

Blog

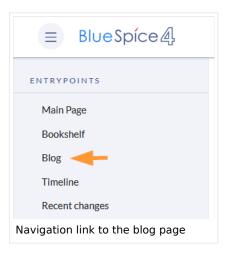
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The extension *BlueSpiceSocialBlog* is part of *BlueSpiceSocial*, the communications module of BlueSpice. In addition to the type blog, there are other types of so-called social entities, such as *comment*, *discussion topic*, *attachment*, or *microblog*.

About the blog

Basically, a blog is a list of comments, questions, or feedback from different users. The blog is often sorted chronologically. Lively communication can arise when blog entries are further commented, recommended, linked with related articles, or placed on a personal watchlist. The blog is ready to 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.



Characteristics and features

- A blog entry consists of a title and content.
- Comments: Users can leave comments to each blog entry.
- Actions:
 - Delete: Editors can delete their own posts. Administrators can delete all posts. Deleted posts are no longer displayed. Exception: Administrators see deleted items with a red background and can restore them.
 - Recommend: Blog posts can be recommended. It is possible to generate a list of posts with the
 most recommendations via the timeline filter. (See: Embedding the blog on a page)
 - Linked page: Every blog entry is connected to a wiki page by the system. By default, this is the main page of the wiki. However, other pages can be added as "Linked page". Blog entries can then be filtered for linked pages via the Special:Timeline page.
 - O Watch: Own blog posts and comments are automatically added to the watch list.
- Permissions: It is possible to allow users with read permissions on the wiki to comment on blog entries.
 See: BlueSpiceSocial Permissions.

Adding the blog to a page

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.



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": "Template:Blog"
       'preloadedentities": [{
           "type": "blog"
      "headlinemessagekey": "Community-Blog",
      "showheadline": true,
"usemorescroll": false,
      "morelink": "Special:Blog",
      "limit": 5,
      "sort": [ {
           "property": "timestampcreated",
"direction": "DESC"
      }],
"lockedfilternames": [
           "type"
     "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 paramaters to create the output.





Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description	Туре	Def va
1 -	headlinemessagekey	Header text	string	Tim
header	showheadline	Show the header text	boolean	true
	showentitylistmenu	Show or hide the blog menu	boolean	true
	showentityspawner	Show the menu item for creating a blog entry	boolean	true
	availablesorterfields	Determines which data fields are included as sorting options in the sort menu. Example: allow sorting only by date created or by the user who created a blog entry: "availablesorterfields": ["timestampcreated", "ownerid"] Sorting Creation date List of typical sort fields	array	all
		Determines which settings for sorting the user cannot		



Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description	Туре	Def va
	lockedoptionnames	change.	array	[]
2 - blog menu	availablefilterfields	Determines which data fields are included as filter options in the filter menu. Example: allow filtering based on Creation date and Linked pages: "availablefilterfields": ["timestampcreated", "tags"] Creation date to © 22.11.2019 Linked pages ©	array	all
	lockedfilternames	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"] Creation date to ① 22.11.2019 Linked pages ②	array	[]
	persistsettings	Initial settings and custom sort and filter settings are included in the page url. The url can then be used to create a link to the page with the same filter and sort settings. "persistsettings":true	boolean	fals
		Shows the text field for creating a new blog entry. If it is not set, the text field is not available.		



Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description	Туре	Def va
3 - new blog entry	preloadentities	To show the text field: "preloadedentities": [{"type":"blog"}]	array of objects	-
4 - existing blog entry	outputtypes	It defines the display format of the blog entry. Standard types are: <i>List, Short, Default, Page.</i> (see examples) Each blog entry is a "social entity".	object	Det
	limit	Defines how many social entities are loaded initially.	object	Det
4a - avatar	-	Shows the avatar of the user who created the blog entry or comment. It is displayed in all output types except <i>List</i> .	-	-
4b - info area	-	Link to the comments and "last edit" info.	-	-
4c - blog entry content	-	Shows the text body of a blog entry. The output type Default collapses the blog entry content after the first paragraph with a "More" link.	-	-
4d - actiion menu	-	Actions: edit, delete, recommend, Linked page, watch h functionality of the Edit Delete to make sure that our wini users	-	-
5 - new comment	-	Text field for creating a new comment.	-	-
6 - existing comment	-	Comments include the social tag <i>Recommend.</i> Each comment is a "social entity".	-	-
	morelink	Link target of the "more" button. For blogs, it makes sense to link to the page <i>Special:Blog</i> .	str	Spe Tim
	useendlessscroll	More blog entries are automatically loaded after the user scrolls to the end of the blog.	boolean	true
7 - "more"		Shows a "more" button below the blog which loads more		



Element	Parameters	Parameter and element description	Туре	Def va
button	showentitylistmore	blog entries on click. This is only possible if useendlessscroll is set to false.	boolean	fals

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



Property	Description
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"
}]
```

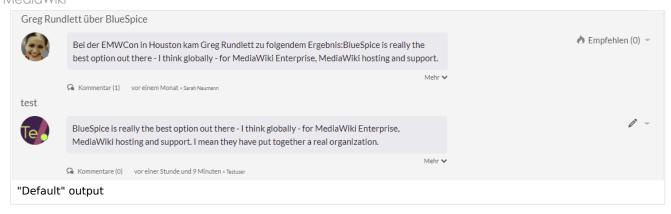
Output type examples

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):

Default

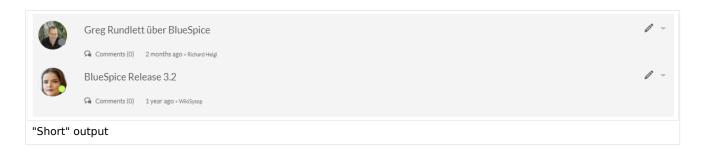
The output type *Default* shows the content of a blog entry truncated after the first paragraph. To view the full text, users can click on the *More* link.





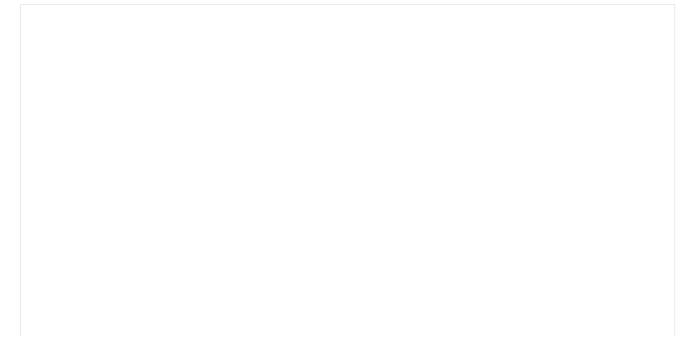
Short

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.

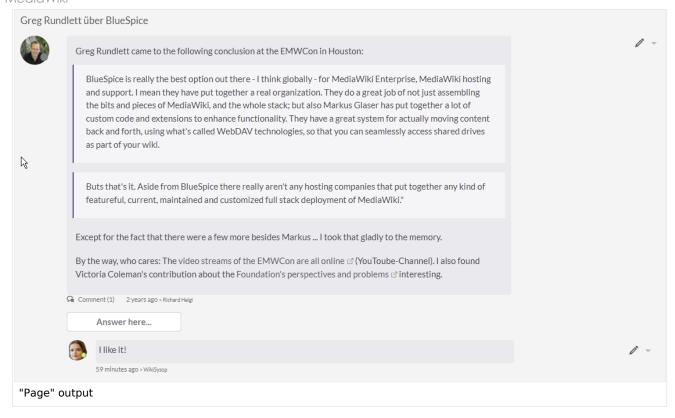


Page

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

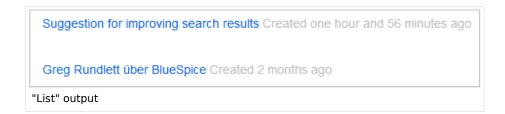






List

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

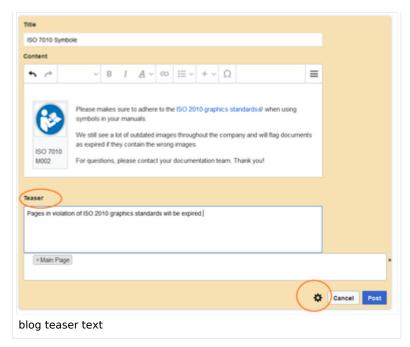


Configuration

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.





• **Show entrypoint "Blog":** Shows a link to the page *Special:Blog* in the main navigation.

Related info

- Micro-Blog
- Discussions and Attachments
- Discussion topics
- Social comments
- User Profile
- Linked pages
- Reference:BlueSpiceSocial

