Automation

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Time is the most valuable contribution
My Goals

- For this Discussion to be:
  - Friendly, Respectful, Productive

- Bridge the Gap
  - Recognize there is a problem
  - Our opinions may differ
  - Let’s find common ground to benefit everyone
Data Consumer Goals

- Low barrier of entry
  - Understand Everything
  - Do as Little as Possible - Clear Contract
Contributor Goals

- Flexibility
- Convenience/Guidance (esp for beginners)
- Be **Valued** and **Needed**
Woes

- 70794 !!!
- Communication Breakdown
  - Participants don’t speak the same “contract” language, even in the same community
- Data Without Meaning has Negative Net Value
Wikipedia Bot Lessons

- Caused Many Problems
  - Botopedias
  - Interfered with Editing
- Solved Many Problems
  - Vandalism
  - Quality
  - Tedious Tasks
  - Welcome New Users
Wikipedia Lessons 2

- Bots must be easy to stop and revert
  - Community must be in control

- Bots must be easy to create
  - Low barrier of entry
  - Avoids “hidden bots” (semi-automated edits) problem
Been There... Done That... Still Alive...

How can we?

- Improve communication of “concepts”
- Make reverts easier
- Increase the number of useful bots
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