

MediaWiki User Report

Created by the MediaWiki Stakeholders' Group

Introduction

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We want to talk about MediaWiki. Who is using it, why that's important, and what you can do.

Who are we?

We are the MediaWiki Stakeholders' Group.

"We are MediaWiki developers, admins, users, consultants, and hosting providers who cooperate in order to improve the software and advocate the needs of MediaWiki users outside the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF) and its projects."

Who is using MediaWiki?

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Circ du Soleil

Department of Defense

Esportspedia

Free Software Foundation

Intel

Joomla

The LGBT History Project

Mercy

Metacafe

MITRE

Mozilla

NASA

NATO

Project Gutenberg

Society of Exploration Geophysicists

SNPedia

Vistaprint

WikiApiary

wikiHow

WordPress

Not to Mention

Independent developers, consultants,
community organizations, academics, individual
'wiki journals'

What are they doing with it?

- Studying and documenting the effects of variations in DNA
- Tracking and reporting eSports Statistics
- Understanding Geological formations
- Training Astronauts for EVAs (*i.e.* spacewalks)
- Compiling list of all music used in performances
- Documenting clinical performance measures to improve healthcare

MediaWiki Downloads

According to stats from MediaWiki.org there have been over **102,000 downloads** of MediaWiki between May 18th and July 15th 2015.

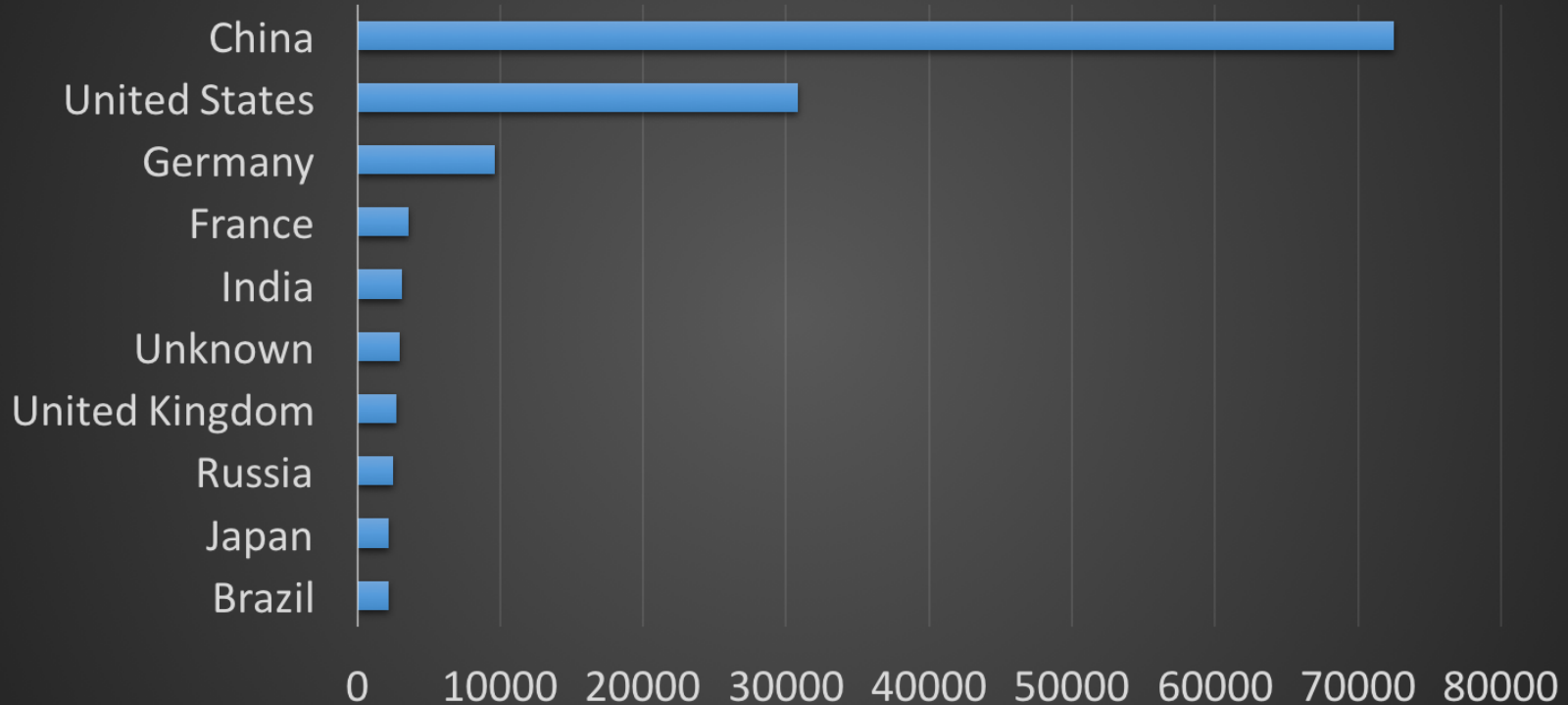
A couple of caveats around all the data:

Bots are not filtered out of the download count (possibly with the intention to verify that the download is still available)

We cannot tell if the download succeeded, only that it started.

MediaWiki Download Statistics

MediaWiki Downloads by Country May 18th to July 15th



Extension Downloads

There have been over **74,800 downloads** of extensions from MediaWiki.org between Jan and mid-May.

Over 570 unique extensions downloaded.

(There are 2,293 listed on MediaWiki.org, 812 kept in Gerrit)

(Dec 25, 2014 - May 19, 2015 ExtensionDistributor statistics P661)

Top Downloads - Extensions

1. UniversalLanguageSelector
2. Mantle
3. Parsoid
4. MobileFrontend
5. VisualEditor
6. WikiEditor
7. LdapAuthentication
8. Scribunto
9. Math
10. CategoryTree
11. ParserFunctions
12. MsUpload
13. UserMerge
14. Collection
15. SyntaxHighlight_GeSHi
16. ConfirmAccount
17. Cite
18. googleAnalytics
19. ConfirmEdit
20. PdfBook
21. MultiUpload
22. InputBox
23. PdfHandler
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Stats

According to WikiApiry there are over **25,000 independent wikis** out there.

These are just those wikis that are public!

Extension Authors

Curse Inc.

MITRE

NASA

Hallo Welt!

ShoutWiki

2015 MediaWiki Survey Preliminary Results

Sent Wed Afternoon

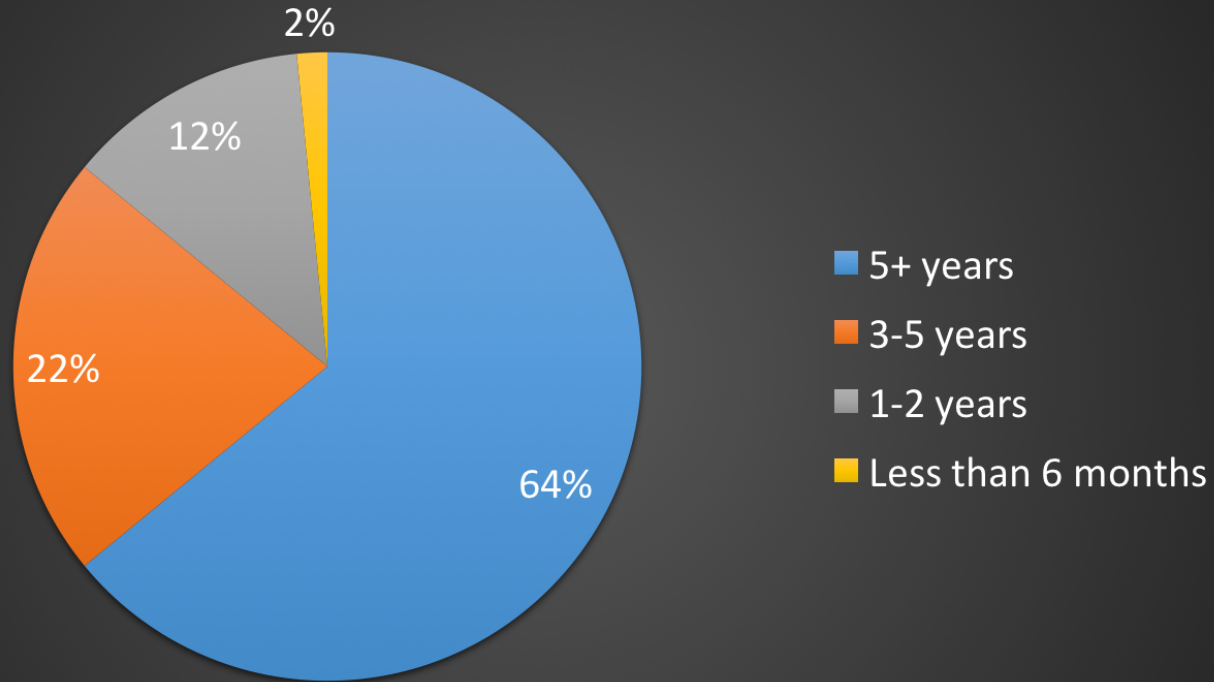
71 Responses

645+ hits to the survey link

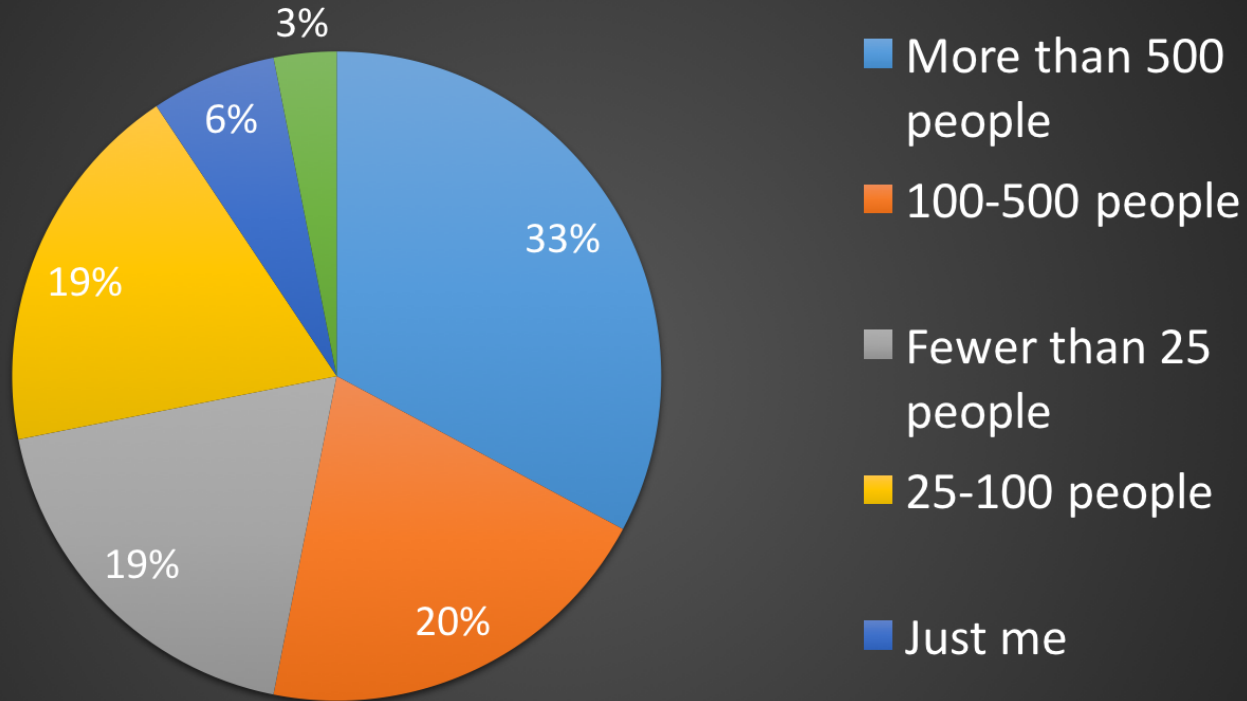
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social media, Wikiapiary, semediawiki-user, note on MW
Download page, #mediawiki*

Still looking for more!

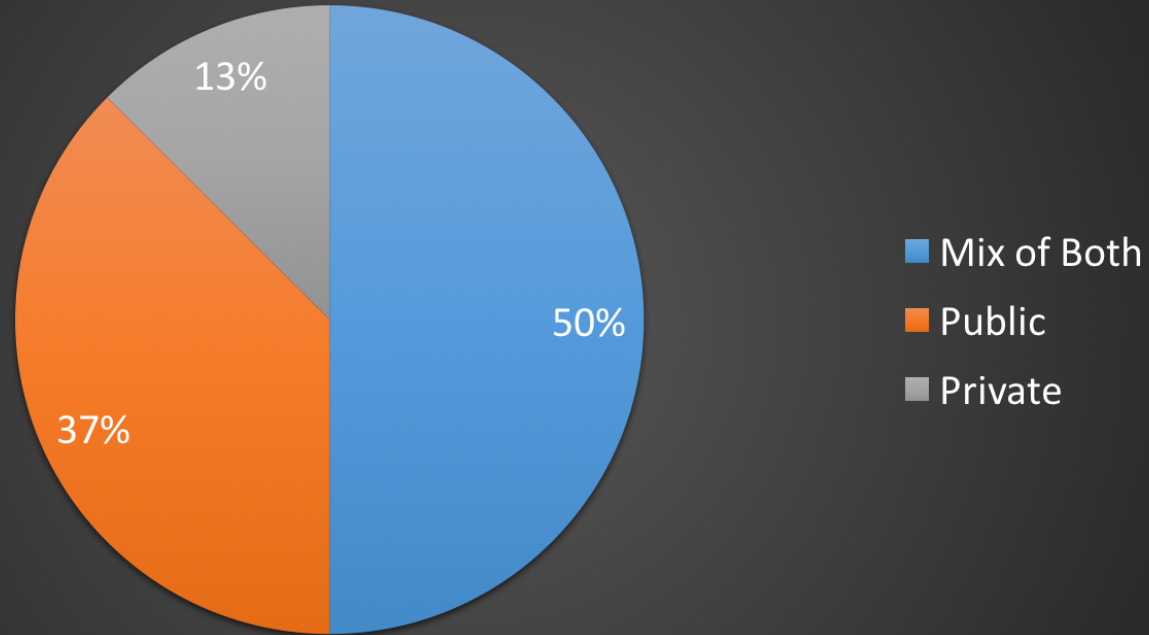
How long have you been using MediaWiki?



Approximately how many people are there on your MediaWiki sites?



Are your sites public or private?



Why do you use MediaWiki?

“Best Wiki Software.”

“It is low-cost and scalable. The wiki model is ideal for an educated community of users.”

“It provides a low-friction way of sharing and finding information within our organization.”

“It is great and powerful software that offers very many opportunities to build a tailored wiki.”

“Ease of access for users and editors. wide range of possibilities due to Semantic MediaWiki.”

What would you like to see most improved in MediaWiki the software?

“Extension discovery, installation and configuration”

“Automatic updates”

“Easier install and upgrade process. Better backwards compatibility or help making sure extensions don't blow up with updates.”

“Access Control”

“Visual Editor to be stable and working in an LTS or stable build”

Of the extensions you use, which are your most essential?

1. ParserFunctions
2. Semantic MediaWiki
3. Cite
4. WikiEditor
5. CategoryTree
6. Semantic Forms
7. Gadgets
8. ConfirmEdit
9. Scribunto
10. Interwiki
11. Replace Text
12. Abuse Filter
13. Arrays
14. BlueSpice
15. Echo
16. Renameuser
17. Widgets
18. DynamicPageList
19. ImageMap
20. InputBox

**Why should Mediawiki
users contribute?**

Encourage Contributions

Invite them to join us!

Community as support

Give back

The financial and perceptual benefits to contributing to open-source projects

**Why should the
community care?**

Encourage Support

We're leaving developers on the table

All development contributions are important

More MediaWiki developers at WMF-led events

Stakeholder Achievements

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Communication *mwstake.org*

Survey

Hitcounter

Event Participation

- Developer's Summit in January
- SMWCon Spring in March
- Hackathon in May
- NASA-hosted event in June
- Wikimania in July (Hola!)

Future Plans

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Prioritize Wishlist

Opt-in Registration during Install

Technical FAQ Update

IdeaLab Idea “Making Gerrit access easier for developers new to MediaWiki”

Future Plans

Improve documentation about installing and managing MW installations

According to WikiApiary a total of 18,052 wikis (**72.21 % of those reported**) use versions from obsolete branches.

Source: <https://wikiapiary.com/wiki/Statistics>

Future Plans

Host Events around third-party MediaWiki usage

Develop *Open-Source Contribution Policy*

Be involved in developing a shared governance model

Extension Mentoring

Future Plans

Build Things

- Look at list of prioritized Stakeholders Wishlist items.
- Find out how to support these.
- Do them.

The End

Learn more at mwstake.org

MediaWiki Download Statistics (June)

