Microblogs work exactly like regular blogs. Unlike blogs, however, they do not have a separate title field. Users simply provide a quick message in a single text field.

Microblog syntax

To include a microblog on a page, copy the following tag. An explanation of the individual parameters is available on the help page for blogs:

```{{#tag:bs:timeline|
    "showentitylistmenu": false,
    "preloadedentities": [{
        "type": "microblog"
    }],
    "headlinemessagekey": "Letzte Kurznachrichten",
    "showheadline": false,
    "limit": 3,
    "sort": [{
        "property": "timestampcreated",
        "direction": "DESC"
    }],
    "lockedfilternames": [
        "type"
    ],
    "outputtypes": {
        "microblog": "Default"
    },
    "filter": [{
        "type": "list",
        "property": "type",
        "value": [ "microblog" ],
        "comparison": "ct"
    }, {
        "type": "boolean",
        "property": "archived",
        "value": false,
    }]
}}```
This produces a microblog that looks like this:

![Microblog with open text input field](image)

### Related info

- Blog
- Discussions and Attachments
- Discussion topics
9.2 Working with blogs

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`.

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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 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. Social contributions of many types can be consolidated and displayed chronologically in a timeline and filtered and sorted as needed.

**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.

```html
<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>
```
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 parameters to create the output:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Parameter and element description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 - header</td>
<td>headlinemessagekey</td>
<td>Header text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>showheadline</td>
<td>Show the header text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>showentitylistmenu</td>
<td>Show or hide the blog menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>showentityspawner</td>
<td>Show the menu item for creating a blog entry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Determines which data fields are included as sorting options in the sort menu by date created or by the user who created a blog entry:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;availablesorterfields&quot;:[&quot;timestampcreated&quot;,&quot;ownerid&quot;]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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#### Parameters and element description

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>availablesorterfields</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Available Sorter Fields" /></td>
<td><strong>List of typical sort fields</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lockedoptionnames</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Locked Option Names" /></td>
<td>Determines which settings for sorting the user cannot change.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| availablefilterfields | ![Available Filter Fields](image) | Determines which data fields are included as filter options in the filter menu based on Creation date and Linked pages:  

```
"availablefilterfields": ["timestampcreated","tags"]
```

| lockedfilternames | ![Locked Filter Names](image)                 | Determines which settings for filtering the user cannot change.            |
|                  |                                                | Example: a user cannot change the filter values for Linked pages. The text field is greyed out:  

```
"lockedfilternames": ["tags"]
```

| persistsettings  | ![Persist Settings](image)                     | Initial settings and custom sort and filter settings are included in the page URL, creating a link to the page with the same filter and sort settings.  

```
"persistsettings": true
```

|                     |                                                | Shows the text field for creating a new blog entry. If it is not set, the text field is not available.  

To show the text field:
### Element Parameters

<table>
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<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Parameter and element description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3 - new blog entry</td>
<td>preloadentities</td>
<td>&quot;preloadedentities&quot;: [{&quot;type&quot;:&quot;blog&quot;}]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 - existing blog entry</td>
<td>outputtypes</td>
<td>It defines the display format of the blog entry. Standard types are: List, Short, Default, Page. (see examples) Each blog entry is a &quot;social entity&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4a - avatar</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Shows the avatar of the user who created the blog entry or comment. It is only displayed in output types except List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4b - title bar</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>In the output type List, the username is not displayed in the title bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4c - blog entry content</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Shows the text body of a blog entry. The output type Default collapses the blog entry content after the first paragraph with a &quot;More&quot; link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4d - social tags</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Blog entries always include the social tags Comments, Recommend, Linked Page, Watch/Unwatch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4e - user menu</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Users can edit or delete their own blog entries or comments at any time. This is only possible if the blog entry is owned by the user:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 - new comment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Text field for creating a new comment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 - existing comment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Comments include the social tag Recommend. Each comment is a &quot;social entity&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 - &quot;more&quot; button</td>
<td>morelink</td>
<td>Link target of the &quot;more&quot; button. For blogs, it makes sense to link to the page &quot;Special:Blog&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>useendlessscroll</td>
<td>More blog entries are automatically loaded after the user scrolls to the end of the blog. More blog entries are automatically loaded after the user scrolls to the end of the blog if useendlessscroll is set to true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>showentitylistmore</td>
<td>Shows a &quot;more&quot; button below the blog which loads more blog entries on click. showentitylistmore is set to false.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

```json
{
  "property": "timestamptouched",
  "direction": "DESC"
}
```

Properties

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>timestampcreated</td>
<td>creation date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>timestamptouched</td>
<td>last edit date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>commentcount</td>
<td>number of comments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ratingcount</td>
<td>number of ratings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ownerid</td>
<td>username of the creator of a blog entry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ownerrealname</td>
<td>real name of the user</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Direction

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DESC</td>
<td>sorts the blog entries in descending order</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASC</td>
<td>sorts the blog entries in ascending order</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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:
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" ],
  "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.

- Suggestion for improving search results Created one hour and 56 minutes ago
- Greg Rundlett über BlueSpice Created 2 months ago

Configuration

In the *Config manager*, you can change the following settings:

- **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.
9.4 Adding attachments to a page

The extension SocialWikiPage allows users to attach a file directly to a wiki page.
Attaching a file

To create the first attachment at the bottom of a wiki page, open the attachments area by clicking on the "plus" button.

If the attachments area already exists, click the "more"-button to switch to the attachments page.

On the attachments page you can add a new attachment:

1. **Add existing file:** Click the plus button to add a file that has already been uploaded to the wiki.

2. **Upload a new attachment:** Click the upload area or drag the file into the upload field to upload a new attachment to the wiki.
## Deleting an attachment

To delete an attachment, go to the attachments page and click on the Delete button in the actions menu of the attachment. Deleting an attachment on a page does not delete the file itself from the wiki.

## Grouped attachments

Clicking the Edit button in the actions menu of an attachment allows you to group more attachments with it. When you group attachments, they are:

- displayed together on the page
deleted together from the page
considered one entity for commenting, recommending, linking, and watching (as social entity)

Styling

By default, the icons for the attachments are shown in grey with a small label and a large icon. By updating the file `MediaWiki:Common.css`, the styles for the attachments can be adjusted as needed. This requires administrator rights.

Add the following styles:

```
.bs-social-entity-attachment-wrapper {background: transparent;}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entityattachment-unknown a span::before {
    font-family: fontawesome;
    content: "\f016";
    color: #695f5c;
}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entityattachment-pdf a span::before {
    font-family: fontawesome;
    content: "\f1c1";
    color: #e12025;
}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entityattachment-excel a span::before {
    font-family: fontawesome;
    content: "\f1c3";
    color: #1d8f50;
}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entityattachment-pptx a span::before {
    font-family: fontawesome;
    content: "\f1c4";
    color: #d04727;
}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entityattachment-word a span::before {
    font-family: fontawesome;
    content: "\f1c2";
    color: #1565c0;
}

.bs-social-entity-attachment-wrapper p.attachment-name, .bs-social-entity-content-attachments div, .bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a, .bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a span {
    color: #444 !important;
    background-color: #ffffff;
}

.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div.bs-social-entity-attachment-file a span::before {
    font-size: 100px;
    line-height: inherit;
    font-size: 80px;
}

.bs-social-entity-attachment-wrapper img {border: 5px solid #766d6b;}
.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a img, .bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a span img {
    height: 80px;
    width: 75px;
    margin-top: 16px;
    margin-bottom: 18px;
    border-radius: 5px;
}

.bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a p, .bs-social-entity-content-attachments div a span p {
    height: 4em;
}
```

You will get:

![Custom css styles for attachments](image)

Related info
User profile

**BlueSpiceSocialProfile** provides the SocialEntity of type profile. Furthermore, the user page is converted into a complete user profile.

User profile info

The first part of the profile page contains elements related to the user's profile info.

(1) **Watchlist**: The profile page is by default on the user's watchlist to send notifications about any changes to the page.
(2) **Actions menu:** In the edit menu, users can edit their profile description (5) below their profile picture, update their user image and enter their profile data (3).

(3) **Profile data:** Users can enter their profile details, such as department and phone number.

(4) **User image:** The user image can be uploaded from the actions menu. For users without a user image, an avatar image is displayed instead.

(5) **Description:** The edit link in the Actions menu allows to edit the page content itself. This content is displayed directly below the profile box.

### Social timeline

Below the user profile information, a timeline of the user contributions is shown in the form of social entities. A filter allows all users to change what types of actions are displayed in the list.

![Timeline of user actions](image)

### Related info

- Blog
- Discussions and Attachments
- Discussion topics
- Microblog
- Social comments
BlueSpiceSocial is a group of extensions that add social media features to the wiki. This allows users to quickly communicate on the wiki and to express their opinions on pages more easily.

Usage / features

BlueSpiceSocial provides the architecture for all Social extensions. It contains base classes, SourceTitle namespace, SocialEntity ContentModel, notifications, etc.

This extension is required by all Social extensions. Without another Social extension (e.g., BlueSpiceSocialBlog), this extension has no effect.

The following Social extensions are available:
- SocialArticleActions
- SocialBlog
- SocialComments
Technical information

Rights (permissions)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Permission</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Default role</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>social-deleteothers</td>
<td>delete SocialEntities that have been created by other users</td>
<td>admin, maintenanceadmin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>social-editothers</td>
<td>edit SocialEntities that have been created by other users</td>
<td>admin, maintenanceadmin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>social-source</td>
<td>administrative access to SourceTitles in the SocialEntity namespace</td>
<td>maintenanceadmin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Requirements

This extension requires BlueSpiceFoundation.

More info

For detailed description and usage, visit our help page.

Demo

You can test different social functions in our BlueSpice Demo.