



# The Role of Wikimedia Platforms in Digitalisation Processes

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“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge.

That's what we're doing.”



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**wikipedia**  
**Wiki**



- NGO
- 10 employees
- Activities in Sweden and internationally
- Membership 100 SEK/year



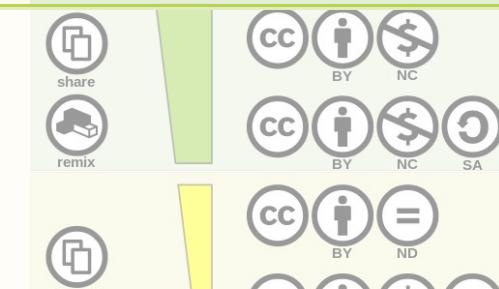
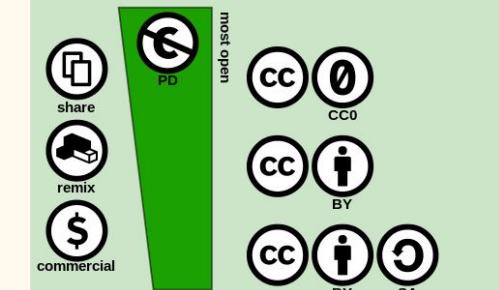
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# Wikipedia

- 60 million articles
- 318 language versions
- Global cooperation in knowledge production, challenging old structures
  - [Revision history](#)
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- Unknowns, working together
- Worldwide democracy
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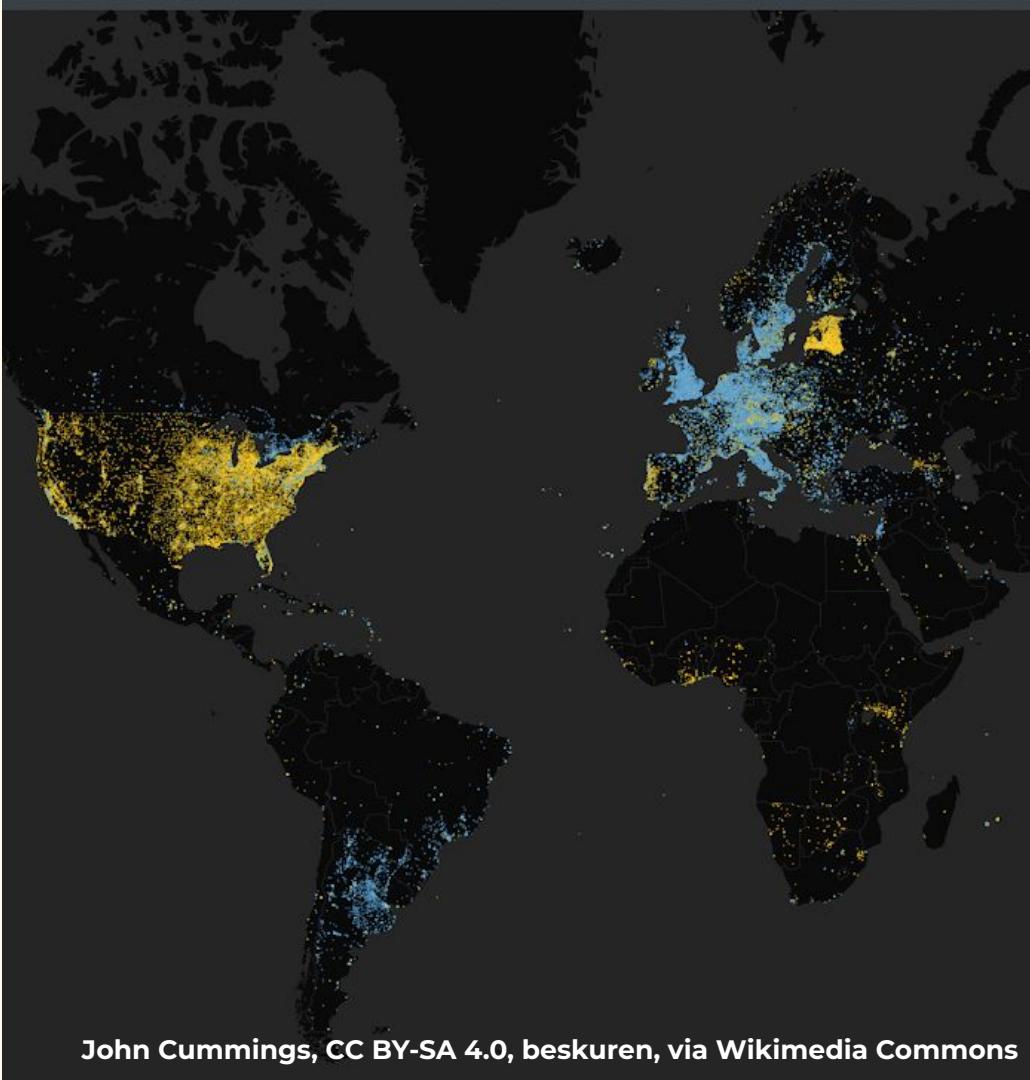
- Media database, mostly images
- Platform for content sharing
  - Museums
  - Archives
  - Organisations
  - Independents



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# Wikidata

- Linked open data
- Imported as well as created data
- Creating connections



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# Your thoughts!

- **What possibilities do you see for the Wikimedia platforms?**
- **Possible threats or problems?**



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A wide-angle photograph of a pastoral landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds illuminated by the warm orange and yellow light of the setting sun. In the foreground, a large flock of sheep is scattered across a field of tall, golden-brown grass. A small, dark building, possibly a barn or house, sits in the distance on the horizon. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and rural.

# Thank you!