

Henry, 53

New Editor

📍 Seattle, Washington

📁 City Planner

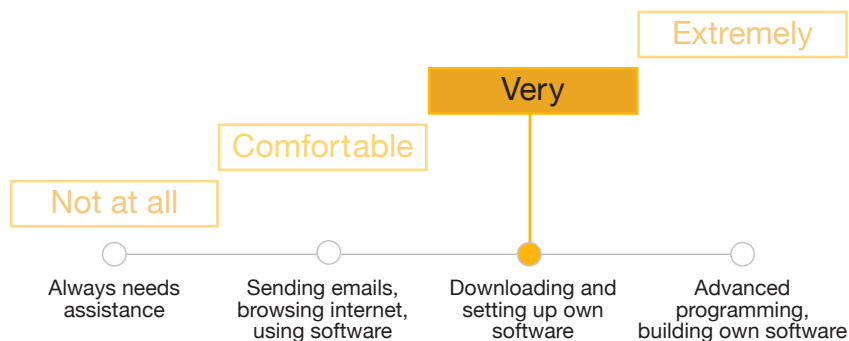
🎓 Master's in Urban Planning

🏠 Boyfriend, no kids

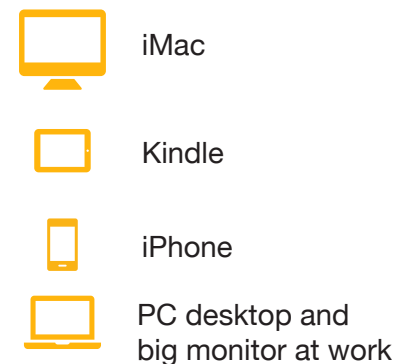
🗣️ English



Technology Comfort Level



Devices



Experience Goals

- Doesn't want to make mistakes
- Wants to understand the rules and norms about how to edit Wikipedia

End Goals

- Make the mid-century modern articles better
- Connect with a broader set of people who care about his favorite topics

Challenges

- He isn't sure whether he can just jump right in and start editing; he'd like some guidance but doesn't know where to go
- He heard that people get banned for doing things incorrectly, so he doesn't want to make any mistakes

About Henry

Henry often reads English Wikipedia, and is disappointed with the meager content on the articles about mid-century modern design. Last Thanksgiving, he mentioned this to his niece Bella, a graduate student. She was a very active Wikipedian who's seen her time on Wikipedia decrease since starting grad school. She encouraged him to add to the articles himself. He knows the subject very well, and he wants to share his knowledge and experience with all the other people who read these articles.

“ *She said ‘Be bold’. I’m not feeling that bold right now.* ”

With Bella's encouragement, Henry has started making some changes to Wikipedia articles, but nothing fancy, just changing a few words and light copy-editing.

He really wants to add more information about 1960s product design, but he's not sure whether it should be a new section on an existing article, or a new article altogether. He doesn't want to make a mistake and annoy the Wikipedians who have written the article.

Bella said that he should ask about it on the article talk page. He looked at the talk page, but he's not sure how to start a new discussion, or who would reply.



Henry loves that he is inspired by the old and the modern, like the architecture of his city.¹



His interest in mid-century modern design goes beyond the books.²