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| Here's what I'd like to do folks, we're gonna write a paper

collectively,

| public is invited, everyone welcome, anyone can get their name on this
| thing.

| We develop a paper, and in a couple weeks we'll send it in to the APA –
| collectively

| I need a place to put it where anyone can edit the draft or document

the

| research that they have done. I have already encountered the Wikipedia
| police, and so I'm thinking to put it on a public editable blog instead.

| Any suggestions ?

| I'm trying to put something together that will be something like the

GIMPS

| (Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search), except that this will be more of

a

| theoretical work.

| The central idea is already in place, just need some help making things
| percise, and probably some research for prior work. The neat thing is

that

| we can have as many contributors as we want, anyone cen get their name

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| it, and if there is no prior work like this then it would probably be
| accepted somewhere.

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| Any takers ? Tips ?

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Yes. I have a newsgroup, hogwarts.physics, a highly exclusive newsgroup that only I can edit. You can do the same, create a new newsgroup anyone can read but only a select few can write and which you can moderate.

Go to Google Groups and follow instructions on how to set it up.

You HAVE to keep the trolls out, that's a simple fact of life.

Keep in mind that if anyone can edit it, you'll need to police it.

Potential contributors should APPLY for editing privileges which only you can grant or revoke.

Disagreement is inevitable.

I too ran foul of the Wackypedia police, the Wakypedia police are as prejudiced as any other.

Chris Hillman and Ed Schaefer are not honest, they claim that special relativity is based on only two premises whereas in fact the third premise, essential to the paper, is Einstein's own definition of time. That Einstein calls this a definition and not a postulate is a semantic issue, but I was not able to overcome prejudice.

A "couple of weeks" is highly optimistic unless the paper is trivial, few Ph.D candidates will produce a thesis in that time frame and what you suggest would take far longer as disagreements are resolved or not as the case may be. A year is more realistic.

It could be that you disagree with me already, and that is precisely the kind of disagreement I'm talking about. If you want it to work, you'll have to be the Managing Director/President and treat contributors as employees. You can appoint Vice Presidents to assist, but the inevitable thunder stealing will occur as one contributor rewrites another contributor's words in a different style. So your first VP should be a competent editor with overall responsibility for the final version.

It may seem that I'm pessimistic to you, but I'm trying to be optimistic and offer encouragement. You'll be opening a can of worms, but if you want to try it then good luck, you'll have your work cut out in administration. Being a realist I predict it will fail, I've had seven

years

experience with sci newsgroups and a career in industry. Success depends not only on good employees but on good management as well. I have to tell you that the reward offered — having one's name on a collective paper — doesn't really interest me personally but it may be sufficient stimulus to others.

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Yeah – I know. The idea does seem completely half baked, and even a bit stupid. But hey – I'm not a professional academic, so I dont really have all that much to gain from getting published anyway, and it might be kind of fun. Besides – would'nt it be a kick in the ass to look back one day and say "Once upon a time, when UseNet was still quite young, some loonie amateurs created a paper and actually got uit published" –

gotta run – the wife