Wikipedia-Teahouse
A friendly space for Wikipedia-newcomers
Why and how we internationalize it

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Introduction: Community-aspects

Possible reasons for people not to participate:

- Community-Atmosphere
  - Rules
  - Know-it-alls
  - Unfriendly
  - Unwelcome

- Technical problems
  - Wikicode
  - Templates
  - Internet

- Missing support
  - Communication between newbies & experienced users
Introduction:
Community-aspects: Diversity?

- Great!

- Has the project nevertheless been successful?

- Get insights in the issue of gender-diversity

Effects in gender diversity
Introduction: Community-aspects: Diversity!

- No explicit gender-diversity-project
  - Not enough insights in the gender-issue
- Could turn out as kind of a gender-diversity-project
- Is at least a diversity-project!
Introduction:
Community-aspects

Support
Offline

Support
Online

Teahouse
Teahouse – overview

- Friendly, „relaxed“ atmosphere for newbies
- Answer **every** question
- Connected to other newcomer-programs

- Technically easy to handle (no wiki-text needed)

- International use?
Teahouse: Community-aspects

- Keep it vital!
  - Update frontpage (randomly selected questions and profiles)
  - Answer all questions immediately
Teahouse

Front page
Welcome to the teahouse
A friendly place to help new editors become accustomed to Wikipedia culture, ask questions, and develop community relationships.

Do you have a question about editing?

Get answers »

Recent questions...

I logged on to wikipedia today to find my user page and user talk page deleted. I looked at the requests for deletion page and other deletion related pages, but I couldn't find anything about who deleted my page. As far as I can see, there was nothing wrong with either of my pages. Can you find out who deleted my pages, and see if you could restore them as they were? Thanks! -Badger2424 (talk)Badger2424 (talk) 8:45 am, Yesterday (UTC-7)

Find the answer here

...see another question

Wika
intellectual property is an issue of extreme importance, its protection is part of my live. As a scientist in natural sciences I intend to combine the issue of science with the issue of intellectual property.
Teahouse

Host profile page
Your hosts, here to help...

Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much
—Oscar Wilde

Jr8825
I've been active on Wikipedia since 2009, and I tend to do a bit of everything on Wikipedia - writing, proof-reading and helping around. I may disappear off the radar for periods as I drown in school work, but I'll be back editing furiously during school breaks!

joined: 14:50, 11 July 2013 (UTC)

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.
—Jimmy Wales

Rcsprinter123
Rcsprinter has been registered on Wikipedia since June 2010, and became active quite soon after. He does various gnomish edits, and helps a lot of new users though various venues. Even though his main interest is buses, he is also quite active in other areas including Articles for creation, and runs a bot, RscprinterBot.

joined: 16:22, 28 February 2012
Teahouse

- Guest profile page
29% of Teahouse guests are women
Teahouse guests edit 3 times more articles
~ 41 participants editing per week
1098 per week
Teahouse – community-aspects

- Easy self-introduction
- Find help quickly
- Show human sides in Wikipedia
  - No difficult rules
  - Make it easy to join the community

Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the newbie

- Ask-question-field
- Self-introduction
- Searchable FAQ & archive
- Tasklist with ideas for next contributions
- Short overview about fundamental principles
Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the host

- List of questions
- Self-introduction
- List of potential interested newcomers
- Host identification
- Answered-questions-counter
Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the host

- Bot to keep the page vital
- Self-introduction
- List of potential interested newcomers
- Host identification
- Answered-questions-counter
Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the host

- Bot to keep the page vital
- Bot: list users for automatic invite
- Bot: Automatic invite
Teahouse – technical-aspects

CC-by-3.0 (Jtmorgan)
Teahouse – international aspects

- Personal support
- Best practices
- Lessons learned
- Metrics
- Provide downloads
- Templates
Schedule

Revision → Usertests; Scientific advise → Development

Support other projects ← Document best practices

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