Africa's Wikipedias

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Title: Introducing an African child to the global world in his language: The power of Wikipedia as a learning and linking tool

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The power of Wikipedia

In AALs Project we utilize the free online encyclopaedia Wikipedia to address language related problems:

- to learners/students

- to South African indigenous language speakers

- to indicate English status in South Africa

The power of Wikipedia cont…

In AALs Project we utilize the free online encyclopaedia Wikipedia to:

- Grow African languages in electronic sphere

- To support multilingual science, technology and language education

- To develop monolingual and parallel corpora

Parallel translation

- Content translation tool

- Advantages

- A source of transformation

Parallel translation and education

English and categories of SA education system

- Rural schools

- Semi-urban schools

- Urban schools

Presentation focuses more on rural areas

English and education in rural areas

- High rate of failures

- Drop-outs

- Wrong subjects/course selections

- No career guidance

Wikipedia as a learning enhancement tool

We use Wikipedia to:

- maximize the child's bilingual ability

- To disseminate information

- supplement   learning

- Complement

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Technical help for marginal Wikipedias: Machine--assisted Translation

Special:ContentTranslation

(tool is in beta so you must enable beta features in your personal settings)

Tools (contd) Gamified Translation

Bantuweb: MSc project by Jackson Moji (UCT CompSci)

BantuWeb

Welcome to BantuWeb

A community driven research project which seeks to increase the presence of African Languages online

Find Content in African Languages

You can browse through content submitted on this platform by users:

Documents

Translations

Stories

Become a participant

Email*

Enter email

Username*

Enter username

Password*

Enter password

Required fields*

Tools (contd) Mediawiki API

Interface for access to wiki features, data, and meta-data over HTTP

MakeCase MakeBox ChBook Admin WBox base Edit Berry Localis'n IoP TinyGorilla Scarcity platforms PolEcon

MakeBox
https://makeabox.io/

API   Discussion

Read   View source   View history   Search MediaWiki

API:Main page

(Redirected from API)

Translate this page

Other languages:	العربية • български • বাংলা • čeština • dansk • Deutsch • **English** • Esperanto • español • فارسی • français • हिन्दी • Bahasa Indonesia • italiano • 日本語 • Taqbaylit • ಕನ್ನಡ • 한국어 • lietuvių • 文言 • मैथिली • मराठी • Nederlands • occitan • پښتو • português • português do Brasil • română • русский • سنڌي • ไทย • українська • Tiếng Việt • 粵語 • 中文

🔧 This page is part of the MediaWiki action API documentation.

This is an overview of the "action" API. See the menu bar on the right for more detailed sub-topics and other APIs.

The MediaWiki action API is a web service that provides convenient access to wiki features, data, and meta-data over HTTP, via a URL usually at `api.php`. Clients request particular "actions" by specifying an `action` parameter, mainly `action=query` to get information. It *was* known as the MediaWiki API, but there are now other web APIs available that connect to MediaWiki such as REST API and the Wikidata query service.

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Offline/locally hosted access to Wikipedia and other resources

The Offline Distribution System for Medical Content is a mini computer that generates a wifi signal to which up to 32 people can connect at any one time with a computer or phone to access the content on the device. It also functions as a mini app store in that you can download and install offline Wikipedia medical apps.

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Technology   Education
Wikipedia

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Regular updates on status of African esp. Southern African Wikipedias

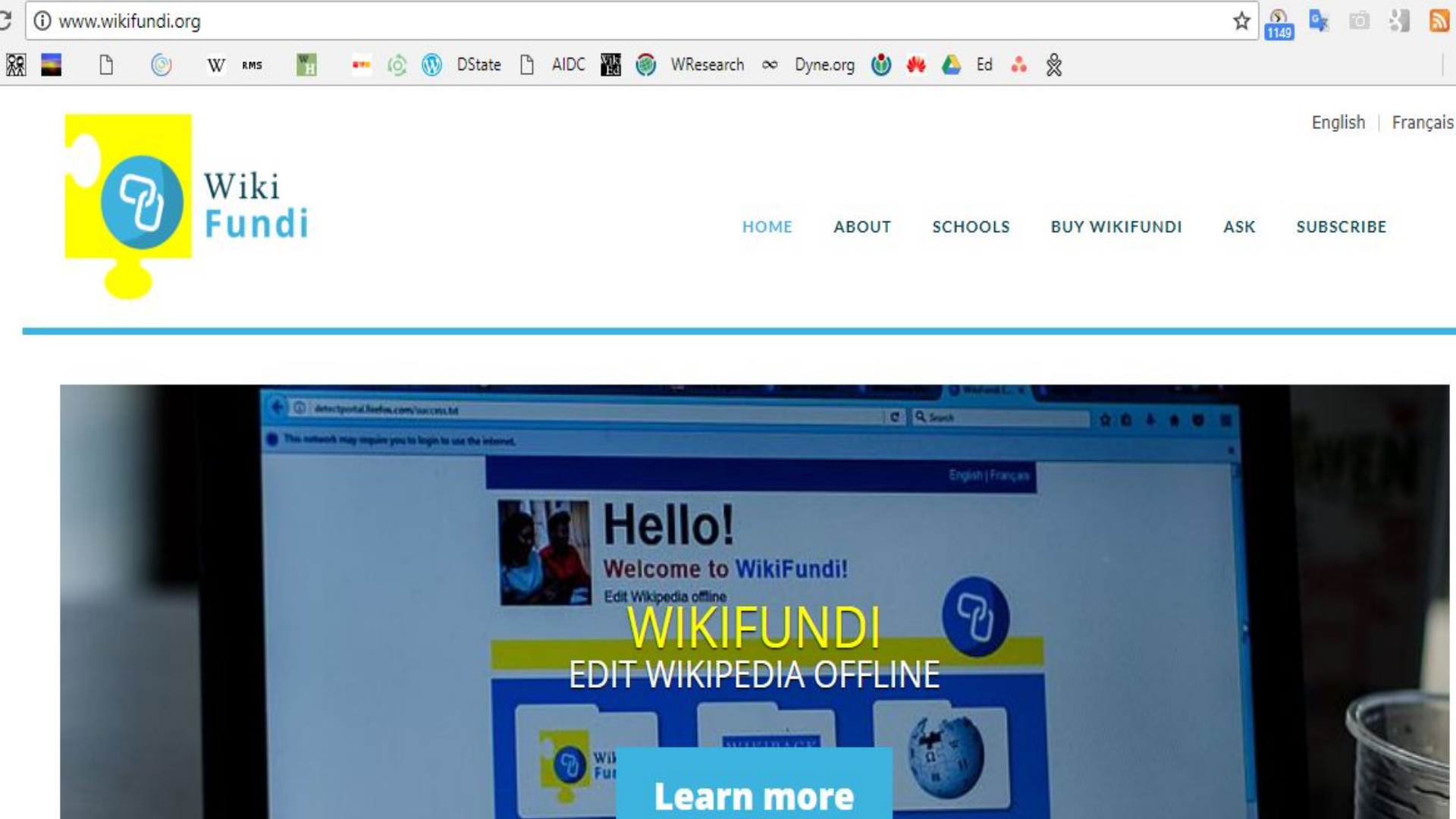**JULY 1, 2018 BY IAN GILFILLAN**

June 2018 African language Wikipedia update, 50 000 articles for Afrikaans

There are only 19 days to go until Wikimania in Cape Town, so it's a good time to look at the state of the African language Wikipedias again, as always based on the imperfect metric of number of articles.

The following tables show the number of articles for each language on

Tools (contd) WikiFundi

Offline Mediawiki editing environment

Wiki
Fundi

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Hello!
Welcome to WikiFundi!
Edit Wikipedia offline

WIKIFUNDI
EDIT WIKIPEDIA OFFLINE

Learn more

Thank you, Enkosi, Dankie, Shukran, Asante Sana!