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Description

The MassEditRegex extension allows administrators perform a single edit across multiple pages in one step, by running a regular expression over the content of each page. This is well suited to performing simple edits such as renaming a template, adding pages to a category, or correcting typos (all of which can be done in the same edit operation by supplying multiple regular expressions.)

Installation

Download

Download and place the file(s) in a directory called MassEditRegex in your extensions/ folder.

Activation

Add the following code at the bottom of your LocalSettings.php:

```
require_once "$IP/extensions/MassEditRegex/MassEditRegex.php";
```

Configuration

This extension comes with an extra user right called "masseditregex" to allow fine grained control of which user groups may use this extension. By default it is assigned to no user group. In case you would like to assign it to a user group e.g. "masseditregexeditor", add the following code to you "LocalSettings.php" file right after the lines added in step (3) of the installation process:

```
$wgGroupPermissions['masseditregexeditor']['masseditregex'] = true;
```

Alternatively you may grant the permission to an existing user group, e.g. "sysop" by adding the following line:

```
$wgGroupPermissions['sysop']['masseditregex'] = true;
```

Known issue

Server-side execution is the default as it (should) be faster. However editing large numbers of pages will cause server timeouts due to PHP limits on script execution time. To work around this (and perhaps to get better feedback on progress) you can tick 'execute in browser' to have the job tracking done on the client-side. This should mean timeouts are no longer a problem.

Usage

Once the extension has been installed and permission masseditregex to use MassEditRegex has been given, go to "Special:MassEditRegex" and fill out the edit form. Familiarity with regular expressions is required to use this extension.

See also

Extension:Replace Text - A similar extension which however will not work if you set $wgCompressRevisions = true; for your wiki.

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