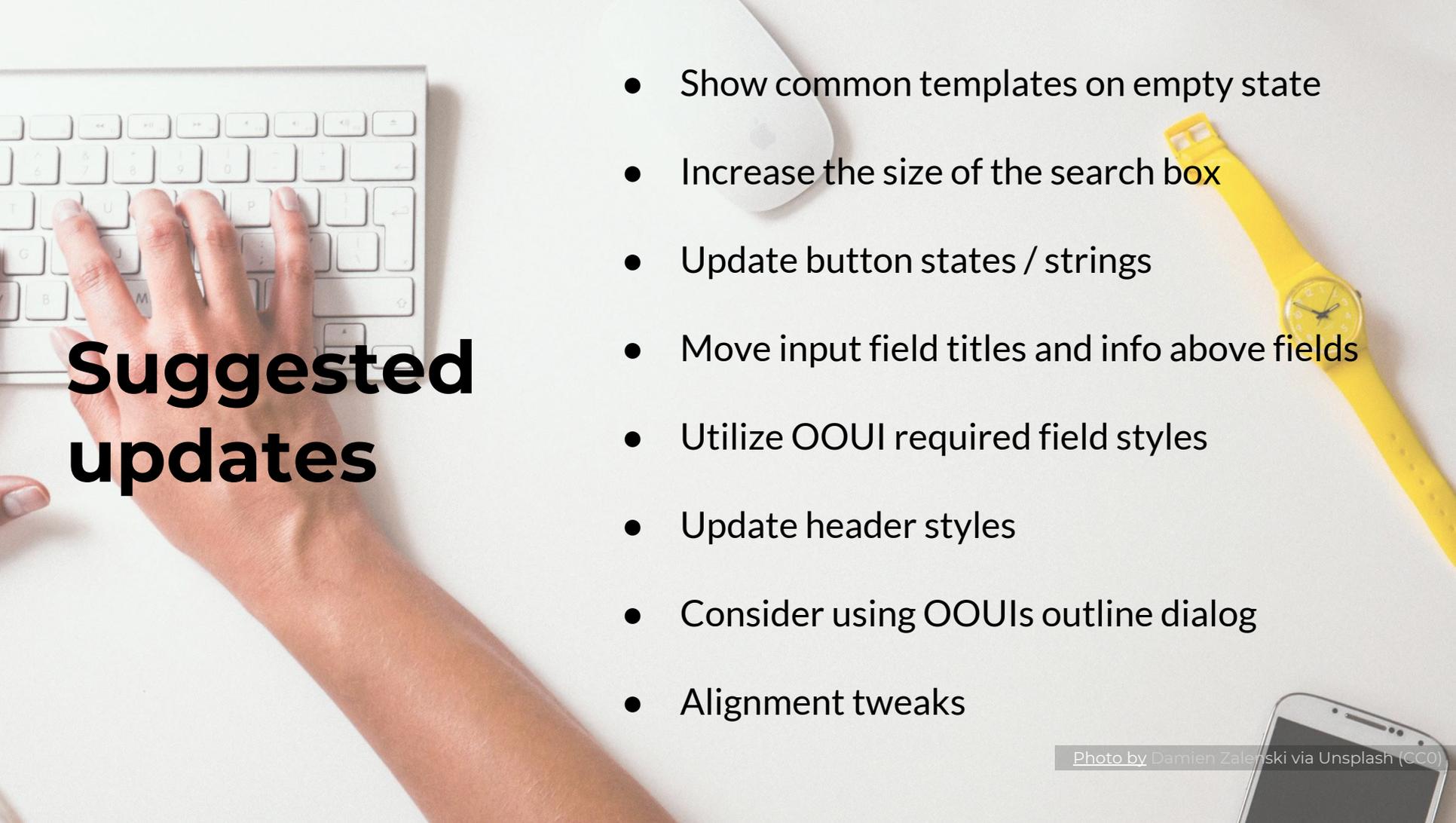


Template wizard

Usability + design audit

A collection of office supplies is arranged on a white surface. In the foreground, a clear ruler with black markings and numbers is positioned diagonally. Above it, a white protractor with an orange border is visible. To the right, a set of brown binder rings is neatly organized. Below the rings, a wooden pencil lies horizontally. Two blue binder clips are placed near the bottom right. The background is a plain white surface.



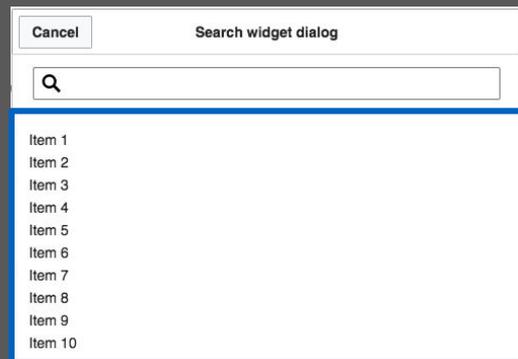
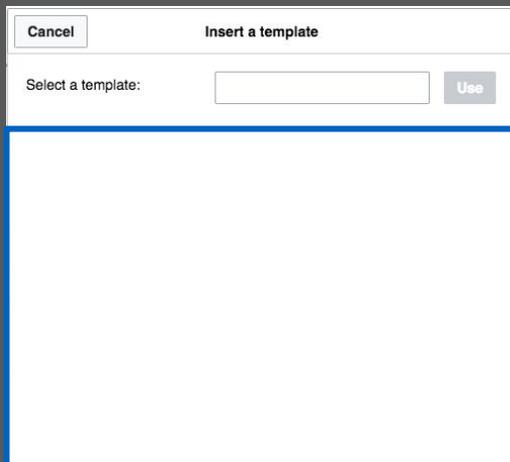
Suggested updates

- 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

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.



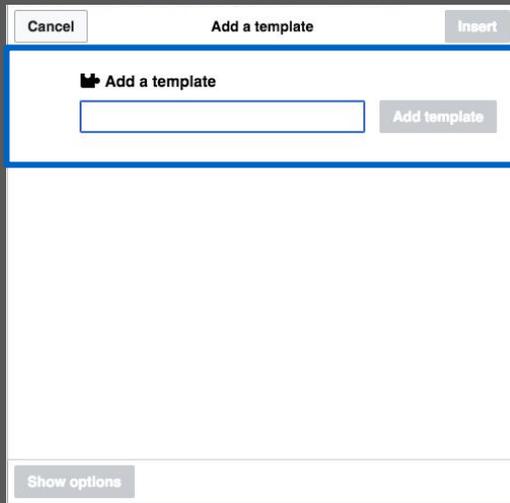
OOUI
Search widget dialog

Search box

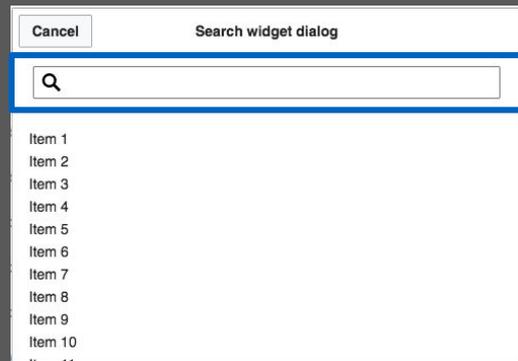
The current search box on the Template wizard is smaller than search boxes on OOUI or in similar tools that utilize OOUI.

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.



Add a template
Search widget dialog



OOUI
Search widget dialog

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.

Cancel Insert a template Insert

Select a template: Infobox person Use

Infobox person

An infobox for articles about people

Required parameters

Name ⓘ *

Optional parameters

Pre-nominals ⓘ

Post-nominals ⓘ

Image ⓘ

Template wizard
Template selected

Cancel Infobox person Insert

Infobox person

An infobox for articles about people

There might be some additional information about the "Infobox person" template on its page.

Name *

*

Add more information

Field name

Pre-nominals

pre-nominals | honorific_prefix | honorific-prefix | honorific prefix
Honorific prefix(es), to appear on the line above the person...

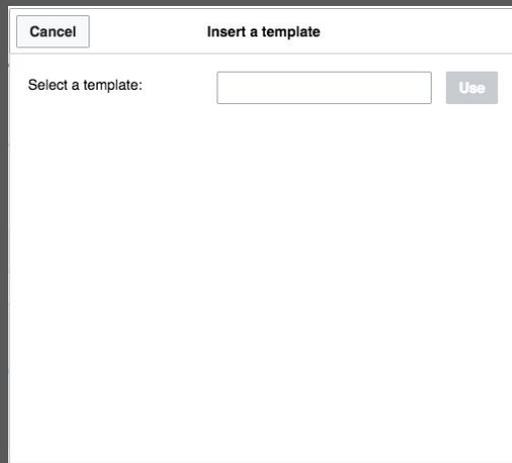
Show options

Add a template
Template selected

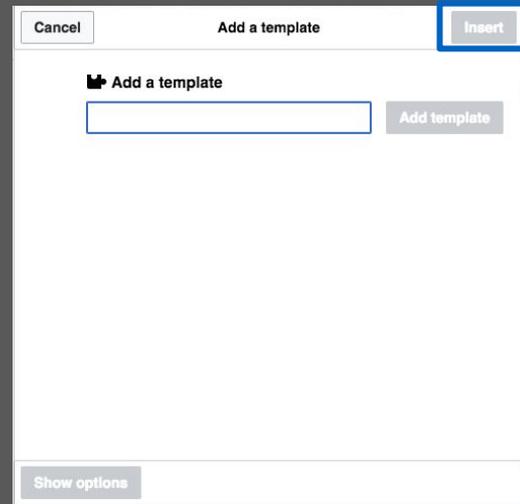
Button text and states

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.



Template wizard
Empty state



Add a template
Search widget dialog

Form

Form styling on the Template wizard does not currently adhere to the form styles defined in OOU, 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 asterisk and a red border around the text input field if left empty.

Form areas should not have headers.

Cancel Insert a template Insert

Select a template: Infobox person Use

Infobox person

An infobox for articles about people

Required parameters

Name ⓘ *

Optional parameters

Pre-nominals ⓘ

Post-nominals ⓘ

Image ⓘ

Template wizard
Template form

Cancel Transclusion Insert

Cite

1

3

title of source *

Add more information

1

3

title of source *

Add more information

Field name

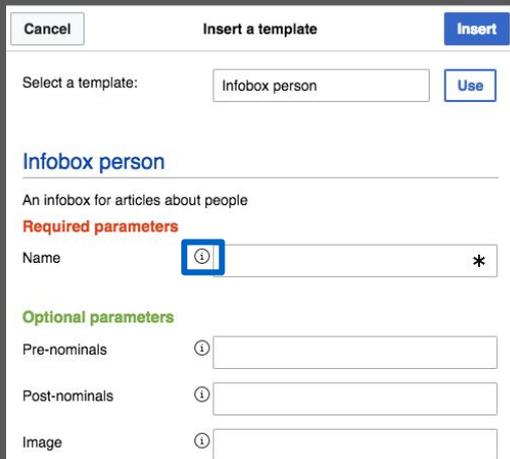
Hide options

Select Template
Template form

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.



Cancel Insert a template Insert

Select a template: Infobox person Use

Infobox person

An infobox for articles about people

Required parameters

Name ⓘ *

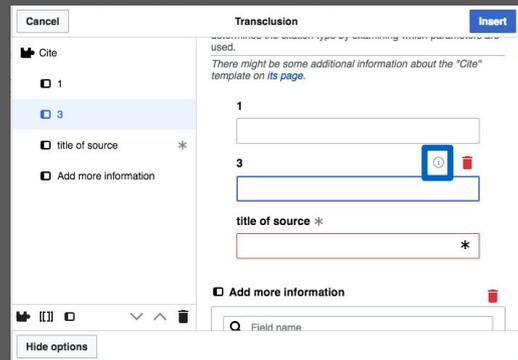
Optional parameters

Pre-nominals ⓘ

Post-nominals ⓘ

Image ⓘ

Template wizard
Template form



Cancel Transclusion Insert

Cite

There might be some additional information about the "Cite" template on its page.

1

3 ⓘ

title of source *

title of source *

Add more information

Add more information

Field name

Hide options

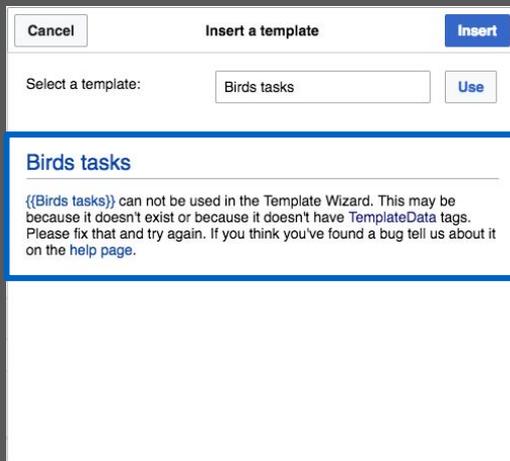
Select Template
Template form

Text styling

The current text header style is quite large compared to other elements within the Template wizard.

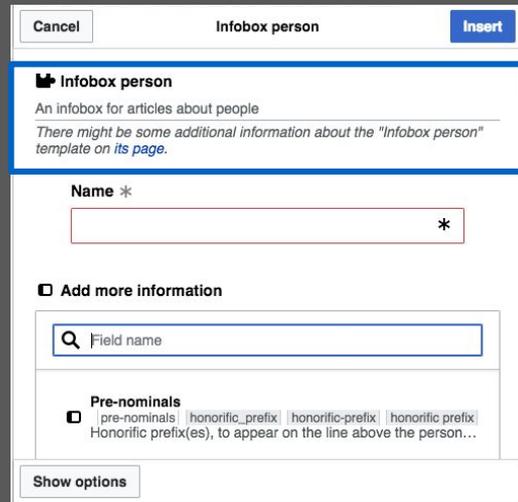
Additionally the HR below the title is unnecessary.

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.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Insert a template". It has a "Cancel" button on the left and an "Insert" button on the right. Below the title bar, there is a "Select a template:" label followed by a text input field containing "Birds tasks" and a "Use" button. A blue border highlights the "Birds tasks" section. Below this, there is a message: "`{{Birds tasks}}` can not be used in the Template Wizard. This may be because it doesn't exist or because it doesn't have TemplateData tags. Please fix that and try again. If you think you've found a bug tell us about it on the [help page](#)."

Template wizard



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Infobox person". It has a "Cancel" button on the left and an "Insert" button on the right. Below the title bar, there is a header "Infobox person" with a plus icon. Underneath, there is a description: "An infobox for articles about people" and a note: "There might be some additional information about the 'Infobox person' template on its page." Below this is a "Name" field with a red border and an asterisk. There is also a checkbox for "Add more information" and a search field labeled "Field name". At the bottom, there is a "Pre-nominals" section with a checkbox and a list of options: "pre-nominals", "honorific_prefix", "honorific-prefix", and "honorific prefix". A "Show options" button is at the bottom left.

Template selector

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.

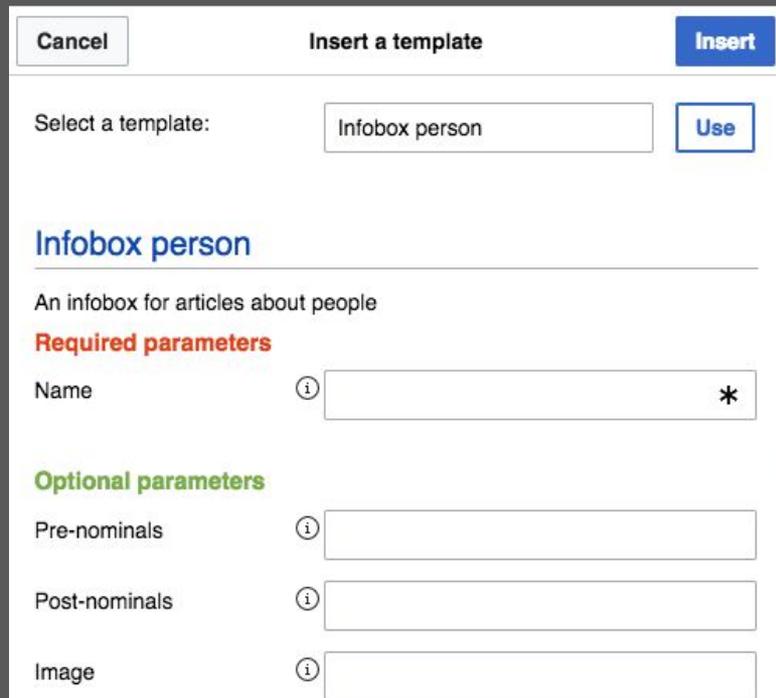
The screenshot shows the 'Transclusion' dialog in the OOUI. On the left, a list of fields is displayed under the 'Cite' template. The fields are: '1', '3', 'title of source *', and 'Add more information'. The '3' field is currently selected. On the right, the corresponding input boxes are shown. The '1' field has an empty text box. The '3' field has a text box with a blue border and a red trash icon. The 'title of source *' field has a text box with a red border and an asterisk, indicating it is required. Below the input boxes, there is a section for 'Add more information' with a red trash icon. At the bottom, there is a search box labeled 'Field name' and a 'Hide options' button. The dialog has 'Cancel' and 'Insert' buttons at the top.

Select Template
Template form

Alignment

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.



The screenshot shows a 'Template wizard' dialog box titled 'Insert a template'. At the top left is a 'Cancel' button, and at the top right is an 'Insert' button. Below the title bar, there is a 'Select a template:' label followed by a text input field containing 'Infobox person' and a 'Use' button. The selected template name 'Infobox person' is also displayed in blue text below the input field. Underneath, a description reads 'An infobox for articles about people'. A section titled 'Required parameters' in red text follows, with a 'Name' label, an information icon (i), an empty text input field, and an asterisk (*) indicating it is required. Below this is a section titled 'Optional parameters' in green text, which includes three rows: 'Pre-nominals', 'Post-nominals', and 'Image', each with an information icon (i) and an empty text input field.

Template wizard