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BASEKAMP team: 03:34:36

hey Aharon - will you play operator again?

Aharon: 03:35:18

hello every1!

Aharon: 03:35:25

sure.. hold on..

BASEKAMP team: 03:35:28

But...

Aharon: 03:35:45

but..?

BASEKAMP team: 03:35:56

Aharon, we haven't had word from everyone yet... as to whether they're ready to be called

Aharon: 03:36:09

oh! i see!

Mia Jankowicz: 03:36:15

Hi all, I don't think I have a headset. Is there a way we can do an audio test?

Aharon: 03:36:24

give me a shouut then when its when..

BASEKAMP team: 03:36:40

you're one of the first on this chat -- so all that discussion will happen here (about who's ready for audio).

BASEKAMP team: 03:36:52

Hi Mia

Mia Jankowicz: 03:36:57

Hi:)

Aharon: 03:37:17

hi Mia :)

reneeridgway: 03:37:33

mia, hi great you are here

Mia Jankowicz: 03:37:56

Hi renee

reneeridgway: 03:38:13

headphones are probably not necessity but keep volume down

Aharon: 03:38:48

hi renee

reneeridgway: 03:39:02

hi aharon

reneeridgway: 03:41:13

just wondering where Prayas is

reneeridgway: 03:41:22

might have to wake-up call him

Aharon: 03:41:43

hi.. sorry.. am juggling a few windows here and a phone with a friend that has a name server difficulties.. should b fine shortly..

reneeridgway: 03:41:57

ok, just getting everyone together

reneeridgway: 03:42:03

Stephen just came online

stephen wright: 03:43:28

hello all

Aharon: 03:44:04

hi stephen

reneeridgway: 03:44:10

hi

reneeridgway: 03:44:32

just called Prayas for his 4:45 wake-up call

stephen wright: 03:44:38

are we doing this by audio?

reneeridgway: 03:44:42

yes

stephen wright: 03:44:50

so call me!

Mia Jankowicz: 03:44:58

I would really like to do a test

Aharon: 03:45:03

i will ;)

Aharon: 03:45:20

ok mia - i'll call u to test..

BASEKAMP team: 03:45:25

Hi Mia, yes, we should do a test before we 'start' ;) good idea

Mia Jankowicz: 03:45:28

thanks

Aharon: 03:45:29

hi magda

magdalenatc: 03:45:48

hello everyone

reneeridgway: 03:46:10

i Magda

Mia Jankowicz: 03:46:31

this signal is very bad , I will try my other computer which has faster wireless access

BASEKAMP team: 03:46:34

as it usually goes... we have a bit if text chatting to start

reneeridgway: 03:47:07

Prayas is coming... needs a couple a minutes

Mia Jankowicz: 03:47:24

ok, signing off so I can sign on the other computer and my cable internet... bye for now

BASEKAMP team: 03:47:31

okay

Prayas Abhinav: 03:47:36

am online now

Mia Jankowicz: 03:47:39

could you you re-invite me in a mo

reneeridgway: 03:48:12

hi Prayas

Prayas Abhinav: 03:48:19

hello

BASEKAMP team: 03:48:21

by the way, there are a few people using the 'basekamp username

BASEKAMP team: 03:48:37

right now, it's scott & mary on 'basekamp' (more ppl usually show up later)

Prayas Abhinav: 03:48:50

btw it is 3:45 here not 4:45!

BASEKAMP team: 03:48:57

and renée is sitting at the same table using 'reneeridgway' :p

reneeridgway: 03:49:11

shit

BASEKAMP team: 03:49:17

(o)

reneeridgway: 03:49:18

sorry abot that

BASEKAMP team: 03:49:21

heh

stephen wright: 03:49:28

what time is it here?

BASEKAMP team: 03:49:29

(devil)

reneeridgway: 03:49:33

the world was wrong, or did you change time?

reneeridgway: 03:49:50

wordl clock did not include daylight savings

stephen wright: 03:50:03

i know what time it is, until i am asked.

reneeridgway: 03:50:15

sorry Prayas, but very glad you are here.. my aplogies for waking you up

Mia Jankowicz: 03:50:34

HI again

reneeridgway: 03:50:40

here, where is here?

Prayas Abhinav: 03:50:40

all good :) I was wondering why my alarm didnt work... it wasnt supposed to...

reneeridgway: 03:50:43

hi Mia

reneeridgway: 03:51:11

we are almost ready to go

Mia Jankowicz: 03:51:28

ok, its a little quiet but I think I can manage

BASEKAMP team: 03:51:50

ok, so the way tihs works is...

BASEKAMP team: 03:52:14

we find out who wants to join by voice...

BASEKAMP team: 03:52:20

and aharon will play operator...

BASEKAMP team: 03:52:44

for those of you who prefer nt to (or can't) do audio now...

BASEKAMP team: 03:52:59

we will try to type what's being talked abotu - is a summary kind of way

BASEKAMP team: 03:53:08

here in the chat...

BASEKAMP team: 03:53:31

and we can all type in the chat here, and those of us on audio will try to address what's being typed ...

BASEKAMP team: 03:53:33

ok?

BASEKAMP team: 03:56:00

sound checking...

BASEKAMP team: 03:58:54

garrett is here now as well (emo)

Aharon: 03:59:10

hi garrett

BASEKAMP team: 03:59:11

scott introduced renée

BASEKAMP team: 03:59:33

(anyone is welcome to wrote notes, etc - we're tag-teaming it here at bkamp)...

BASEKAMP team: 04:00:03

renée is introducing the n.e.w.s. initiative

BASEKAMP team: 04:00:53

(if anyone wants to take over the audio chimes at each discussion intervall... ;) taht's be great (music)

BASEKAMP team: 04:01:26

the news contributers met at ISEA --- and renée is now summarizing some of that process

BASEKAMP team: 04:01:45

(renee is tele-prompting --- :D)

BASEKAMP team: 04:02:11

outline --
1. technical questions
2. books or blogs?

BASEKAMP team: 04:02:55

3. Q of Moderators or Contributers? (tight-knit team or revolving?)

BASEKAMP team: 04:03:02

4. News event calendar

BASEKAMP team: 04:03:31

5. Poll -- is the poll getting old? what next?

BASEKAMP team: 04:03:45

6. Tagging?

BASEKAMP team: 04:04:14

7. Asian Biennales? (topic as an example)   --- Planning th eyear

BASEKAMP team: 04:04:26

agnda..

BASEKAMP team: 04:05:37

1+2 ... beign dsicussed now...

BASEKAMP team: 04:05:44

Aharon asked about a mailing list ---

BASEKAMP team: 04:06:02

renée says yes - there is one --- I think she's taking abuot a uni-directional list

BASEKAMP team: 04:06:37

is there a diff between 'disdcussion list' & a 'newsletter' -- what is the benefit?

BASEKAMP team: 04:07:52

aharon is briefly outlining some benefits of a discussion list --- in specific relation to how n.e.w.s. already operates

BASEKAMP team: 04:08:24

could tie with the already existing goal of weekly (periodic) topics & 'events' etc

BASEKAMP team: 04:09:10

prayas says thsi could be a way to engage more people, contributers and site users

BASEKAMP team: 04:09:25

Stephen, can you hear now?

BASEKAMP team: 04:09:52

Renée jsut mentioned (Mia's?) comment about rotating contributers

BASEKAMP team: 04:10:06

aharon says he felt the site is a bit closed - makes one feel estranged

BASEKAMP team: 04:10:28

prayas mentions some community-building options ---

BASEKAMP team: 04:10:35

one is community voting

reneeridgway: 04:11:26

lost stephen

BASEKAMP team: 04:13:22

mia, we're continuing text notes

BASEKAMP team: 04:14:10

stephen suggests that news needs more sustained discussion / argument etc, in order to decide how to change directions

BASEKAMP team: 04:14:35

a suggestion is to have more engageent - and then see whete things can go from there

BASEKAMP team: 04:15:14

stephen discusses love (inlove)

BASEKAMP team: 04:16:04

the 'we' is born from a collective disastifaction with eisting structures

BASEKAMP team: 04:16:15

(existing, rather)

Aharon: 04:18:01

is mia about?

Mia Jankowicz: 04:18:23

hi there, b ack again

Mia Jankowicz: 04:18:31

had a glitch and had to restart.

reneeridgway: 04:18:37

ok, kool

Mia Jankowicz: 04:18:59

thanks

Mia Jankowicz: 04:19:33

catching up on text notes

BASEKAMP team: 04:22:20

aharon - please increase volume (slightly)

Mia Jankowicz: 04:22:26

ok, that didn't work. You can try calling again or I'll just follow with the notes

Mia Jankowicz: 04:22:51

ta, sorry about this

BASEKAMP team: 04:22:53

aharon introduces anonymitiy as a strategy for developing a 'we'

Aharon: 04:23:12

mia r u here??

Mia Jankowicz: 04:23:17

I am now

Aharon: 04:23:30

can u hear us?

BASEKAMP team: 04:23:47

question from renée mia... coming in a moment...

Mia Jankowicz: 04:24:00

can't hear vey well

stephen wright: 04:24:23

renée posted this mind-boggling riff on lev manovich's research -- so fascinating that it inspires any amount of discussion, but so complex that it is awe-inspiring.

BASEKAMP team: 04:24:26

mia, we were talking about the collective 'we' ... and stephen was discussing the collective 'me' (is that right?)

BASEKAMP team: 04:25:25

scott askes stephen if it's possible to summarize that refernce? (n the context of what he's saying now)

BASEKAMP team: 04:25:47

staphen, we lost you --- but not for long i hope

BASEKAMP team: 04:27:40

are you saying theh news crew needs soem clarification of their infvividual desires, in order to then establish soem of their 'collective' desires? (desires, in the sense that everyone knws what they're working on together and why)

BASEKAMP team: 04:28:23

prayas questions whether 'posting more' is the answer

BASEKAMP team: 04:28:34

perhaps an info overload --- somethign more emotional

BASEKAMP team: 04:28:43

how abuot a love cahnnel?

BASEKAMP team: 04:28:58

(h)

BASEKAMP team: 04:29:03

(u)

BASEKAMP team: 04:29:21

we necver loose setehen for very long

BASEKAMP team: 04:29:28

stephen that is...

BASEKAMP team: 04:30:04

magda asks a Question: the convo seems between peole already involved in n.e.w.s. --- so ... the Q is how were the contributers chosen?

BASEKAMP team: 04:30:50

Renée says that several people came togehter untder the auspices of the gate foundation...

BASEKAMP team: 04:31:09

the goal was to be as (geo-diverse?) as possible...

BASEKAMP team: 04:31:28

the goal was to focus on 'diverse curatorial positionings'

BASEKAMP team: 04:31:51

one issue is that only the current contributers are paid (there is some drive to change this)

stephen wright: 04:31:53

listen, i know that mia has strong opinions on visibility, violence, gender; renée has opinions about data use. but a collective we, a common desire is about more than themes: it's about style, tone, elective affinity. i don't think we need

face time to figure that out, but we need something...

BASEKAMP team: 04:32:34

renee concludes answering thaby aying tha tright now news is engaged in the 'technical' possibilities...

BASEKAMP team: 04:33:24

bookmarking 'the we'

BASEKAMP team: 04:33:33

garrett suggested we move on ;)

BASEKAMP team: 04:34:13

..for the same of addressing further topics

Prayas Abhinav: 04:34:14

'the we' could also be the thread we adress from different perspectives (technical, etc.)

BASEKAMP team: 04:34:59

texty is a good way to interrupt too ;)

Mia Jankowicz: 04:35:10

ah ok

BASEKAMP team: 04:35:46

prayas suggests that discussing the other topics could also be more specific ways to address the 'we' from other directions

BASEKAMP team: 04:35:55

...technology, procxedures, etc

stephen wright: 04:36:07

okay, prayas, i see your point. but i see the differences of point of view to be rather significant. i mean, i believe in what i call "artophagic" art -- ie. art that eliminates art.

BASEKAMP team: 04:36:47

scott's opionion: n.e.w.s. is NOT bout what Stephen is talkign about

BASEKAMP team: 04:37:07

....it can accomodate your perspective on this Seophen, but it doesn't seem to represent everyone involved...

stephen wright: 04:37:25

i know it can accommodate my perspective.

BASEKAMP team: 04:37:29

...otehr initiatives I think are more defined by what you are saying (I can think of one)

stephen wright: 04:37:34

i'm not talking about my perspective

Prayas Abhinav: 04:38:32

so what it does it mean to know? intellectual cues? multi-sensory cues?

BASEKAMP team: 04:39:17

stehen is evaluating of how good a sense of the various contributers, and suggests 'we' need more time

BASEKAMP team: 04:39:45

'good a sense' of each other that is

BASEKAMP team: 04:44:02

scott Quesion :can the polls be used to ask these very questions? (abut people;'s preferences on how the site can be orgnized, by tags etc)?

BASEKAMP team: 04:44:25

then more people can be engaged in the 'feedback' process

BASEKAMP team: 04:45:09

rené askes the Q agin - how does one becoem a contributer?

BASEKAMP team: 04:45:16

aharon thinks this is central to the project

Prayas Abhinav: 04:45:21

we could tag each other's content

BASEKAMP team: 04:45:24

(aharon - volume ++ plz)

stephen wright: 04:45:43

i'm afraid i can't hear clearly what's being said.

Prayas Abhinav: 04:46:03

yes

BASEKAMP team: 04:46:48

aharon describes seeing an 'inside' and 'outside' circle, nd is not sure hwo beneficaial that is

BASEKAMP team: 04:47:13

aharon suggests that tagging can be opened more -- pryas concurs, that tagging cn be open to any 'registered' user

BASEKAMP team: 04:48:06

aharon points a 'top-down' structure, and says that it needs to be very abstract for this model to work -- so ne option is to make it more 'horizontal'

Prayas Abhinav: 04:48:39

http://northeastwestsouth.net/site/node/195

BASEKAMP team: 04:48:47

thx

Prayas Abhinav: 04:49:27

comments are here: http://northeastwestsouth.net/site/node/202

BASEKAMP team: 04:49:57

aharon is right - spam can be controlled in multiple ways technically, and procedurally

BASEKAMP team: 04:50:26

prayas suggests there may be other reaosns, like getting a sense of community (the 'we') ifor limiting contributership for now

Aharon: 04:50:46

http://northeastwestsouth.net/site/node/202 - doesnt work..

BASEKAMP team: 04:50:52

stephen, who can you hear the best - if anyone

BASEKAMP team: 04:51:11

? we can also summarize by text... in the menatime

Prayas Abhinav: 04:51:16

oh - mabe you need to sign in?

BASEKAMP team: 04:51:26

aharon is going to try to conference call again

Mia Jankowicz: 04:51:31

ok

Mia Jankowicz: 04:51:38

am getting about half of everything!

reneeridgway: 04:52:01

aharon, it works

reneeridgway: 04:52:07

just checked

reneeridgway: 04:52:15

sorry Mia

magdalenatc: 04:52:15

hi guys,

BASEKAMP team: 04:52:26

hi magda - do you want to be on audio

reneeridgway: 04:52:32

just doing a restart to see if that helps the connection

magdalenatc: 04:52:33

i am going to use this 'opportunity' :) and disconnect

Aharon: 04:52:47

mia there are problems with your sound device

Mia Jankowicz: 04:52:50

I think so

reneeridgway: 04:52:52

ok, thanks Magda.. was that an exit strategy

Mia Jankowicz: 04:53:02

I can just follow by IM, and comment that way also

magdalenatc: 04:53:15

it was inteersting to follow your discussion

Aharon: 04:53:17

magda is busy

magdalenatc: 04:53:45

hi, aharon,

magdalenatc: 04:53:57

[00:22:50] magdalenatc says: i am going to use this 'opportunity' :) and disconnect

Mia Jankowicz: 04:54:02

Hi, it won't let me pick up. Don't worry about it.

Aharon: 04:54:16

oh :(have a good time magda

Mia Jankowicz: 04:54:18

I'll follow the summaries

magdalenatc: 04:54:34

[00:23:33] magdalenatc says: it was inteersting to follow your discussion

Aharon: 04:54:37

yes.. it tells me u have a problem with the sound device..

magdalenatc: 04:54:50

i will be interested to read the rest of it later

magdalenatc: 04:55:05

best to all of you

BASEKAMP team: 04:55:19

cool magda, we'll catch up later :) bye

magdalenatc: 04:55:31

take care (wave)

Mia Jankowicz: 04:56:23

Would someone be able to summarise?

Aharon: 04:56:48

we talk about pluses and minuses of moderation

Mia Jankowicz: 04:56:53

thanks

Mia Jankowicz: 04:56:54

:)

Aharon: 04:57:34

moderation as a kind of care taker of a discussion

Aharon: 04:58:46

..or as someone who pushes discussion to where he/she wants to..

Aharon: 05:01:43

talking about wayne's post about slow time..?

BASEKAMP team: 05:02:11

weng

Aharon: 05:02:44

oh!

BASEKAMP team: 05:02:51

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Prayas Abhinav: 05:03:07

yes, what we need is a reporter maybe?

BASEKAMP team: 05:03:23

personally, I have a similar feeling to stephen's re: the term 'moderator'

BASEKAMP team: 05:03:48

Prayas -- i thinik that sounds more appropriate -- reporters is what news seems to claim

Prayas Abhinav: 05:03:52

oops all disconnected?

BASEKAMP team: 05:04:08

.. and in a sense that's what you are (a few selected ones)

Aharon: 05:04:17

prayas - r u here?

BASEKAMP team: 05:04:34

and the news focus... well, that's 'diverse curatorial positionings'

Aharon: 05:04:40

mia r u here?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:04:42

yes

BASEKAMP team: 05:04:57

bye mary

reneeridgway: 05:06:41

contributors to the site?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:06:51

yes

reneeridgway: 05:06:59

as there is often no response... should there be a trust model

Mia Jankowicz: 05:07:04

Still here, following

reneeridgway: 05:07:09

as stated in the Position Statement?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:07:10

how would that work?

Prayas Abhinav: 05:07:22

sorry the router crashed - back now

Prayas Abhinav: 05:07:34

how do I connect again?

BASEKAMP team: 05:07:54

suggestion -- the info about 'how to contribute' from the position statement coudl be make MORE EXPLICIT somehow -- on the home page, etc

BASEKAMP team: 05:08:05

(it's a straight forward suggestion)

BASEKAMP team: 05:08:23

shit

Mia Jankowicz: 05:08:40

this makes sense.

reneeridgway: 05:08:57

hang on, we are restarting

Mia Jankowicz: 05:08:59

OK

reneeridgway: 05:09:02

ok, now up agains

BASEKAMP team: 05:09:51

stephen suggests defining the political / ethical dimension of n.e.w.s. , perhaps more explicitly

Aharon: 05:10:02

stephen talks of adding a text about news political dimension

BASEKAMP team: 05:10:31

first renée

BASEKAMP team: 05:10:47

then (who wants to comment to stephen's question)

BASEKAMP team: 05:10:56

(I do.. but I will wait my turn :p)

reneeridgway: 05:11:23

mia, Stephen says we need to change the Statement Position

BASEKAMP team: 05:11:24

stephen asks for feedback to this question from the others (he has heard from renée, but not everyone else on n.e.w.s.)

reneeridgway: 05:11:45

technical points now

Mia Jankowicz: 05:11:49

ok

reneeridgway: 05:11:53

about how it's not a Wiki

stephen wright: 05:11:57

no not technical

Prayas Abhinav: 05:12:09

a book page with edit and revisions is "close" to a wiki page

reneeridgway: 05:12:16

well, no I am being brief and Stephen if you wnat to write

stephen wright: 05:12:43

i dont just go and dismantle and remantle other peoples writing if i dont know where theyre coming from and they dont know who i am and what our subjectivities are about

Mia Jankowicz: 05:13:17

Yes; this is fine if you are aiming for wikipedia's 'NPOV'

Mia Jankowicz: 05:13:37

but not if you are talking from a position, which we all are

Aharon: 05:13:39

NPOV = ?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:13:45

utral point of view

reneeridgway: 05:13:50

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view

Mia Jankowicz: 05:13:53

neutral

Aharon: 05:13:54

thanks :)

reneeridgway: 05:14:01

like wikipedia

reneeridgway: 05:14:08

or the way it tries to be

Mia Jankowicz: 05:14:10

which is the difficulty in forming a 'we'.

reneeridgway: 05:14:20

yes,

stephen wright: 05:14:20

scott and i can cowrite texts because we know each other and have a history of discussion that breeds trust

Aharon: 05:14:20

it doesnt have to be neutral

Mia Jankowicz: 05:14:40

however I think we are working with a limited idea of 'cowriting a text'

reneeridgway: 05:14:42

Ok

reneeridgway: 05:14:53

i have a suggestion to Stephen, for this

stephen wright: 05:15:07

lets go for an "unlimited" idea

Aharon: 05:15:09

what is the limitation u refer to, mia?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:15:09

it seems like the model in mind is still very driven by the print text 'ancestor'

BASEKAMP team: 05:15:11

did you all hear me? i wasn't sure

stephen wright: 05:15:19

no

BASEKAMP team: 05:15:26

ah

BASEKAMP team: 05:15:28

errr

BASEKAMP team: 05:15:36

can you hear renée now?

Prayas Abhinav: 05:15:37

yes - I for one, am always happy and open to my text being edited and drastically morphed or changed altogether

reneeridgway: 05:16:00

hang on

Mia Jankowicz: 05:16:00

But not only that, we are talking about a single-voiced, linear piece of writin.

stephen wright: 05:16:09

 yes but you want your own conceptual vocabulary recognised

reneeridgway: 05:16:15

we are

Mia Jankowicz: 05:16:19

Why can't a comment thread be considered a 'collaborative text'?

stephen wright: 05:16:45

it can. but in the case of the position statement, it needs to be rewritten not threaded.

Aharon: 05:16:49

it is

Mia Jankowicz: 05:16:51

oh for sure

Mia Jankowicz: 05:17:01

I was talking more generally,

Aharon: 05:17:18

we were talking about what if u want to go into someone elses text

Prayas Abhinav: 05:17:32

true - we need to re-write / edit and then discuss those changes. instead of discussing the text

BASEKAMP team: 05:17:34

going to text...

BASEKAMP team: 05:17:49

what I was saying ---

stephen wright: 05:17:49

mia, if i just go and rewrite your text, tell me you're not going to complain about my arrogance!!

BASEKAMP team: 05:17:52

in short

Mia Jankowicz: 05:18:12

No, this is not reallymy point

BASEKAMP team: 05:18:19

forget it

Aharon: 05:18:19

she wouldn't complain if she can bring things back

Aharon: 05:18:42

i think the notion of "your" "main" text is not helpful here..

stephen wright: 05:18:57

my point is: i wouldn't as a collaborator change anything essential to her subjectivity.

BASEKAMP team: 05:19:18

scot sez: stephen, i wholly agree with what you're saying...

Mia Jankowicz: 05:19:20

Stephen, I think aharon is getting to what i am talking about

stephen wright: 05:19:21

I would only change orientation, while accommodating her conceptual vocab

BASEKAMP team: 05:19:45

and not to play both sides, but I also agree with the idea oc co-editing texts

Aharon: 05:20:01

you might, stephen - but as a system, it is open to other interpertations of how to do it..

BASEKAMP team: 05:20:01

when I said 'that's a technical question' -- it was not to belittle the question...

BASEKAMP team: 05:20:24

we are talking about the technology you/we can use on a website...

stephen wright: 05:20:40

I TOTALLY agree with co editing, co writing. For me that means reading between the lines -- like I do between my own
lines

BASEKAMP team: 05:20:59

there can be areas where contributers add text from their own voice, incorruptible, soverign... and completely distinguishable from comments

BASEKAMP team: 05:21:58

..on the other hand, there are other areas -- on a websit, and in culture (like a 'declaration' or manifesto, which needs to be collective), this can be acocmplished in a different 'area' of the site, using wiki-like functionality

BASEKAMP team: 05:22:24

stephen, you are just talking about the procedure for determining when co-editing can heppen

Aharon: 05:22:37

yes.. you will get people who will be subtle and others who essentially write notes into a text..

BASEKAMP team: 05:22:42

right

Mia Jankowicz: 05:22:58

http://www.futureofthebook.org/blog/archives/2007/07/commentpress_10.html

Aharon: 05:23:01

..or just try to tae to a different linguistic direction..

reneeridgway: 05:23:27

i am working with Future of the Book..

Mia Jankowicz: 05:23:28

This is commentpress. Made for adding comments into the body of a blog post, rather than at the bottom.

Mia Jankowicz: 05:23:33

Ah ok :)

BASEKAMP team: 05:23:56

this functionality is available on the n.e.w.s. website already. It just needs ot be enabled.

Mia Jankowicz: 05:24:02

really!

BASEKAMP team: 05:24:05

yes

BASEKAMP team: 05:24:25

that's part of what I meant by 'wiki-like' functionality

BASEKAMP team: 05:24:42

the site can save versions... it can even show the 'diff' between revisions

BASEKAMP team: 05:24:58

and it will 'credit' who made which revisions, and order them by date

Mia Jankowicz: 05:25:06

ok

BASEKAMP team: 05:27:40

Scott's opinion: co-editing requires agreements between contributers. These agreements need to be explicit, and there even needs to be some agreement in advance of how agreements are reached. Otherwise the 'credibility' of such agreements are in question.

BASEKAMP team: 05:29:47

there need to be deliberation, leading to some agreements on 'what', 'why', and even 'how' co-editing takes place. otherwise, why bother? that isn't to say that everyone even needs to agree fully -- it can be a more agonistic process -- as long as there is some basic agreement on procedures, that no one feels strongly opposed to the process and direction of co-editing.

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:29:48

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[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:30:22

I'm curious to see how/if the n.e.w.s. group comes to a direction and process...

[Aharon](#):   05:30:55

i think it might also b useful to use the idea of stuff from all over the place in the ways people come together.. or rather bring stuff together..

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:31:03

Stephen, I don't know if you got to read any of this (both the technical, and then the procedural / ethical coments I made here)

[stephen wright](#):   05:31:38

Agonistic sounds good

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:32:30

...and the technical will need to be in the service of that procedural goal (if all agree on the agonistic model) -- in my opinion

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:34:14

(Aharon -- Joseph is joining the chat, a regular 'potlucker', and will read over the text chat before possibly entering the audio later)

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:34:18

hi Joseph

[Joseph del Pesco](#):   05:34:23

Hi everyone

[Mia Jankowicz](#):   05:34:26

hi

[reneeridgway](#):   05:35:12

interpreting

Prayas Abhinav: 05:35:25

interpreting, mashup, remix

[reneeridgway](#):   05:35:36

different ways of blogs, that there are ways of adding

[stephen wright](#):   05:35:45

i strongly support individual(istic) blogs, with agonistic books

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:35:59

It sounds like there should as well be some area where people can NOT remix one's contributions

[stephen wright](#):   05:36:02

collectively authored books that is

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:36:08

ah - stephen, exactly

[stephen wright](#):   05:36:30

right, an area where nobody can fuck with other people's little garden

[stephen wright](#):   05:36:54

and another area where its an orgy of rewriting and ratatouille

[BASEKAMP team](#):   05:37:10

in my opinion - with the site's framework (and within the project's 'framework') that's not only entirely possible, it's

necessary

Prayas Abhinav: 05:37:16

yes - that might be a way

BASEKAMP team: 05:38:07

and maybe not alone as it turns out...

Prayas Abhinav: 05:38:24

the blog goes on...

BASEKAMP team: 05:38:28

...one's own, then 'matches' (or clashes) with other's own

BASEKAMP team: 05:38:46

then collaboration can happen in a 'seperate' area

BASEKAMP team: 05:39:28

...there could also be the possibility of 'tampering' with an existing text elsewhere (without removing the initial text)

Prayas Abhinav: 05:39:52

a new "instance" of it...

BASEKAMP team: 05:39:52

aharon suggests that co-editibility might best be user-decided

stephen wright: 05:40:07

i think the 'tampering" in the case of blogs has to do , as mia suggeted, have to do with threads

BASEKAMP team: 05:40:11

prayas - yes, exacctly

Mia Jankowicz: 05:40:16

yes

BASEKAMP team: 05:40:40

it all depends on what you 'desire' (what it is you want to do with each procedure)

Mia Jankowicz: 05:40:49

I'm all for the thread becoming far more important/interesting than the original blog post.

stephen wright: 05:40:59

it usually is

BASEKAMP team: 05:41:07

you can have 'forums' where it's ALL about disccussion, organized by topics

Mia Jankowicz: 05:41:12

in my case, anyway :D

BASEKAMP team: 05:41:14

that's a thread approach

stephen wright: 05:41:26

but there is a case to be made for not modifying certain artefacts

Mia Jankowicz: 05:41:30

this i am veyr keen on, though i don't know if it would work for us

BASEKAMP team: 05:41:50

or you can have a blog/comment setup you have now (that retains the initial author's text, and allows discussion to follow)...

Mia Jankowicz: 05:41:52

Forums tend to need a lot of input to be lively.

stephen wright: 05:42:09

yes they doooooooooo

BASEKAMP team: 05:42:12

Mia - I agree -- if that's waht you want in certain areas, or during certain times

stephen wright: 05:42:28

i'm waiting, mia, for part 2 of your last post

Mia Jankowicz: 05:42:40

it is being polished

Mia Jankowicz: 05:42:43

...

BASEKAMP team: 05:43:03

instant-messaging-styla chat-boxes (like this) are even MORE lively and fast-paced... which is even more useful than a forum sometimes.. sometimes less! (depending on what you want for the occasion)

Prayas Abhinav: 05:43:22

a shoutbox for n.e.w.s?

Mia Jankowicz: 05:43:39

what IMgains in speed it loses in accountability and clarity

BASEKAMP team: 05:44:04

there certain ly could be, if you want. but again, (in my opinion) each of these forms should be made clear as to how these each operate, clear about when they are used, and clear about why.

Mia Jankowicz: 05:44:15

forums allow for ultimate accountability, and almost nerdish adherence to a point. In my experience. is a shout box an IM thing?

BASEKAMP team: 05:44:31

Mia, yes, - likea chat room

Mia Jankowicz: 05:44:31

(I agree with basekamp team)

Mia Jankowicz: 05:44:36

ohh no!

Prayas Abhinav: 05:44:39

an embedded shoutbox on a site

Mia Jankowicz: 05:44:45

please no chat room.

Prayas Abhinav: 05:44:49

:)

Mia Jankowicz: 05:44:58

:D

BASEKAMP team: 05:45:17

live nude webcams

Mia Jankowicz: 05:46:14

oh dear

reneeridgway: 05:47:33

scott is talking

reneeridgway: 05:47:43

and I am trying to summarize

BASEKAMP team: 05:47:44

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Mia Jankowicz: 05:47:46

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reneeridgway: 05:47:48

he suggests

reneeridgway: 05:48:11

coedited text area is for writings that are suppsoed to reflect a group of people

reneeridgway: 05:48:25

somethng people write up together

reneeridgway: 05:48:35

Aharon question: he wonders

stephen wright: 05:48:36

the advantage of a coedited area is the possibility to reinvent writing, and by that i mean the collective imaginary

reneeridgway: 05:48:54

collaborative texts in groups

stephen wright: 05:49:56

since the renaissance, our imaginary has been geared toward individual authorship. but it is an illusion to pretend we can parachute into another paradigm. that,s why collectivism has failed so far.

Prayas Abhinav: 05:50:12

like working groups - that is usually very productive

reneeridgway: 05:50:19

the books are now to singular

reneeridgway: 05:50:29

they need to be a group

BASEKAMP team: 05:50:53

                         stephen, i totally am (as you know) desperately interested in this... However, I don't really think this is the goal of n.e.w.s. necessarily

stephen wright: 05:51:47

this cannot be a kolhkoz of writing. the impossible community that we are cannot just band. we need to acknowledge our singularities. plural. if we are to speak in the we

BASEKAMP team: 05:52:07

...not saying this intention/attitude/awareness/approach couldn't be applied ot n.e.w.s. -- only that perhaps n.e.w.s. as a project is not best situated to fulfil every desire -- perhaps other projects can have more specific focuses

Mia Jankowicz: 05:54:11

i like the idea of this being something that comes out of common interests via the blogs... stephen, ingrid and I all wrote independent but interconnected posts that could to my mind become the beginnings of a 'book' - if we were all equally convinced that we were aiming somewhere in the same direction.

stephen wright: 05:54:32

agreed

Mia Jankowicz: 05:54:43

finding the common interest first via subjective points of view, and then movin g it over to the collaaborative environment

BASEKAMP team: 05:54:58

Mia - aharon is describing this proecess now -- almost word for word

BASEKAMP team: 05:55:01

:)

Mia Jankowicz: 05:55:04

hehe

stephen wright: 05:56:06

time for me to retire. as usual.

BASEKAMP team: 05:56:21

it's about that time... (~) renée as moderator is wrapping up