Vector Theme not available for current version of MediaWiki

You may have noticed Wikipedia[1] has a new interface[2] these days. If you run your own MediaWiki[3] website, the obvious question in your mind is, how can I get these improvements on my site too?

This information is surprisingly hard to find, but the short answer is: you can't yet.

> ### How can I use Wikipedia's new skin (Vector) on my wiki?
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> Vector is not available in MediaWiki versions prior to 1.16, and will be made default skin in 1.17.

—buried in the MediaWiki FAQ[4]

As of the time of this writing (June 2010), 1.16 is still in beta, and 1.17 has no planned release date. Check the MediaWiki version lifecycle[5] for current information.

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1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two_Harbors,_Minnesota
2. http://blog.wikimedia.org/2010/wikimedia-gets-ready-for-some-big-changes/
3. http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/MediaWiki
4. http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/FAQ#How_can_I_use_Wikipedia.27s_new_skin_.28Vector.29_on_my_wiki.3F
5. http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Version_lifecycle