Template wizard
Usability + design audit
Suggested updates

- Show common templates on empty state
- Increase the size of the search box
- Update button states / strings
- Move input field titles and info above fields
- Utilize OOUI required field styles
- Update header styles
- Consider using OOUIs outline dialog
- Alignment tweaks

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Empty state

Currently Template wizard is utilizing a dialog that is similar to the OOUI ‘search widget dialog.’ Both have similar layouts, however the OOUI search widget dialog includes a list of search items.

Including this list would allow for commonly used templates to be easily accessible to users.
Search box

The current search box on the Template wizard is smaller than search boxes on OOUI or in similar tools that utilize OOUI.

This small search box can make it harder for users to read or type longer strings.

Moving the search prompt above the input area or utilizing placeholder text would allow for more room for the input area to expand.
Search box persistence

The search box currently persists after a selection has been made by the user. This is not a pattern that is followed in similar tools on VE and it also causes the template form to be pushed further down the model.

Not persisting the search box would allow for more room for the selected template to be shown.

Clearing the search could be accessible through an outline dialog.
Button text and states

On template wizard the insert button is not visible until a user has selected a template. This may cause confusion for some users that by selecting a template to modify, they will in fact be utilizing this template.

Persisting the insert button, but disabling it until a template is selected, as well as changing the search completion button text can help users to better anticipate the system’s response.
Form

Form styling on the Template wizard does not currently adhere to the form styles defined in OOUI, which results in some alignment, spacing and color issues as well as a reduction in text input area width.

Titles should be placed above their respective text input field.

Required parameters should be noted using an asterix and a red border around the text input field if left empty.

Form areas should not have headers.
Info circles

Fixing the form styling issues mentioned in the previous screen would also allow for info circles to be placed above text input areas and aligned with field titles.

Placing the info circles above the field helps with both context (it anchors them to the input title) as well as saving space, therefore allowing for a larger text input area.
Text styling

The current text header style is quite large compared to other elements within the Template wizard. Additionally the HR below the title is unnecessary.

Reducing the size of the header and removing the link from the header text will help to make the design more harmonious and avoid link duplication.
Outline

The Select template tool on Visual editor utilizes OOUIs Outline dialog. The outline dialog allows users to see an overview of all of the input fields included in a template along with an emphasis on required fields.

Additionally, this view allows for the template to be removed and then changed, without requiring persisting the search box.

Utilizing outline would enable users to have an overview of long templates and potentially more control over adding and removing fields.
Alignement

There are a variety of alignment issues with the current Template wizard design. However many (if not all) of these alignment issues would be fixed by adopting the updates outlined earlier in this deck.

Alignment should be rechecked after other updates are made.