

# Wikipedia

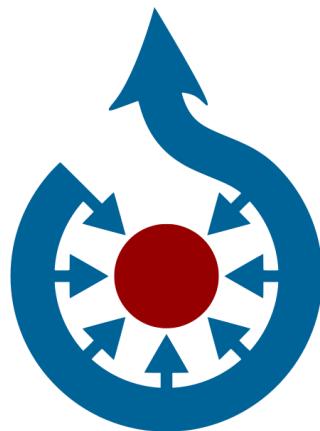
*The Free Encyclopedia*



Wikipedia is a free, multilingual encyclopedia project supported by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation. Its name is a portmanteau of the words wiki (a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word wiki, meaning 'quick') and encyclopedia. Wikipedia's 13 million articles in over 250 languages (2.9 million articles in the English Wikipedia) have been written collaboratively by volunteers around the world, and almost all of its articles can be edited by anyone who can access the Wikipedia website. Launched in January 2001 by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger, it is currently the most popular general reference work on the Internet.

<http://wikipedia.org>

# Wikimedia Commons



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<http://commons.wikimedia.org>

# Wikinews



Wikinews is a free-content news source wiki and a project of the Wikimedia Foundation. The site works through collaborative journalism. Jimmy Wales has distinguished Wikinews from Wikipedia by saying "on Wikinews, each story is to be written as a news story as opposed to an encyclopedia article." The neutral point of view policy espoused in Wikinews distinguishes it from other citizen journalism efforts such as Indymedia and OhmyNews. In contrast to most projects of the Wikimedia Foundation, Wikinews allows original work under the form of original reporting and interviews. The English Wikinews is the only Wikimedia site that grants press passes to reporters endorsed by the local community.

<http://wikinews.org>

# Wikisource

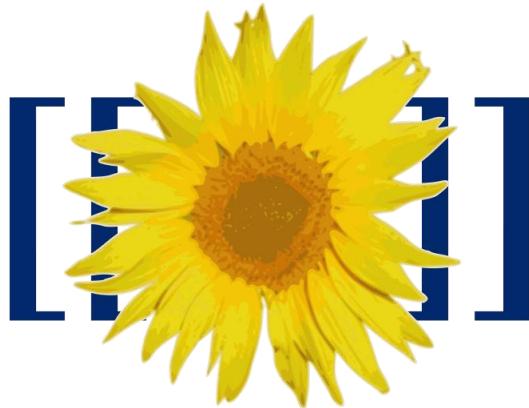
*The Free Library*



Wikisource is an online library of free content textual sources, operated by the Wikimedia Foundation. Its aims are to harbour all forms of free text, in many languages. It also provides translation efforts to this end. Many of the texts on Wikisource are historical materials, such as the Constitution. There are currently Wikisource sites in 56 different languages, each with their own material.

<http://wikisource.org/>

# MediaWiki



MediaWiki is a web-based wiki software application used by all projects of the Wikimedia Foundation, all wikis hosted by Wikia, and many other wikis, including some of the largest and most popular ones. Originally developed to serve the needs of the free content Wikipedia encyclopedia, today it has also been deployed by companies for internal knowledge management, and as a content management system. MediaWiki is open source software and is maintained by a team of volunteers and Wikimedia Foundation staff.

<http://mediawiki.org/>

# Wikibooks

*Open-content textbooks*



Wikibooks (previously called Wikimedia Free Textbook Project and Wikimedia-Textbooks) is a Wikimedia Foundation wiki for the creation of free content textbooks and annotated texts that anyone can edit. Wikibooks was launched on July 10, 2003, in response to a request made by Wikipedia contributor Karl Wick for a project to host and build free textbooks on subjects such as organic chemistry and physics. Today Wikibooks contains collaboratively-written books about all subjects, in 121 different languages.

<http://wikibooks.org/>

# Wikiversity

*Open Learning Community*



Wikiversity is a Wikimedia Foundation project, which supports learning communities, their learning materials, and resulting activities. It differs from more structured projects such as Wikipedia in that it instead offers a series of tutorials, or courses, for the fostering of learning, rather than formal content. Wikiversity offers collaboratively developed classes and tutorials in subjects from biology to history, for all levels of students. It complements projects such as Wikibooks.

<http://wikiversity.org/>

# Wikispecies

*Free species directory*



Wikispecies is a wiki-based online project supported by the Wikimedia Foundation that aims to create a comprehensive free content taxonomic catalogue of all species. It is aimed at scientists, rather than at the general public. Jimmy Wales, chairman emeritus of the Wikimedia Foundation, has said that editors are not required to fax in their degrees, but that submissions will have to pass muster with a technical audience. Wikispecies provides Latin and common names and images of species.

<http://species.wikimedia.org/>

# Wikiquote

*Collection of quotations*



Wikiquote is one of a family of wiki-based projects run by the Wikimedia Foundation. Based on an idea by Daniel Alston and implemented by Brion Vibber, the goal of the project is to produce collaboratively a vast reference of quotations from prominent people, books, films and proverbs, and to give details about them. Though there are many online collections of quotations, Wikiquote is distinguished by being among the few that provide an opportunity for visitors to contribute. Wikiquote pages are cross-linked to articles about the notable personalities on Wikipedia. There are Wikiquote projects in 89 languages.

<http://wikiquote.org/>

# Wiktionary

*The free dictionary*

a multilingual tree encyclopedia

## Wiktionary

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a wiki-based Open Content dictionary

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Wiktionary (a portmanteau of the words wiki and dictionary) is a multilingual, Web-based project to create a free content multilingual dictionary, available in over 151 languages. Unlike standard dictionaries, it is written collaboratively by volunteers, dubbed "Wiktionarians", using wiki software, allowing articles to be changed by almost anyone with access to the website. Wiktionary includes usage notes, audio pronunciations, definitions of foreign words and links between languages.

<http://wiktionary.org/>

# Wikimedia Meta-Wiki



Meta-Wiki is the global community site for coordination and documentation of the Wikimedia Foundation's projects. Along with mailing lists and IRC channels, Meta provides a forum for the international editors of the Wikimedia projects to converse and coordinate work on policies, translation and projects.

<http://meta.wikimedia.org/>

# Wikimedia Incubator



The Wikimedia Incubator is where potential Wikimedia project wikis in new language versions of Wikipedia, Wikibooks, Wikinews, Wikiquote and Wiktionary can be arranged, written, tested and proven worthy of being hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation. Although these test wikis do not yet have their own wiki, they can be used for real like any other Wikimedia project wiki.

<http://incubator.wikimedia.org/>