

How to view the changes

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It may be hard to figure out where the proposers changed the documents during the review process.

IEEE Milestone Wiki has a handy feature to show the changes of arbitrary versions.

Since the Milestone Wiki uses the mediawiki software, the general comparison function is explained in <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:History>

BUT, it is not entirely clear how to use it for a novice user like me.

So I shall explain how to use the feature to compare revisions if you are not familiar with it in IEEE Milestone Wiki yet.

Preliminary step.

Depending on the screen width of the device which you use to access the application URL, the tool bar may not be visible fully. In that case , you have to click the so called hamburger menu that look like the following to expand the menus



Click the above in the window frame to obtain the tool menu items as follows.

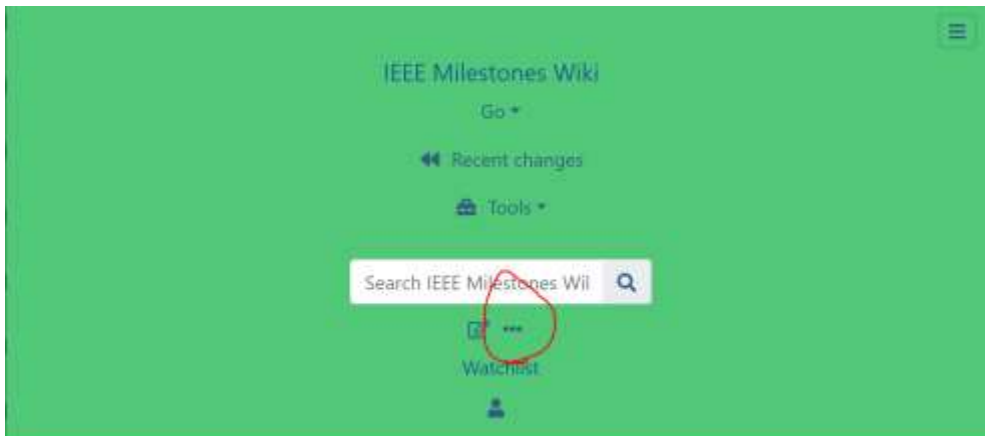
If you are using a PC browser with enough screen width, the menu items may be visible from the start. This is my case.

Now concrete steps to view the changes between the versions posted to the IEEE

Milestone wiki are as follows.

1. Choose the additional edit menu item.

That is next to the Edit menu, the pencil and the paper menu item.



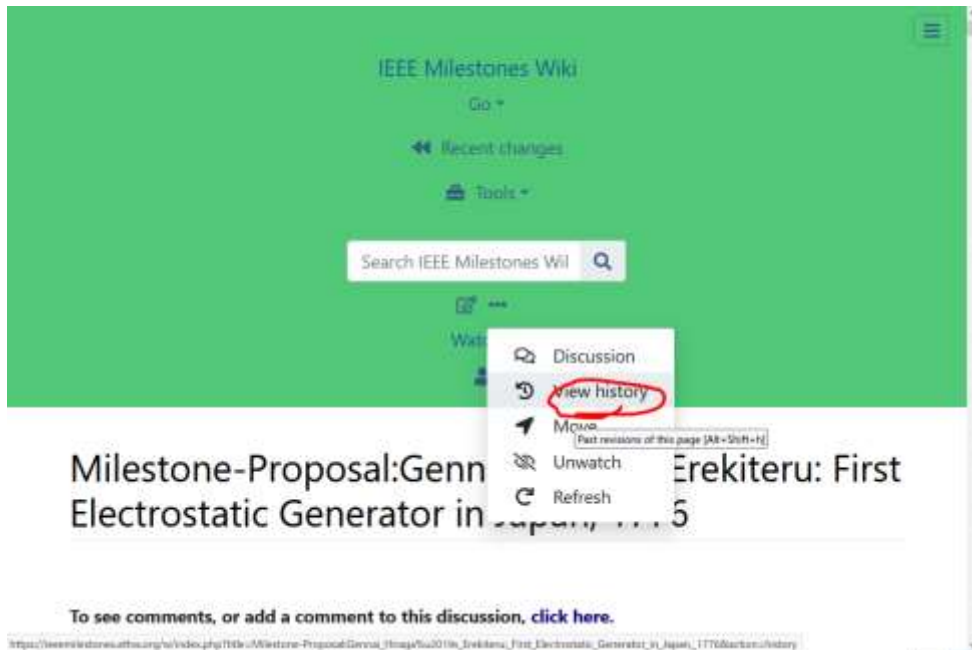
Milestone-Proposal:Gennai Hiraga's Erekiteru: First Electrostatic Generator in Japan, 1776

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2. Choose View History from the extra menu shown.



3. Choose the versions you want to compare in the shown lists.

In the following example, I have selected the latest one and the version on June 4 by clicking the versions. A small circular button changes its color when the version is selected.

4. Then hit the “Compare the selected revisions” button.



The screenshot shows a list of revisions for a Wikipedia article. At the top, there are navigation options: "(newest | oldest) View (newer 50 | older 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)". Below this is a button labeled "Compare selected revisions" which is circled in blue. A blue arrow points to the right from this button. The list of revisions includes:

- (cur | prev) 01:59, 28 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (250,163 bytes) (+525) . . (A clarification about an untranslated portion of a claim in a paper. Lack of evidence and thus the translation was dropped.) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 01:36, 28 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (249,638 bytes) (+143,629) . . (The last commit cut short the bibliography section due to disk issue as before?, a few minor editing changes in the rest of the application) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 22:31, 27 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (106,009 bytes) (+2) . . (Fixed formatting issues of the section (missing ==), and missing "<p>"s.) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 22:28, 27 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (106,007 bytes) (-31,825) . . (undo)
- (cur | prev) 04:08, 27 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (137,832 bytes) (+7,430) . . (Citation and Abstract modified to clarify the big impact on the later reasearch of electricity, a paragraph is moved to Historical impact section from Features _ section, , addaed a few paragraphs about the development of electricity research in Europe, singular 'proposer' changed to plural 'proposers', the banning of [1] added since it is a good indication of closed country policy.) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 21:15, 24 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (130,402 bytes) (+32) . . (Citation modified) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 20:52, 7 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (130,370 bytes) (+5,378) . . (Corrected the copy&paste mistake that was overlooked. The incorrect reference entry was split into two, and [18] was added.) (undo)
- (cur | prev) 18:13, 5 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (124,992 bytes) (+407) . . (undo)
- (cur | prev) 17:44, 5 June 2024 Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs) . . (124,585 bytes) (+40) . . (fixed spellings.) (undo)

Red arrows point to the "Compare selected revisions" button and the selected revision (20:52, 7 June 2024).

5. Then, the comparison is shown in two columns.

The screenshot shows a comparison of two revisions of a Wikipedia article. The header includes navigation links for 'Recent changes' and 'Tools', and a search bar for 'IEEE Milestones Wiki'. The title of the article is 'Milestone-Proposal:Gennai Hiraga's Erekiteru: First Electrostatic Generator in Japan, 1776: Difference between revisions'. Two revisions are compared: one from June 7, 2024, and a later one from June 28, 2024. The comparison is shown in two columns, with 'Line 12' highlighted in both. The left column shows the text from the earlier revision, and the right column shows the text from the later revision. The differences are highlighted with yellow and blue backgrounds. The later revision has added the word 'an' before 'imported' and changed 'Spending' to 'Spending' (with a capital S) and 'restoring it,' to 'restoring it,'.

Revision as of 20:52, 7 June 2024 (edit)
Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs)
(Corrected the copy&paste mistake that was overlooked. The incorrect reference entry was split into two, and [18] was added.)
— Older edit

Latest revision as of 01:59, 28 June 2024 (edit) (undo)
Zephyrus00jp (talk | contribs)
(A clarification about an untranslated portion of a claim in a paper. Lack of evidence and thus the translation was dropped.)

(5 intermediate revisions by the same user not shown)

Line 12:

a3=1776	a3=1776
a1=Elekiteru: First Electrostatic Generator in Japan, 1776	a1=Elekiteru: First Electrostatic Generator in Japan, 1776
plaque citation=In 1778, Gennai Hiraga obtained a broken imported electrostatic generator in Nagasaki.	+ plaque citation=In 1778, Gennai Hiraga obtained an imported broken electrostatic
- By 1776, he had spent six years repairing and restoring the first friction-induced electrostatic generator in Japan. He used it as a reference to build several Elekiteru devices.	+ generator in Nagasaki. Spending six years repairing and restoring it,

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