WIKIDATA: CREATING NEW ENTRIES

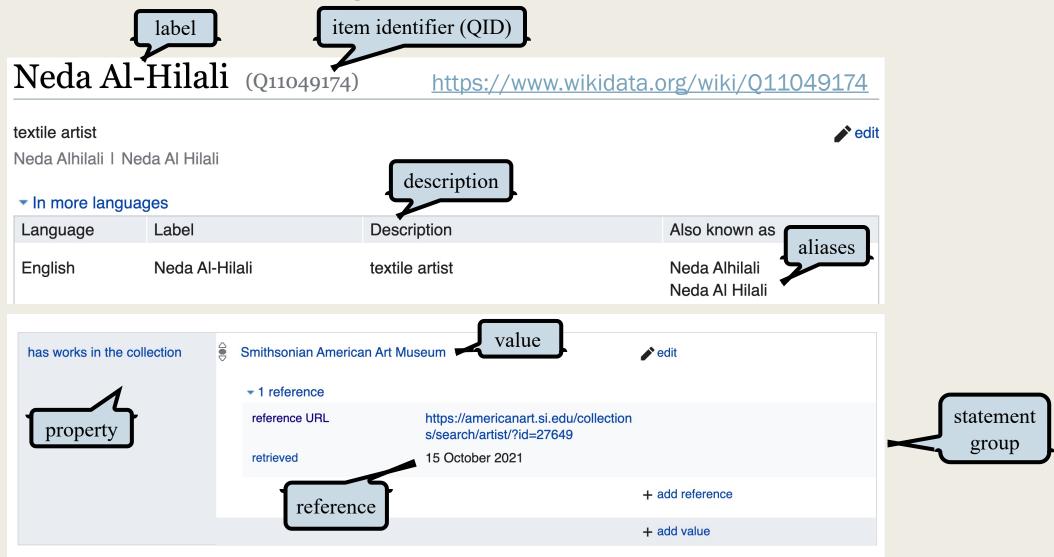
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What is Wikidata?



- Database containing structured data describing things (objects, people, places, events, books) in terms of relationships between items, properties and values
- Computer-readable **statements** that support machine-based queries
- Language-independent platform that displays language specific to localized region or device settings

Wikidata Example – Neda Al-Hilali



Search for Existing Entries

https://www.wikidata.org/

Use the Wikidata Search Box to do a thorough search to make sure that there is no existing entry for the person or organization.



What's in a Name?

- Note that names of Wikipedia articles need to be unique, while names of Wikidata entries can be identical.
- Read the resulting Wikidata entries carefully and match details to ensure that you find the correct entity.
 - E.g., The Irish painter named "James Atkins" who died in the 1800s can't be the African American painter who created "Church Wait" in 1987.



Bookworks (Q110893066)

1982 exhibition at Museum of Modern Art7 statements, 0 sitelinks - 15:53, 25 February 2022

Bookworks (Q110892832)

1977 exhibition at Museum of Modern Art7 statements, 0 sitelinks - 15:50, 25 February 2022

book artist (Q56884373)

artist who specializes in **bookworks**, which are art works that exploit the book form or alter its physical structure as part of the content of the work 5 statements, 0 sitelinks - 11:19, 8 October 2021

Who's That Girl?



Prince Love Symbol

- Search for multiple variations of a personal or corporate name:
 - Meta Fuller is not the same as Metta Fuller.
- Search for aliases, pseudonyms, or artist names.
 - Prince Rogers Nelson
 - Prince
 - The Artist Formerly Known as Prince
 - TAFKAP
- For women, search for maiden names along with married names:
 - Judith Gesensway, Judith Skoogfors, Judith Skoogfors-Prip, Judith Prip
 - Judith / Judy

From Wikipedia to Wikidata

Tools

What links here

Related changes

Special pages

Permanent link

Page information

Cite this page

Wikidata item

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- If you do a browser search and find that a
 Wikipedia page exists for someone, they
 also should have a matching entry in
 Wikidata. Look in the left-hand Tools
 column of the Wikipedia page for Wikidata
 item.
- Occasionally, an incorrect Wikidata page is linked, so please check and confirm that it references the correct person or organization.
- If after searching carefully, you don't find a Wikidata entry, you can create a new one.

Identify Key Data Points

When you are starting out, it helps to document all the information that you know about a person or organization *before* you start to create a new Wikidata entry.

Use a document to gather data points and potential references.

- Judy Skoogfors
 - Label Judy Skoogfors
 - Description American illustrator and fashion art professor
 - Alias(es):
 - Judith Skoogfors | Judith Gesensway | Judy Gesensway | Judy Skoogfors-Prip
 - Statements
 - Instance of
 - Human
 - Sex or gender
 - Female
 - Spouse (reciprocal, requires known value)
 - Olaf Skoogfors (Q7082992)
 - John Prip
 - Occupation
 - Illustrator, Professor, Painter
 - Educated at
 - Philadelphia College of Art (now University of the Arts)
 - Spring 1979 newsletter Postmark PCA
 - https://collections.library.uarts.edu/digital/api/collection/pubsarchive/id/48419/download

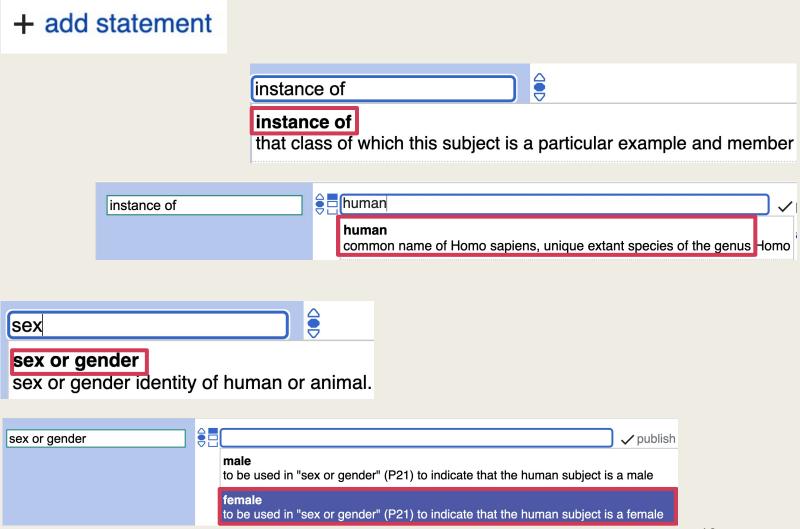
Creating a New Entry (Person)

- Click on Create a New Item in the left-side menu under the Wikidata symbol.
- Fill in the information requested:
 - Language: Choose "en" to edit in English.
 - Label: Enter the primary name of the person.
 - Description: Add a concise oneline description of the person.
 - Alias: Separate additional names with the pipe symbol | (above the Enter or Return key)
- Click Create to generate a new Wikidata Q item.

Create a new Item
Language:
en
Label:
Judy Skoogfors
Description:
American illustrator and fashion art professor
Aliases, pipe-separated:
Judith Skoogfors Judith Gesensway Judy Gesensway Judy Skoogfors-Prip
Create

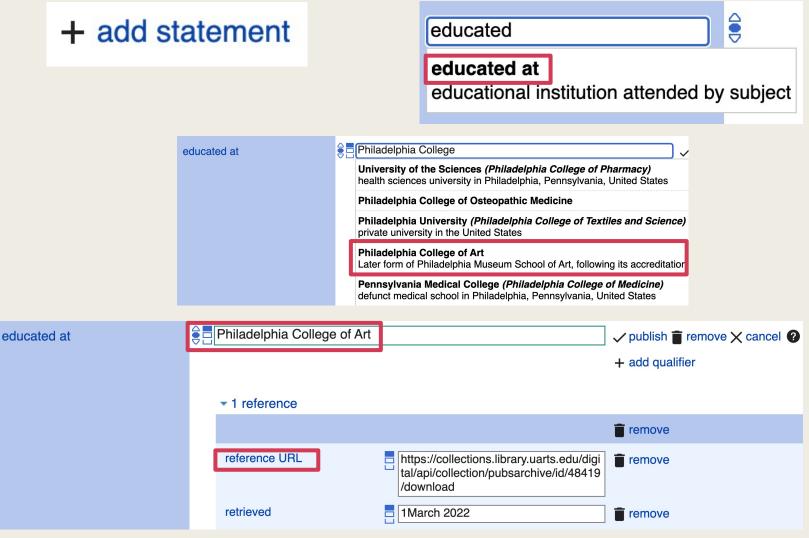
Add Key Statements (Person)

- Click "+ add statement" at the bottom right of the Statements section.
- Instance of: Start typing "instance of" and Wikidata will autofill. Click on instance of and type the value "human" into the input box. Click "publish" to save your edit.
- Sex or Gender: Start typing "Sex" and Wikidata will autofill.
 Click on sex or gender and type the appropriate gender value into the input box. Click "publish" to save your edit.



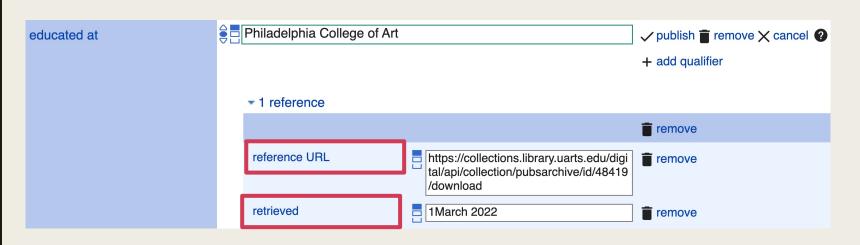
Add Key Statements (Person)

- Look for other points of information that can be added. Refer to examples from the pages of similar people or the key statements list below.
- Click "+ add statement" at the bottom right of the Statements section.
- Start typing and Wikidata will suggest possible properties. Click on the Property and type a Value into the input box.
- Whenever possible, add a reference to support your claim. Click "publish" when complete.
- Click "+add value" to add additional values to a statement.



Add References to Statements

+ add reference



- Click "+ add reference", below and to the right of the statement you are modifying. In the property box that appears, enter "reference URL".
- Copy and paste a valid URL that supports the main statement.
- You can also add a qualifier of "retrieved" with the date you viewed the URL.
- Click "publish" to save the reference.

Key Statements for People

- Instance of
 - Human
- Sex or gender
 - Male, female, non-binary, intersex, transgender female, transgender male, agender
- Occupation
- Educated at
- Date of birth (provide reference)
- Date of death (provide reference)
- Image
 - Must reference a Wikimedia Commons filename
- On focus list of Wikimedia Project

Judy Skoogfors (Q111148207)

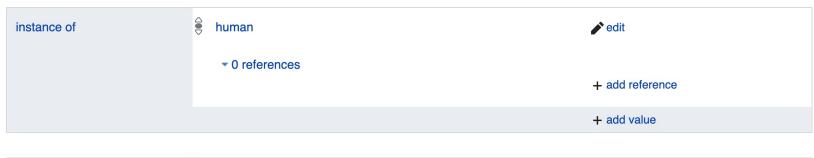
American illustrator and fashion art professor

Judith Skoogfors I Judith Gesensway I Judy Gesensway I Judy Skoogfors-Prip

▼ In more languages

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Judy Skoogfors	American illustrator and fashion art professor	Judith Skoogfors Judith Gesensway Judy Gesensway Judy Skoogfors-Prip
Spanish	No label defined	No description defined	

Statements



sex or gender	• female	∕ edit
	▼ 0 references	+ add reference
		+ add value

educated at

Philadelphia College of Art

▼ 0 references

+ add reference

Here is the new Wikidata person entry.

edit

Now you or others can expand upon it with additional statements, details, and references over time.

Creating a New Entry (Organization)

- Click on Create a New Item in the leftside menu under the Wikidata symbol.
- Fill in the information requested:
 - Language: Choose "en" to edit in English.
 - Label: Enter the primary name of the organization.
 - Description: Add a concise oneline description of the organization.
 - Alias: Separate additional names with the pipe symbol | (above the Enter or Return key)
- Click Create to generate a new Wikidata Q item.

Create a new Item			
Language:			
en			
Label:			
Habatat Galleries			
Description:			
American art gallery			
Aliases, pipe-separated:			
Habatat Galleries Detroit I Habatat Galleries Palm Beach			
Create			

Add Key Statements (Organization)

 Click "+ add statement" at the bottom right of the Statements section.

+ add statement

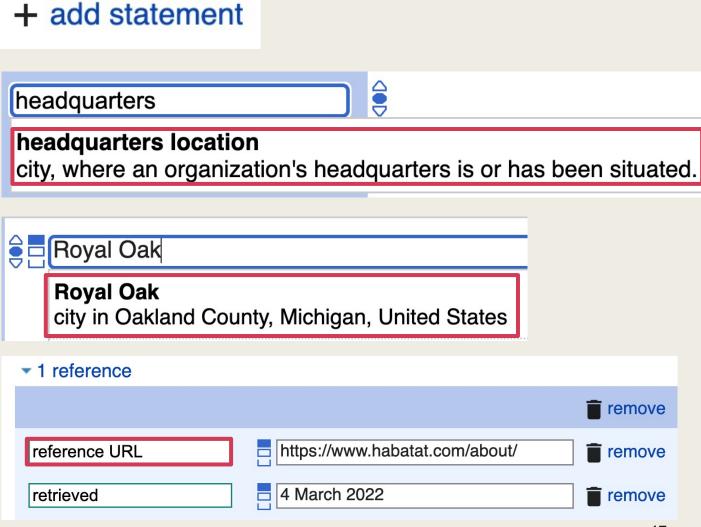
 Instance of: Start typing "Instance of" and Wikidata will autofill.
 Click on Instance of and start to type the organizational type [commercial art gallery in this case] into the input box. Click "publish" to save your edit.

instance of

commercial art gallery
commercial art gallery
place where art is sold

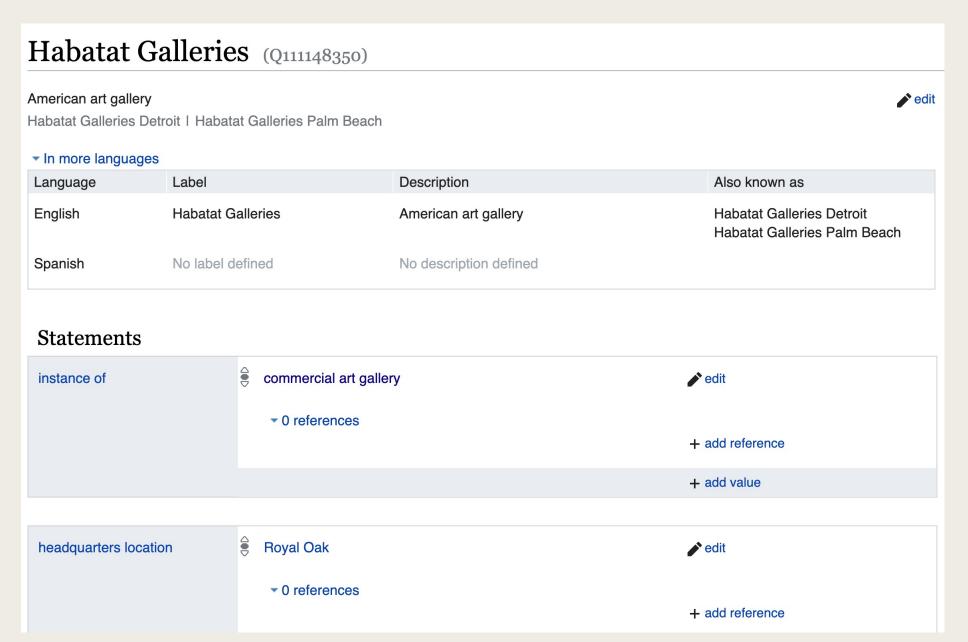
Add Key Statements (Organization)

- Look for other points of information that can be added. Refer to examples from the pages of similar organizations or our list below.
- Click "+ add statement" at the bottom right of the Statements section.
- Start typing and Wikidata will suggest possible properties. Click on the Property and type a Value into the input box.
- Add a reference to support your claim. Click "publish" when complete.
- Click "+add value" to add additional values to a statement.



Key Statements for Organizations

- Instance of
 - (type of organization)
- Inception
 - Date founded in format of YYYY or DD Month YYYY
- Country
 - United States of America (or other country)
- Headquarters location (city)
- Street address
- Coordinate location
 - Geographic coordinates
- Official website
- On focus list of Wikimedia Project



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Now you or others can expand upon it with additional statements, details, and references over time.

Important Considerations



- Some properties require that values be named entities already existing in Wikidata.
 - Relationships Spouse, Unmarried partner, Sibling, Father, Mother, Child
 - Educated at (institution)
 - Has items in collection (institution)
- Some properties request that references be present.
 - Birth and death dates, sexual orientation, ethnicity
- Watch for error flags that may appear when editing.
 Hover over the flag to see additional information.
- If a Wikimedia Commons image exists that represents the subject well, add a statement for "image" with a value of the image filename.

For More Information

- Wikidata
 - Tutorial: Wikidata: Intro to the Basics [video]
 - Wikidata Tours A beginner "tour" in a sandbox space where you can test edits
 - Wikidata Help Portal
- WikiProject Craft
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Craft
- Related Demonstrations
 - Philadelphia WikiSalon Demonstration Archive
 - Editing and Enhancing Wikidata Entries
 - Adding a Public Domain Image to Wikimedia Commons
 - Adding Your Own Photo to Wikimedia Commons
- Join us at the monthly Philadelphia WikiSalon!
 - Wikipedia: Meetup/Philadelphia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Philadelphia