual result: "f1" prefix for unknown reasons:
[\[F4172031\]](#)

Tags

Subscribers

[Cancel](#)

[Create New Task](#)

[Cancel](#)[Create New Task](#)

DESCRIPTION PREVIEW

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The screenshot shows a portion of a Wikipedia article titled 'Heutige Flusslandschaft'. A specific link, 'Waalbrücke bei Nimwegen, gebaut 1931/1936', is highlighted with a tooltip. The tooltip contains the prefix 'f1' followed by the link's description: 'Waalbrücke bei Nimwegen, gebaut 1931/1936'. Below this, there is a small image of a bridge and some explanatory text about its construction.

Creating a software bug report or a feature request

- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/How_to_report_a_bug

Requesting/creating your own project

- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Creating_and_renaming_projects
- Special permission required to create projects yourself.
- Create a task to request a project. Someone will create it for you.
- It is also possible to create forms (some fields pre-filled). See
<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Help/Forms>

Create Project

[Configure Form](#)

Project

Name

Required

Description
Icon  Choose Icon...Color Additional Hashtags Initial Members  AndreTest01 (AndreTest01) Visible To Public (No Login Required) Editable By  All Users Joinable By  All Users [Cancel](#)[Create New Project](#)

(only if the user has permissions to create a project)

Creating the workboard of the project



The sidebar menu includes:

- MyProject
- Workboard** (selected)
- Members
- Subprojects
- Manage



Projects > MyProject > Workboard

Create Workboard

The workboard for this project has not been created yet.

Columns **New Empty Board**
Create a new board with just a backlog column.

Import Columns
Import board columns from another project.

Make Default Make the workboard the default view for this project.

Create Workboard

Configuring the workboard of the project

The screenshot shows a project management interface with the following elements:

- Left Sidebar:** Features a large blue icon of a briefcase with a handle and a blue strap. Below it, there are two menu items: "MyProject" and "Workboard".
- Header:** Displays the path "Projects > MyProject > Workboard".
- Central Area:** Shows a "Backlog (Default)" section with a count of "0 | 0" and a pencil icon for editing.
- Right Sidebar:** Contains a context menu with the following options:
 - "Natural" (with a gear icon)
 - "Open Tasks" (with a magnifying glass icon)
 - A separator line
 - "Add Column" (with a plus sign and column icon)
 - "Reorder Columns" (with a double arrow icon)
 - "Show Hidden Columns" (with an eye icon)
 - A separator line
 - "Change Background Color" (with a paintbrush icon)
 - "Manage Workboard" (with a gear icon)
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows the text "2023-01-01 10:00 AM - 10:00 AM".

Phabricator

Projects > WMDE-Design > Workboard

Incoming (Default) 23 | 0

T218402 Make statement groups clickable and append property IDs to the URLs
Wikidata Design

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Two-Column-Edit-Conflict-Merge TCB-Team Design

Doing 2 | 0

T182178 Add given data to confirmation pages after donating/applying for membership
WMDE-FUN-Team WMDE-Fundraising-Tech Design

Some Subproject 8 | 0

T188516 Move field for email address out of address section
WMDE-Fundraising-Tech WMDE-FUN-Team Story Design

T160739 Add an entry point to revision slider from the history page
Revision-Slider German-Community-Wishlist Design TCB-Team

Natural Open Tasks

Search

Workboard

Open Tasks

Reports

Sorting the tasks on a workboard

The screenshot shows the Phabricator Workboard interface for the WMDE-Design project. The board is divided into three columns: Incoming (Default), Doing, and Natural. The 'Natural' column is currently selected, indicated by a hand cursor icon over its header.

Incoming (Default): 23 | 0

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Wikidata Design
- T213270 Possibility to use both versions of a paragraph in two-column-conflict
Two-Column-Edit-Conflict-Merge TCB-Team Design

Doing: 2 | 0

- T182178 Add given data to confirmation pages after donating/applying for membership
WMDE-FUN-Team WMDE-Fundraising-Tech Design

Natural: 8 | 0

- Some sub-project
- Group by Priority
- Group by Owner
- Group by Author
- Group by Status
- Sort by Created Date
- Sort by Points
- Sort by Title
- Save as Default

Filtering the tasks on a workboard

The screenshot shows the Phabricator Workboard interface for the WMDE-Design project. The interface is divided into three main columns: Incoming (Default), Doing, and Some Subproj. Each column contains a list of tasks with their titles, descriptions, and assigned teams.

- Incoming (Default):** Contains two tasks:
 - T218402 Make statement groups clickable and append property IDs to the URLs (assigned to Wikidata and Design teams)
 - T213270 Possibility to use both versions of a paragraph in two-column-conflict (assigned to Two-Column-Edit-Conflict-Merge, TCB-Team, and Design teams)
- Doing:** Contains one task:
 - T182178 Add given data to confirmation pages after donating/applying for membership (assigned to WMDE-FUN-Team and WMDE-Fundraising-Tech teams)
- Some Subproj:** Contains three tasks:
 - T188516 Move field for email address out of address (assigned to WMDE-Fundraising-Tech, WMDE-FUN-Team, and Design teams)
 - T160739 Add an entry point to revision slider from the history page (assigned to Revision-Slider, German-Community-Wishlist, and Design teams)
 - A partially visible task at the bottom of the column.

A context menu is open over the "Some Subproj" tasks, specifically over the third task. The menu includes the following options:

- Open Tasks
- All Tasks
- Assigned to Me
- Advanced Filter...
- Save as Default

A large cursor icon is pointing at the "Advanced Filter..." option. The top right corner of the menu has a small "X" button.

Following activity in tasks or projects interesting you

- Receiving notifications about activity / changes: Via email or in the upper left corner of Phabricator (bell symbol)
- Preferences: <https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/settings/> → Email Preferences
- Individual tasks: “Subscribe”
- Projects (and all their associated tasks): “Watch”

Following activity in individual tasks

- [Edit Task](#)
- [Edit Related Tasks...](#)
- [Edit Related Objects...](#)
- [Protect as security issue](#)
- [Subscribe](#) 
- [Award Token](#)
- [Flag For Later](#)

Tags

[WikiCon-Vortraege \(September\)](#)

Subscribers

Heinz, Birgit

- [Edit Task](#)
- [Edit Related Tasks...](#)
- [Edit Related Objects...](#)
- [Protect as security issue](#)
- [Unsubscribe](#)
- [Award Token](#)
- [Flag For Later](#)

Tags

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Subscribers

Malyacko, Heinz, Birgit

Following activity in projects

The screenshot shows the Phabricator interface for a project named "MyProject". The top navigation bar includes icons for user profile, Phabricator, notifications (24), and search. The main content area displays the project details, recent activity, members, and watchers.

Project Details:

- Icon:** A blue briefcase icon.
- Name:** MyProject
- Type:** Component
- Status:** Active
- Visibility:** Public

Recent Activity:

- Today:** Aklapper added a comment to T123456: Implement water supply.

Members (1):

- Josephine (User)

Watchers (1):

- Richard (Designer)

A hand cursor is shown clicking the "Watch Project" button in the top right corner of the project details section. An arrow points from this action towards the right edge of the screen.

Following activity in projects

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Projects > MyProject

MyProject

Component

Active Public

Unwatch Project

Details

DESCRIPTION

A MediaWiki extension that provides a kitchen sink on a special page ([Homepage](#))

Members (1)

View All

Josephine

User

Watchers (2)

View All

Malyacko

User

Richard

Designer

Recent Activity

View All

Today

Malyacko added a watcher for MyProject: Malyacko.

Mon, Sep 4, 12:23 PM

Aklapper added a comment to T123456: Implement water supply.

MyProject

Workboard

Members

Subprojects

Manage

More / advanced functionality (not covered here)

- "Spaces" for non-public projects (e.g. security issues)
- Personalize your Phabricator front page (dashboards)
- Advanced search; Saving / sharing custom your searches
- "Flags" (personal bookmarks for tasks, similar to a watchlist)
- Hierarchy between tasks (parent tasks and subtasks)
- Agile development (if you know terms like "Scrum" or "Burndown charts")
- etc.

Help and further information

- <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Help>
- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Project_management
- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Phabricator/Creating_and_renaming_projects
- https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/How_to_report_a_bug

Credits

- https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Phacility_phabricator_logo.svg
- <https://phabricator.wikimedia.org/>
- <https://www.mediawiki.org/>