

# **Assist - Patrolling edits**

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# 1 Assist - Patrolling edits

It's important that the quality of pages in Assist is high, and we reuse where possible.

Therefore, every edit made by users who are not system administrators are logged and marked as unpatrolled edits.

That allows administrators of Assist to patrol edits to ensure quality and prevent spamming.

Currently this is a manual process, but many elements will be automated with time.

## 1.1 Reference

[https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Patrolled\\_edits](https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Patrolled_edits)

## 1.2 Configuration

All administrators are naturally granted the autopatrol right (none of their edits require patrolling) and the patrol right (the ability to patrol unpatrolled edits).

Administrators can assign other users to the administrator group, to increase the number of users patrolling changes.

Administrators can add the patrol right to individual users.

The system has been configured to email selected administrators with details of all changes, so that they can be patrolled. To change or remove this:

- Edit `/path/to/Assist/LocalSettingsAdditional.php`
- Change `$wgUsersNotifiedOnAllChanges` with the users to be notified, as an array e.g. `['uid1', 'uid2']`.

As a (better) alternative to this email notification, consider the use of <https://feeder.co/reader> instead. You can set up a basic free account (or use without an account).

- Go to your Assist of choice.
- Click Recent Changes
- Make sure settings are low, say 300 changes in recent day or hours.
- Click "Atom" in the Wiki Tools toolbar
- Chrome should open a page allowing you to follow the feed. Choose *Feeder* and click **Follow**.
- This should then be added to your Feeder list.

You will then receive a Chrome notification whenever a page is updated (usually within 10 minutes).

You can click on the link to be shown the page directly in Feeder, where you can see the changes made.

Consider also adding this as an extension to Chrome - the extension is called "RSS Feed Reader", search for this or "Feeder" in the [Chrome Web Store](#)

## 1.3 Patrolling

To mark an edit as patrolled

- Access `Special:RecentChanges`
- Changes which are not patrolled display with a red exclamation mark (!).
- Click the (diff) link next to an edit.
- To mark the edit as patrolled, click the Mark as patrolled link.

To mark a new page as patrolled

- Access `Special:NewPages`
- New pages which are not patrolled display with a yellow background.
- To mark a new page as patrolled, visit it and click the `?markaspatrolledlink?` link near the bottom of the page.

To mark a new file as patrolled



- Access Special:NewFiles
- If you want to see only unpatrolled files, check "Hide patrolled uploads"
- To mark a new file or new file version as patrolled, visit it and click the `?markaspatrolledlink?` link near the bottom of the file description.

 **Note:** You can't mark a deleted file or page as patrolled.

