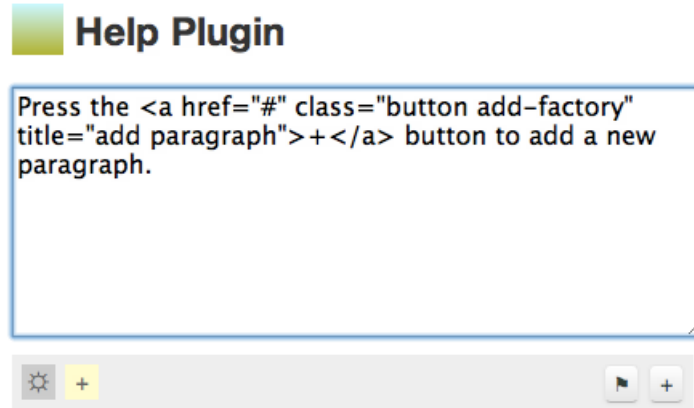


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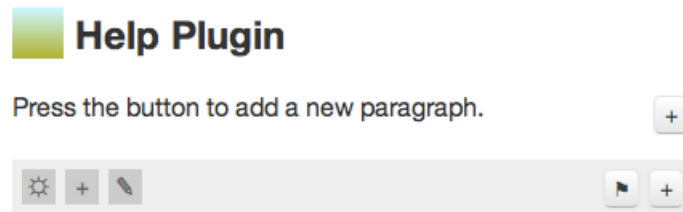


Nick -- One feature of the [+] button was that I could type it in help text. Now I'm thinking that we haven't lost that capability. I tried writing a paragraph like this:



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The idea is that if we properly separate concerns we can use the look built into our css for both its original purpose AND explaining that purpose. To heck with screenshots. It almost worked:



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Not only did the button look good, it even worked. Imagine how awesome a tutorial would be if you could explain something and then let people try it right there. (Our automatic forking saves them from messing up the tutorial when they do.)

Of course you will notice that the button jumped out of the sentence that used it. I had tried to say:

Press the [+] button to add a new paragraph.

Do you think we could promote the right justification of buttons to the button group so that buttons could serve in these two different roles?

Aside: this works because we don't yet sanitize the text of paragraphs. I'm imagining that we create a "help" plugin that bypasses any future sanitation such that it is easy to author awesome explanations. Not only that, when a server admin chooses Granite, all the help text on fed.wiki.org will render in granite too. Double double to heck with screenshots.