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A GAME-CHANGER FOR WIKIPEDIA AND BEYOND

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ABOUT WIKIDATA

Wikidata is about creating a free and open data repository. This will make it possible to collect and curate data, to be used within all Wikimedia projects and by third parties.

One example: Wikidata contains the date of birth of a person of public interest associated with the person's name – accessible for all 280+ Wikipedia language versions and beyond. It is similar to Wikimedia Commons but for data instead of multimedia.

GOALS

For the editor communities, a particular goal is to decrease the maintenance burden and help smaller Wikipedias.

Decreased maintenance comes in at least two forms: first, data can be maintained in one and reused in many places; second, automatic list creation will remove the need to create and update lists by hand. Wikidata will also help smaller Wikipedias by boot-strapping some of the articles.

TIMELINE

The initial development is being undertaken in three phases. The first phase improves language links.
The second concerns infoboxes, while the third will focus on automatic list creation.

The project is scheduled to run from April 2012 until the end of March 2013.

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