Manual:Extension/BlueSpiceSocialBlog

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About the blog

Basically, a blog is a list of comments, questions, or feedback from different users. The blog is often sorted chronologically downwards, in the sense of a public journal. A lively communication can arise when the contributions are further commented, recommended, linked with related articles or placed on a personal watchlist.

The extension *BlueSpiceSocialBlog* is part of *BlueSpiceSocial*, the communication module of BlueSpice. In addition to the type blog, there are other types of so-called social entities, such as *comment*, *discussion topic*, *attachment*, or *microblog*.

Contributions from all these types can be consolidated and displayed chronologically with *BlueSpiceSocial* in a timeline and filtered and sorted as needed.

The blog function is ready for use on the special page *Special:Blog*. This page is linked directly from the main navigation in every new wiki installation. So you can start using the blog right away. It is also possible to include the blog functionality on any wiki page. Let's get right to it.
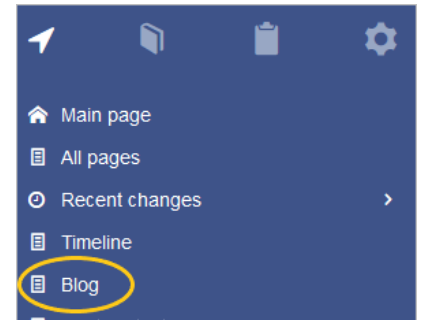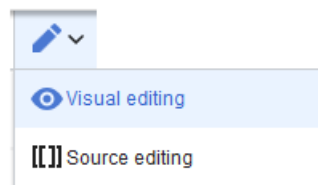
Adding the blog to a page

If you want to include a view of your blog on another page of your wiki, for example your homepage, you need to insert the necessary codeblock in the source code of your page.

To include a blog view:

1. **Go to** the page where you want to insert the blog or create a new page.
2. **Open the page** in *Source editing* mode.

3. **Copy the following code block** to the section in your page where you want to show the blog.

```
<bs:timeline>
 {
     "showentitylistmenu": true,
     "preloadtitles": {
         "blog": "Vorlage:Blog"
     },
     "preloadedentities": [{
         "type": "blog"
     }],
     "headlinemessagekey": "Community-Blog",
```

```
     "showheadline": true,
    "usemorescroll": false,
    "morelink": "Special:Blog",
    "limit": 5,
    "sort": [ {
        "property": "timestampcreated",
        "direction": "DESC"
    }],
    "lockedfilternames": [
        "type"
    ],
    "filter": [ {
        "type": "list",
        "property": "type",
        "value": [ "blog" ],
        "comparison": "ct"
    }]
  }
 </bs:timeline>
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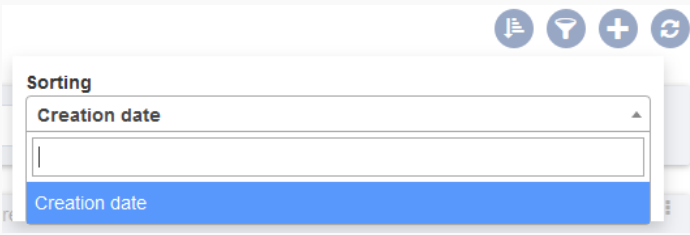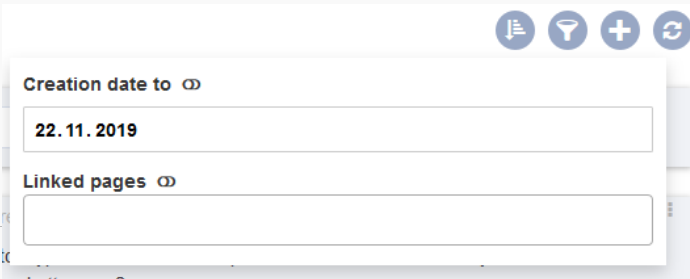
After saving the page, you will see a list of existing blog entries based on the filter and sorting criteria you provided.
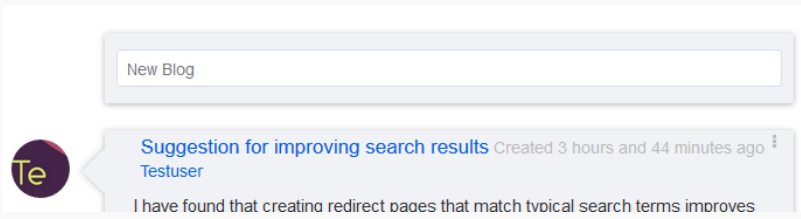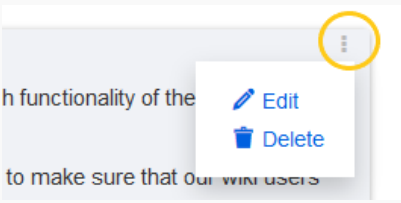

Blog parameters

Output format

The following table shows the blog elements and the necessary paramaters to create the output:

Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description
1 - header	headlinemessagekey	Header text
	showheadline	Show the header text
2 - blog menu	showentitylistmenu	Show or hide the blog menu
	showentityspawner	Show the menu item for creating a blog entry
	availablesorterfields	Determines which data fields are included as sorting options in the sort men by date created or by the user who created a blog entry: `"availablesorterfields":["timestampcreated","ownerid"]` List of typical sort fields
	lockedoptionnames	Determines which settings for sorting the user cannot change.
	availablefilterfields	Determines which data fields are included as filter options in the filter menu based on Creation date and Linked pages: `"availablefilterfields":["timestampcreated","tags"]`
	lockedfilternames	Determines which settings for filtering the user cannot change. Example: a user cannot change the filter values for *Linked pages.* Th `"lockedfilternames": ["tags"]`
		Initial settings and custom sort and filter settings are included in the page u create a link to the page with the same filter and sort settings.

Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description
	persistsettings	`"persistsettings":true` myblog?sort=[{"property":"timestampcreated","direction":"DESC"}]&filter=[{"type
3 - new blog entry	preloadentities	Shows the text field for creating a new blog entry. If it is not set, the text fie To show the text field: `"preloadentities": [{"type":"blog"}]` New Blog Suggestion for improving search results *Created 3 hours and 44 minutes ago* Testuser I have found that creating redirect pages that match typical search terms improves
4 - existing blog entry	outputtypes	It defines the display format of the blog entry. Standard types are: *List, Short, Default, Page*. ([see examples](#)) Each blog entry is a "social entity".
	limit	Defines how many social entities are loaded initially.
4a - avatar	-	Shows the avatar of the user who created the blog entry or comment. It is c except *List.*
4b - title bar	-	In the output type *List*, the username is not displayed in the title bar.
4c - blog entry content	-	Shows the text body of a blog entry. The output type *Default* collapses the l first paragraph with a "More" link.
4d - social tags	-	Blog entries always include the social tags *Comments, Recommend, Linked*
4e - user menu	-	Users can edit or delete their own blog entries or comments at any time. Th own entries: h functionality of the ✏ Edit 🗑 Delete to make sure that our wiki users
5 - new comment	-	Text field for creating a new comment.
6 - existing		Comments include the social tag *Recommend.*

Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description
comment	-	Each comment is a "social entity".
7 - "more" button	morelink	Link target of the "more" button. For blogs, it makes sense to link to the pag
	useendlessscroll	More blog entries are automatically loaded after the user scrolls to the end
	showentitylistmore	Shows a "more" button below the blog which loads more blog entries on clic *useendlessscroll* is set to *false*.

Sorting

Most commonly, a blog shows the latest blog entries first. However, there are many different options for sorting the list of blog entries.

Syntax

```
[{
"property": "timestamptouched",
"direction": "DESC"
}]
```

Properties

There are some common properties of a blog entry that are useful for sorting:

Property	Description
timestampcreated	creation date
timestamptouched	last edit date
commentcount	number of comments
ratingcount	number of ratings
ownerid	username of the creator of a blog entry
ownerrealname	real name of the user

Direction

Blog entries can be sorted in descending and ascending order. Descending is the default order.

Property	Description
DESC	sorts the blog entries in descending order
ASC	sorts the blog entries in ascending order

Filtering

Without setting the filter parameter, there will be no output on the page.

To show the blog entries of your wiki, include the following codeblock like shown in the code example above:

```
"filter": [ {
        "type": "list",
        "property": "type",
        "value": [ "blog" ],
        "comparison": "ct"
    }]
```

This filter includes all social entities which match the type *blog*. Since we only want to show social entities of type *blog*, we only include *blog* entries in our filter. If you want to create a social timeline rather than a blog view, you can also add other types of social entities. The following example shows a timeline view that includes blog entries, discussion entries from wiki pages, and user profile information:

```
"filter": [ {
        "type": "list",
        "property": "type",
        "value": ["blog","topic","profile"],
        "comparison": "ct"
    }]
```

Output type examples

The output type for a blog is added using the *outputtypes* parameter. Don't forget to include a comma before and after this parameter (unless this is the last parameter in your code):

```
"outputtypes": {
        "blog": "Default"
    }
```

Default

The output type *Default* shows the content of a blog entry truncated after the first paragraph. To view the full text, users can click on the *More* link.

Short

The output type *Short* does not show the content of the blog entry. To view the content, a user has to click on the title of a blog entry. This loads the actual page for the selected blog entity.

Page

The output type *Page* shows all blog elements, including the comments, in an expanded view.

List

The output type *List* only shows the title and the timestamp.

Configuration

- **Use teaser text for blog entries in the timeline:** When you create a blog entry, you can create a teaser text for it by clicking the cogwheel symbol in the blog entry form. If this setting is active, the teaser text will be shown on the page *Special:Timeline* instead of the first part of the content.
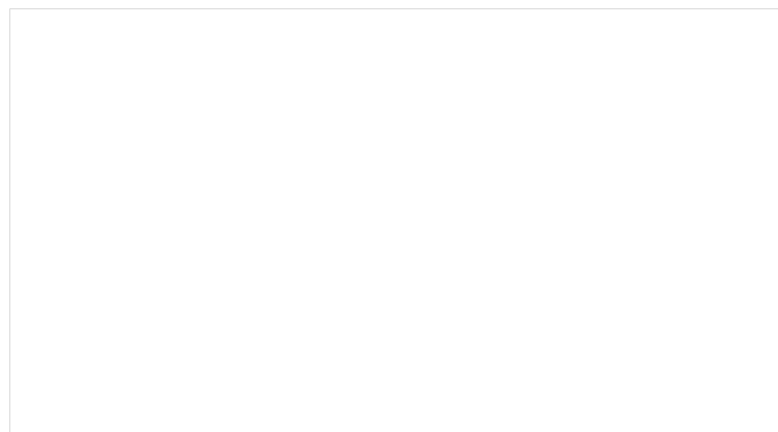
blog teaser text

Related info

- Reference:BlueSpiceSocialBlog