

## Create your user account

For a video explaining the instructions see

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:WP\\_tutorial\\_en\\_New\\_user\\_account.ogg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:WP_tutorial_en_New_user_account.ogg)

1. Go to [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)
2. Click Log in/create account, located at the top right side of the page.
3. Above the log in box, where it says “Don't have an account?”, click “Create one.”
4. Enter the CAPTCHA text.
5. Choose your username. (Consider how much you want to reveal about yourself through your username. Many editors use their real names; many other use pseudonyms.)
6. Select your password.
7. Enter your email address. (This will not be public, but it will allow other editors to contact you by email indirectly through the wiki software.)
8. Click “Create account.” You'll be brought to a welcome page with some general advice and resources for getting started.

## Create your user page

Now create a user page for yourself, to let other editors know a little bit about you.

1. Click your username at the top of the page. (It will be a red link, because your user page doesn't exist yet.)
2. Click the “Start the ... page” link.
3. Add a bit of text about yourself, why you're here, and what topics you're interested in working on. (You can build on or revise this page at any time.)
4. Press “Save page.” (You can enter an edit summary in the field above the save button, describing what you've done with this edit.)

Once you've started getting the hang of Wikipedia, you may want to return to your user page to add more details, customize with a photo or userboxes, add links to pages you're currently working on, and so on. Generally, you're free to use your user page however you like and no one else will try to change it.