

Wikipedia Article Writing Contests in Ukraine

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Contest design

Some theory

Article Writing Contests

Contest types:

- Quality matters
- Quantity matters
- Quality and quantity matters
 - sum: scores of each article added
 - weighted sum: size of article matters

Sustainability

- Contest rules should be sustainable:

What will happen if any participant will take any contest rule to the extreme?

Will that be good for Wikipedia?

Internal vs External

In or out of Wikipedia?

- **Internal contests**

- contest rules are accepted by Wikipedia community
- can be organized only when the community agrees

- **External contests**

- contest rules don't violate any WP rules
- the community consent is not required

Internal contest

- Internal contest rule example:
 - Contest articles should not be deleted (or nominated for deletion) until the contest is finished

External contest

- External contest rule examples:
 - Wikipedia rules is higher than the contest rules
 - If an article is deleted (by Wikipedia community) than that article is disqualified
 - Whoever gets the bigger number of featured articles in a year – wins

Participants

Contests can be designed for:

- **Experienced Wikipedians**
 - such elements as wikification and illustration can be required
- **Newbies**
 - wikification doesn't matter that much
 - but text should be encyclopedic!

What we did

Short overview

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Our contests

Quality

(best articles win)

- “WikiBioContest-2013”

56 really good articles!

1,3 Mb of wikitext

23,8 Kb per article

Our contests

Quality-quantitative

(sum of quality scores per article)

- “Gallery of glory”
 - a contest originally organized by Wikimedia RU
 - 4,2 Mb** of wikitext (in 3 months)

Our contests

Quality-quantitative (size of articles matters)

- “French Autumn”
- “Writing about charities”
- 2 contests about regions of Ukraine
- “Writing about the EU”
- 2 contest about military and defense (2014)

Usually **2-5 Mb** of wikitext
(out of 550 Mb added per year)





How we do it

Basic info

Period:

1 month – 7 weeks

Advertising:

Sitenotice

Prizes:

Laptops, tablets, smartphones

Features: Easy to participate

Targeted at attracting newbies

- Many participants with < 2 years of Wikipedia editing (about half among winners)

Easy to participate

- Just add a contest template to a talk page of an article

Chance to improve

- Every article gets preliminary score & feedback
- Finally scored in the end

Features: Newbie friendly

Wikification and images are not required

- Hard for newbies
- Easy to be fixed by experienced users

Features: Easy to organize

Very few requirements

- Find patroller-level wikipedian to be on the jury
- Find a sponsor (sometimes they find us) for the prizes (few thousand dollars)

No need to ask the community

- Rules of contests do not violate any rules of Wikipedia
- Yet, we ask the community to place a “banner” of a contest

Features: Size × Quality

All styles of articles can win

- Some winners win with many smaller articles (50-100 articles)
- Others win with about 10-15 REALLY good or big articles

Basic formula for participant scores:

SUM(Quality of an article * Size)

Features: Clear scoring

Transparent and objective scoring

3 is the basic score (if basic requirements are met)

+1 original text / topic

+1 comprehensive / nothing more to add

+1 very good verification

-1 obviously not finished / lacking key info

-1 only one main source / verification issues

-1 grammar mistakes, other mistakes

-2 it's a list

Features: Easy to score

Mostly one jury member per article

- Disagreements on scores appear rarely
- Each article is assigned randomly to a jury member
- Articles of one participant are assigned to different jury members as much as possible
 - A possible jury bias influences results very little
- Still a participant may ask other jury members to score his/her articles

Features: Bot automation

Bot makes a list of articles

- Bot checks for basic requirements:
 - New articles should be created during the contest
 - Certain amount of wikitext bytes needs to be added (usually > 3500 bytes) during contest
 - Improved articles should be small before contestant edits (usually < 7000 bytes)
 - Improved articles should be “abandoned” (not edited by a person in a month)

Features: List of the articles

Стаття	Автор	Додано	Зауваження	A1	KH	KR	YZ	YU	ЗВ	УЧ	Нова?	Ост. бал
Ескадрені міноносці проекту 956	Кочергін Роман	166563	Переклад з Російської Вікіпедії, це єдине джерело (Krutyvuss)			2					✓	33,3
Лінійні кораблі типу «Кінг Джордж V» (1939)	Sergey Tsvigun	127569	старанно злизано в москвінів (а в них там вибрана стаття), без помилок. +1 за вичерпність						4		✓	51
Ракета «повітря-поверхня»		123814	Переклад з російської Вікіпедії, інколи можна зустріти ознаки автоперекладу --yakudza 21:17, 7 грудня 2014 (UTC)				1,5				✓	18,6
SMS Seydlitz (1912)	Опух1423	80069	переклад доброї статті ру-вікі. Станом на кінець тижня була незавершена (-1) ^[2] , і слід буде відновити посилання, які є в ру-вікі (поки що -0,5 за суттєвий брак верифікації)	2,5							✓	20
Скорпіон (танк)	Nickispeaki	66483	На кінець тижня ще недоперекладена (-1), є недоліки перекладу, зокрема у шаблонах та файлах (-0,5) (YarikUkraine)					1,5			✓	10
Чи-Ну	Zasadko	60818	Стаття неоригінальна, наявні орфографічні і мовні: ^[3] , ^[4] , ^[5] , ^[6] , ^[7] та пунктуаційні помилки: ^[8] , ^[9] , а також сліди автоперекладу: ^[10] , ^[11] . Кострубаті речення: ^[12] , ^[13] . Стаття потребує ґрунтовної вичитки.(Уч)							2,5	✓	15,2
Італія в Першій світовій війні	Мулярчук Володимир Євгенович	54920	містить порушення авторських прав --yakudza 21:27, 7 грудня 2014 (UTC)				0				✓	0
Головне розвідувальне управління Генерального Штабу Російської Федерації	Krupski Oleg	47129	завеликий попередній розмір: 8944; правка неботом менш ніж місяць до конкурсанта: 2014-10-31					0				0
Служба зовнішньої розвідки Російської Федерації	Krupski Oleg	39479	Переклад російської статті, проте є деякі неточності перекладу (-0,5) (YarikUkraine)					2,5			✓	9,9
19 батальйон територіальної оборони	Nabak	33615	єдине чого хотілося б додати, то це зображень (+0,5 за повноту)	5,5							✓	18,5
Авіаносці типу «Куїн Елізабет»	Nickispeaki	30029	Неоригінальна, незавершена, неверифікована, зі слідами автоперекладу: ^[14] (Уч)							1	✓	3
Битва за Чернігів (1941)	Dima-сн	29320	без джерел або єдине основне джерело (-1), незавершена (-1), мовні огріхи (-0,5), оригінальна (+1) (Krutyvuss)			1,5					✓	4,4
1-й окремії батальйон	ХЕндрюХ	28321	оригінальна (+1) (Krutyvuss)			4					✓	11,3

Features: Template automation

Template computes score per article

- All the jury member needs to do is to put his score (from 0 to 6) into a template
- He can also provide useful advice and notes about his score

Bot fills all the other required template fields

Features: Template automation

How the template looks for a jury member:

```
{{Contest_scores/Contest_title
| article_title      = Some contest article
| article_version    = 15131884

| author             = Participant Nickname
| new_artile         = yes
| added              = 128846
| jury_notes         = Mistakes<ref>ze->the</ref> (A)
| jury_member_A     = 2.5
| jury_member_B     =
| jury_member_C     =
| assigned           = Jury_member_A
}}
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Features: Template automation

In final scoring (a bit simplified to fit the screen):

```
{{Contest_scores/Contest_title/Final
| article_title      = Some contest article
| article_version    = 15131884
| final_version      = 15142991
| author             = Participant Nickname
| new_artile         = yes
| added              = 153376
| jury_notes         = Mistakes fixed (A)
| jury_member_A      = 3
| jury_member_B      =
| jury_member_C      =
| assigned           = Jury_member_A
}}
```

Outline

Our contests are:

- Easy to organize
- Easy to participate
- Easy to judge
- Don't violate Wikipedia ethics
- Bring a lot of high quality content
- Attract new wikipedians and activists
- Create PR

Join!