View History / Version Control

To view the history, or version control, of any community, topic, or contribution, log in and navigate to that page. Then click on the **Other Actions** tab and click the **View History** icon (for contributions, click **View History** in the top task bar).

NOTE: Users need not be logged in to see a read-only comparison of the versions.

To compare two versions of a page or document, check the box next to those two items and click the **Compare** button. (You may only compare two items at a time.) From this screen, you may also delete versions by clicking the **Delete** link to the right of each version. As always, caution is urged when deleting items because they cannot be retrieved.

By default, the View History window opens in the **Track Changes** mode showing changes to the Version B document. Changes are highlighted in red (deletions), green (additions), or yellow (formatting changes). Click on the **Go to this Version** link to the right of Version A or B to view that version as it would appear live. (If there's only one version available, clicking this link will take you to the live page.)

From this view, only editors can **Make this the current version** or **Delete this version**. Users may return to the **Current Version** or the **Version History** screen. Clicking the **Current Version** link will remove you from the **View History** function.

NOTE: This screen is only available when there is more than one version to view.

When viewing versions **Side-by-side**, changes from Version A to Version B are highlighted on the right. You may view the changes from Version B to Version A by changing the drop-down menu on both sides. If there are more than two versions of the document, you may change the versions that you are comparing by using the drop-down menus, also. Clicking the **Current Version** link will remove you from the **View History** function. Or you may click the **Back to Version History** to view that screen again.