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Wikipedia

“The free encyclopedia that anyone can edit.”¹

- Good
- Bad
- Indifferent

Frustrations

- Missing
- Limited information
- Sources missing



Get Involved

Individual contributors are known as
"Wikipedians".

- Improve
- Expand
- Correct
- Cite



Wikipedia is made by people like you.

English Wikipedia:

Retrieved 5/2/2014#

715,155,527

edits

4,505,313

articles

130,172

recent contributors

Retrieved 4/6/2017+

883,349,038

5,377,671

139,716

active users*

#[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&returnto=Main+Page&returntoquery=type%3Dsignupttp=1](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&returnto=Main+Page&returntoquery=type%3Dsignupttp=1&type=signupttp=1)

* "Have performed an action in the last 30 days."

+ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:About>



Getting Started

- [Wikipedia:Welcoming committee/Welcome to Wikipedia](#) – General Introduction with links
- [Wikipedia: Introduction](#) – similar to a LibGuide, including a tutorial
- [Wikipedia:Teahouse](#)



Create Account

Advantages:

- Security & Privacy
- More editing privileges
- Communicate & Collaborate
- Join WikiProjects
- Record of edits
- Contributions & Watchlist
- Voice/Vote²



Then Dive In!

- Edit existing entries
- “Play” in the Sandbox
- Expand from general entry to specifics
- No deadlines



WikiProject (Fill in the Blank)

“A **WikiProject** is a group of contributors who want to work together as a team to improve Wikipedia.”³

Over 2100 of them! The directory has been split into several sub-directories. There is a “Search WikiProjects” box available to find your area of interest quickly.

There’s also a “Wikipedia:WikiProject Directory/All” that’s browseable & sortable by:

- Name
- Articles (Number tagged by the WikiProject)
- Participants (2 edits in 90 days)
- Editors (5 edits in 30 days)⁴



WikiProject _____

Which one(s) will you choose or start?

- From [WikiProject A Song of Ice and Fire](#) to [WikiProject Zoroastrianism](#)
- WikiProject Nebraska has 4,585 articles
1 participants 63 editors
- In state project: WikiProject Omaha has
329 articles 0 participants 2 editors



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