

Karthik

POWER EDITOR & OPEN-SOURCE PROPONENT

Age 35, Male

Bengaluru, Karnataka

System Engineer

Married, with one child

Language

Speaks - English, Kannada, Hindi

Reads - English, Kannada

TECHNOLOGY COMFORT LEVEL

| Not at all | Comfortable | Very | Extremely |
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| Always needs assistance | Sending emails, browsing internet, using software | Downloading & setting up own software | Advanced programming, building own software |

WIKIPEDIA USAGE



DEVICES USED



Android Smartphone
Nexus and iPhone 8



Laptop



Desktop

GOALS

A passionate open-source proponent driven to enable free access to information on culture, art, heritage, communities, and education in regional languages

- To create and nurture a community of Wikipedia editors
- To identify opportunities and foster education and job creation opportunities
- To raise awareness on various topics like art, culture, political & social issues, etc. with the help of Wikipedia
- To make regional content an integral part of Wikipedia so that the community at large can benefit

CHALLENGES

- He finds editing difficult on the app - rather, he prefers editing on a desktop
- Since he is often occupied either with his work, or with community and volunteering engagements, he finds it difficult to constantly motivate other editors and ensure their dedication to the cause



ABOUT KARTHIK

Karthik is an IT professional who lives in Bangalore with his wife and son.

Karthik works long hours and has a hectic schedule. However, he is a passionate and tech-savvy open-source proponent. As such, he supports and creates many open-source products, including translation and typing tools, outside of his work, in order to benefit the Kannada-speaking community. In addition, Karthik holds workshops on Wikipedia editing to encourage more people to become contributors.

Karthik reads voraciously on his phone and laptop. Wikipedia is his go-to site for a high-level understanding of any subject.

“ I try editing on the mobile, but it is difficult - too much data has to be entered into the info box - so the laptop is better suited for heavy editing work.

While hunting for information, Karthik first runs a Google search, which often leads to Wikipedia. Sometimes, he specifically searches for Wikipedia links, or uses the Wikipedia app. He often shares what he reads through Twitter/Whatsapp; and regularly downloads pdfs too.

Karthik reads in English; but he creates Wikipedia pages in Kannada, for which he surfs online in Kannada.

Karthik prefers his laptop for creating new Wikipedia pages or for intensive editing, since the app screen is tiny and difficult to use. He uses the app while correcting minor typos. Karthik also feels that the app viewing experience of maps and images needs to be improved. Editing Wikipedia maps is another pain point – editing a map on one page means editing it on all other pages manually.

Karthik seeks to raise awareness on Wikipedia in regional languages and Wikipedia contribution. For this, he wishes to bring together a community of motivated and dedicated editors. By improving regional Wikipedia pages, Karthik also wishes to further the cause of education.



Karthik conducts community meetings for editors



Karthik's laptop has stickers for the causes important to him

