

V1 “Page Group” Feature

UX and user stories

Background

A group mode is among our most requested features. We've done a fair amount of prior thinking here. Key links are below.

- [Group overview](#)
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- [Ad-hoc \(interpage\) groups mockups](#)
- [Page v.s. Interpage Groups UX Comparison](#)

V1 Groups Feature User Stories

1. **As a user**, I would like to be able to quickly, privately annotate a page with people I know-- in the same way I'd use an etherpad for spontaneous collaboration.
2. **As a writer**, I would like to invite an editor to provide feedback on a post, without that feedback being visible to everyone else.
3. **As a blogger and political activist**, I would like to be able to link to my annotations, and to be able to share that link in my posts or on social media; so that people can click on the link and see my commentary on the page, and contribute their own replies.

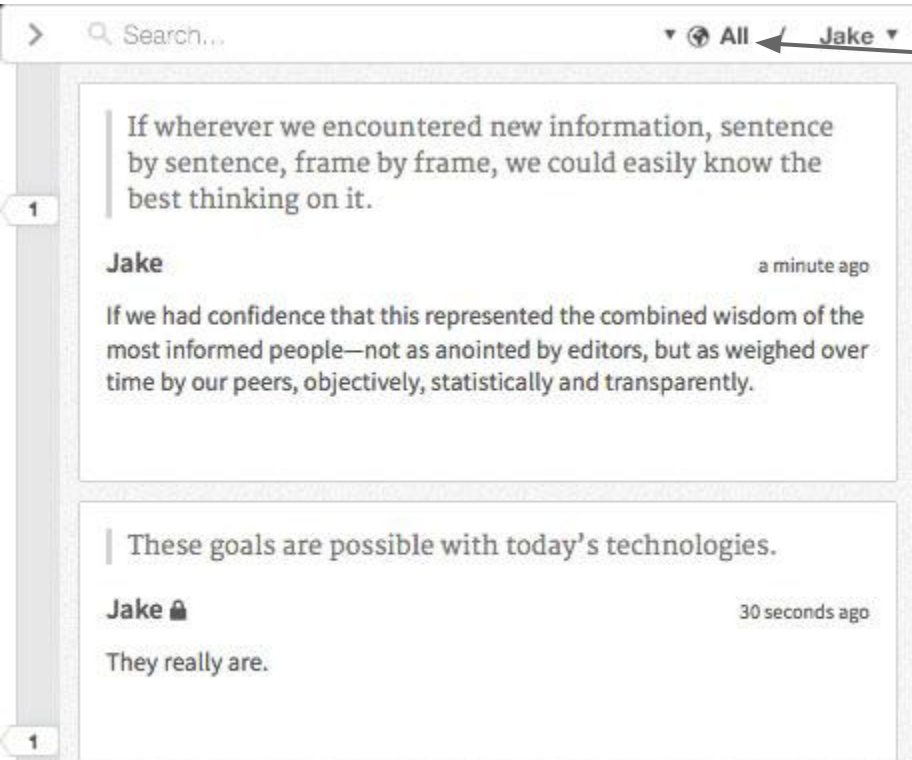
UX

Possible name: *Margins*

People put notes in margins in books and printed pages, so why not on websites?

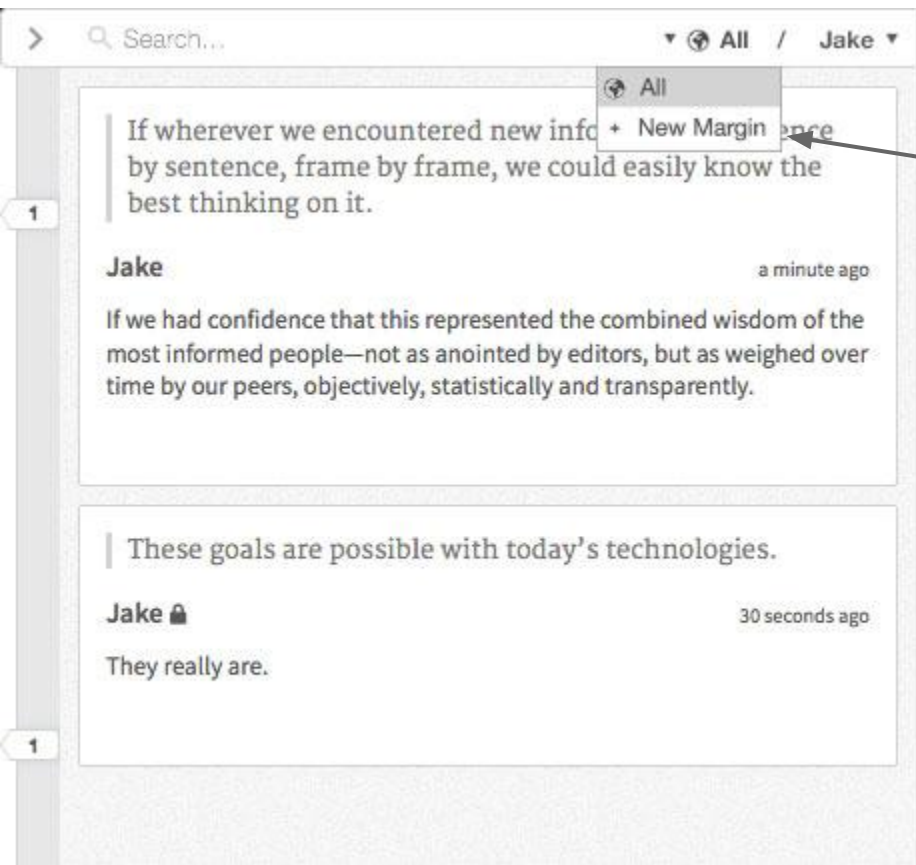
Note: All instances of the term “Margin” in the following mockups can be easily replaced if people hate it.

Creation



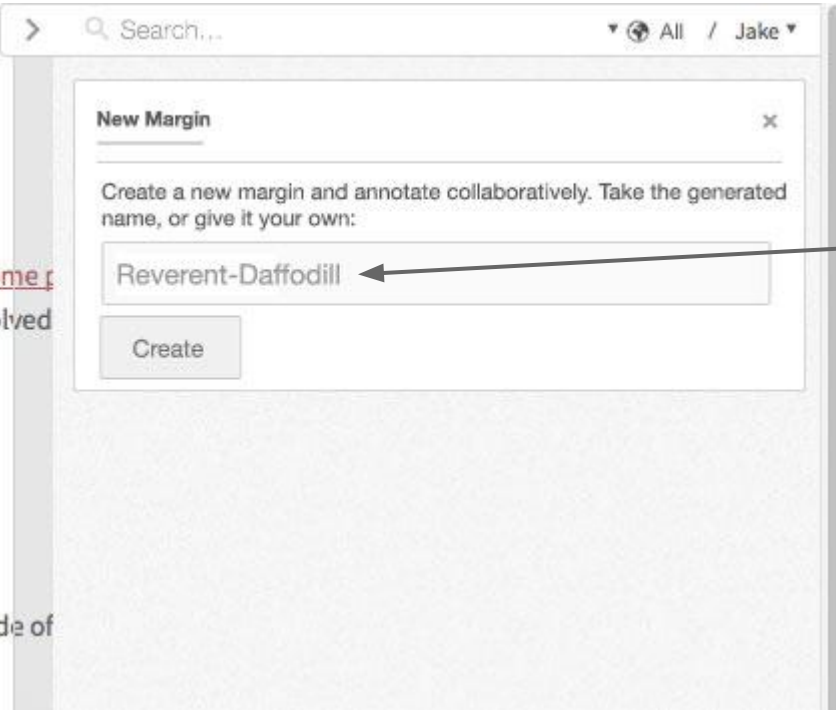
[User clicks on view control]

Creation



[User clicks "New Margin"]

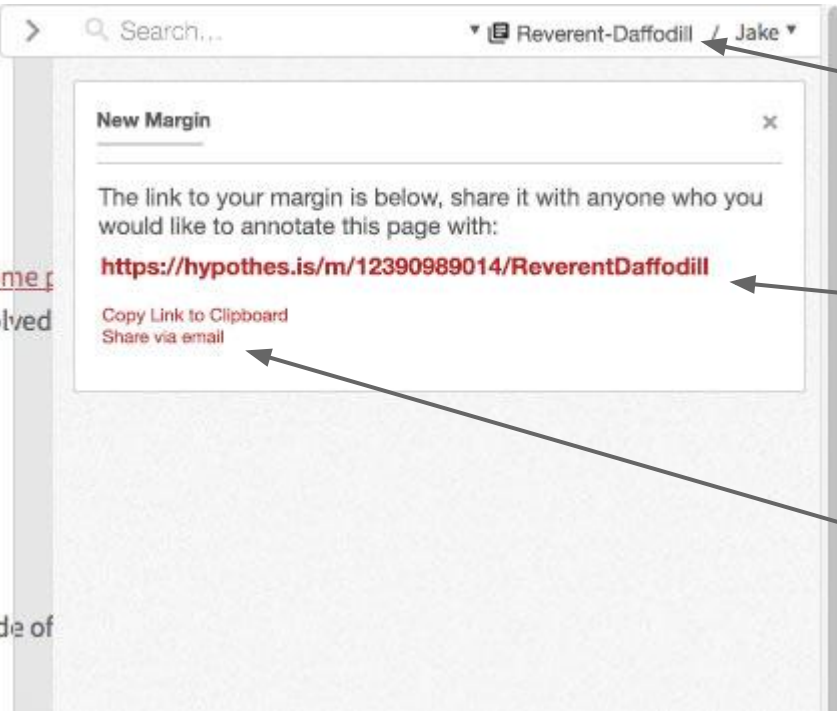
Creation



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a search bar at the top containing the text 'Search...'. Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu showing 'All' and 'Jake'. A modal dialog box titled 'New Margin' is open. Inside the dialog, there is a text input field containing the text 'Reverent-Daffodil'. Below the input field is a 'Create' button. An arrow points from the text 'Reverent Daffodil.' in the explanatory text to the text in the input field.

A group name is generated, in this case “Reverent Daffodil.” The user is able to give it their own name if they wish.

Creation

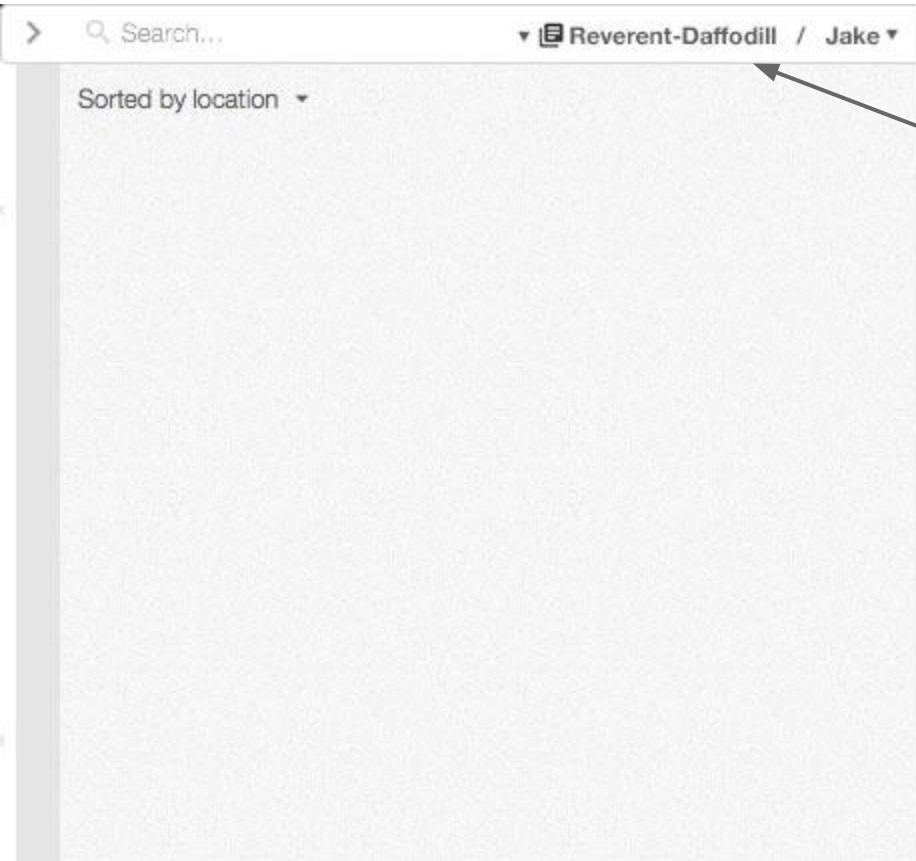


The view is set to the margin.

A link is generated, this can be copied to the clipboard or easily changed.

Share via email pops up a new email with the subject set to "Annotate this" and the link in the body. (optional for MVP)

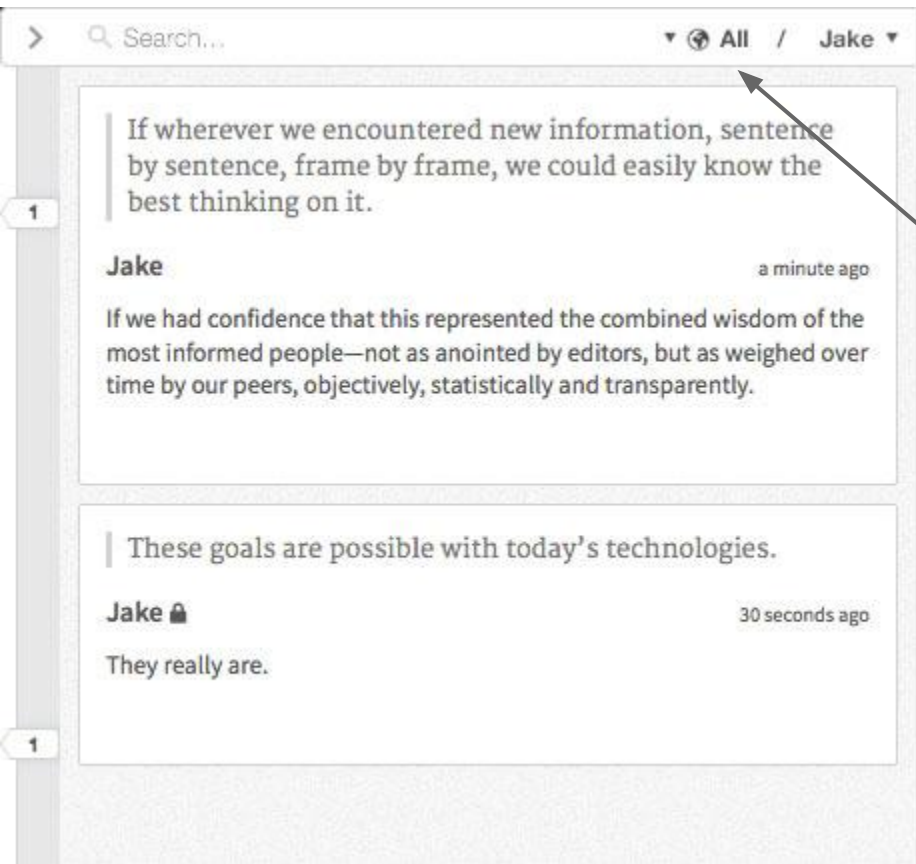
Joining



Joining a page group as simple as clicking the link.

Anyone who visits the page group url is taken to the webpage the group was made on, with the page group set as view.

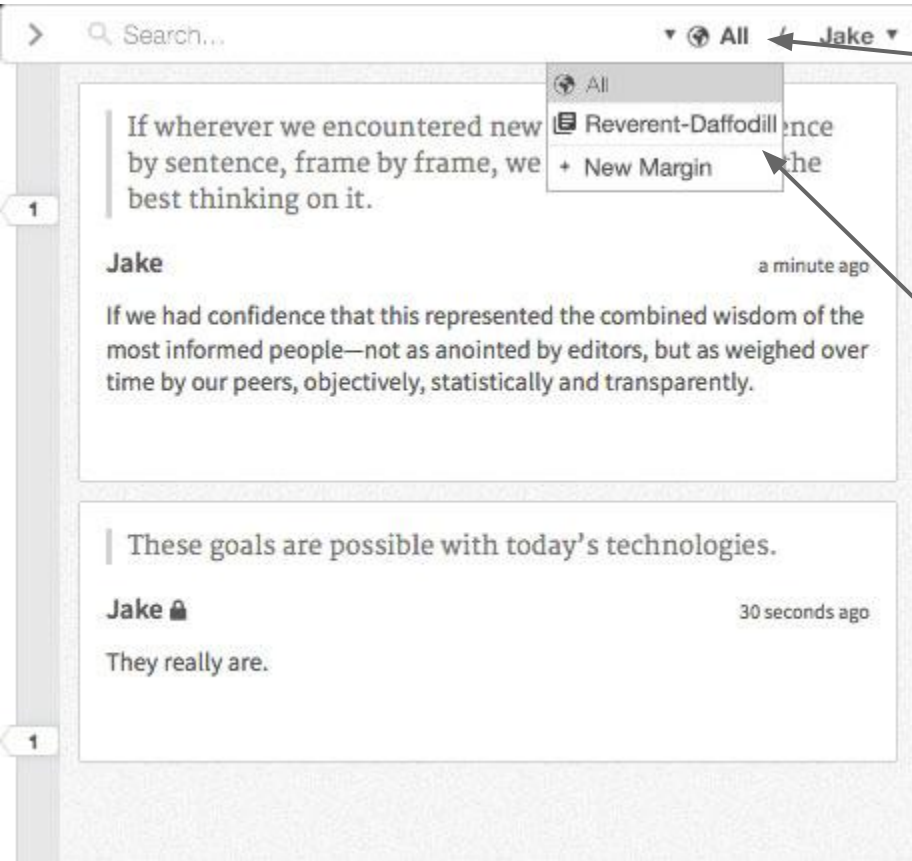
View Control



The view control filters which annotations are shown in the sidebar.

Currently, it is set to "All."

View Control

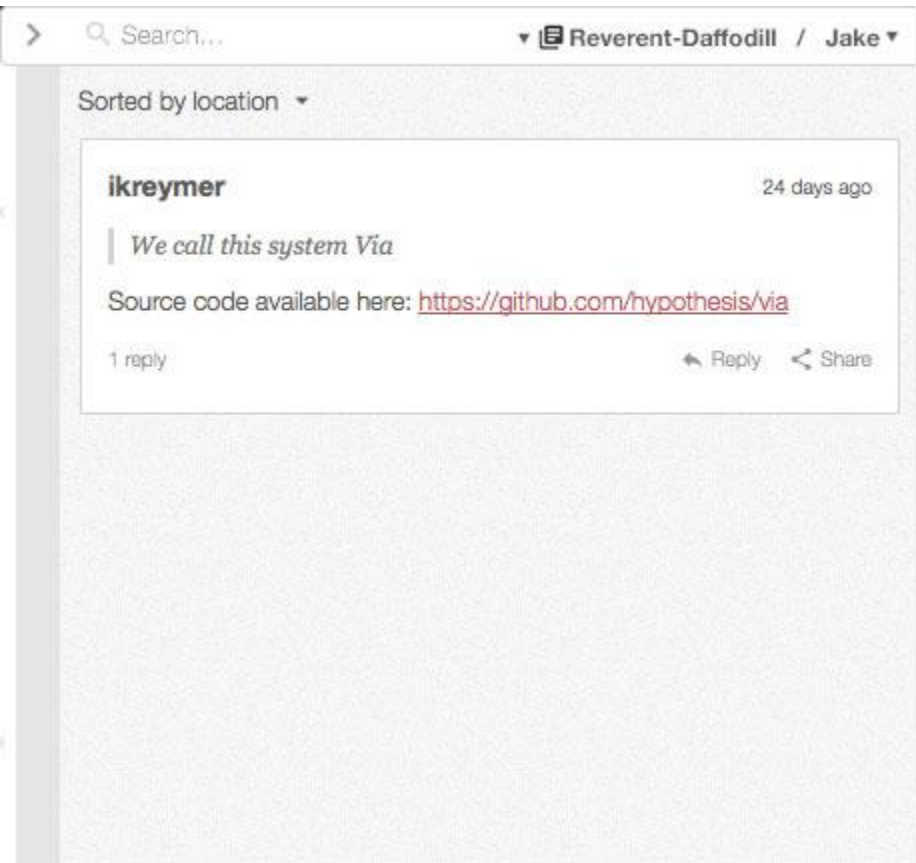


Clicking on the view control toggles a dropdown menu showing the view options available.

Clicking on a page group here changes the view.

[User clicks on the Reverent Daffodil view]

View Control



Now we are seeing all the annotations made on the margin.

Annotation Creation

> Search...

▼ Reverent-Daffodill / JakeHart ▼

Sorted by location ▼

JakeHart Reverent-Daffodill

We've streamlined adding your thoughts to the Web. Our new home page features a field for pasting in any URL and annotating it.

B *I* " " [Link](#) Σ Preview

Add tags...

✓ Save ✕ Cancel

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When a user creates a new annotation on a margin the annotation visibility is tied to the view control.

When the view control is set to “All” users can create public and private annotations.