

Introducing Wikipedia

The free encyclopedia that anyone can edit

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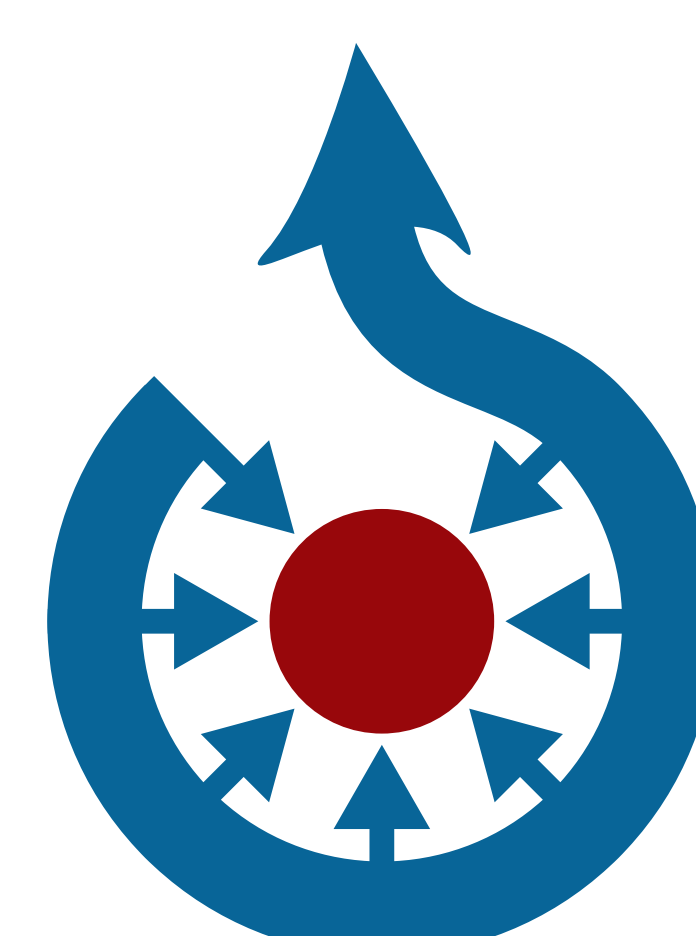
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That's our commitment.

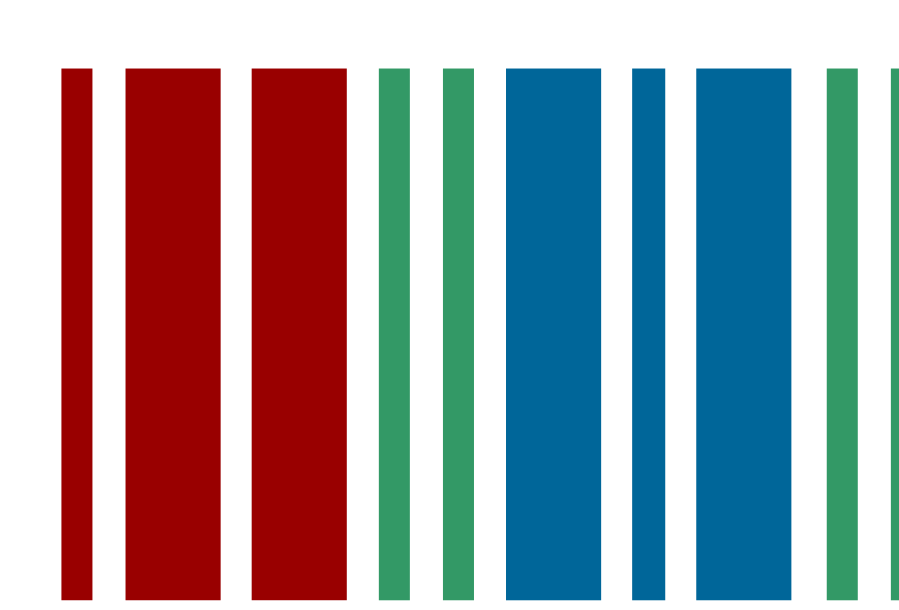
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WIKIMEDIA

The term “Wikimedia” is used to describe a global movement to bring free educational content to the world, of which Wikipedia is but one part. Prominent Wikimedia projects in the community include **Commons** for multimedia, **Wiktionary** as free dictionary and **Wikidata** for structured data.



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WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

The foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization for “encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual, educational content... to the public free of charge.” It oversees fundraising, operation of computing infrastructure and development of software for Wikipedia and its related projects.



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Wikipedia languages

The twenty most active editions

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. English | 11. Polish |
| 2. German | 12. Arabic |
| 3. Spanish | 13. Turkish |
| 4. French | 14. Persian |
| 5. Japanese | 15. Swedish |
| 6. Russian | 16. Korean |
| 7. Italian | 17. Indonesian |
| 8. Portuguese | 19. Ukrainian |
| 9. Chinese | 19. Hebrew |
| 10. Dutch | 20. Czech |

Wiki origins

The creator of “wiki” software, Ward Cunningham, was on his honeymoon in Hawaii when he saw airport shuttle buses using the Hawaiian word for quick, “WIKI WIKI.” When he created software that allowed for people to edit pages quickly and easily, he borrowed the term for his project.



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