Keys to organize a successful Wikidata workshop
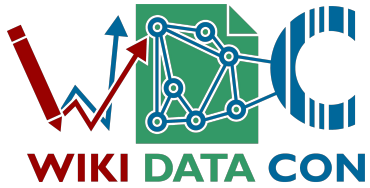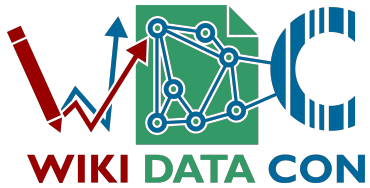
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The context
Introduce Wikidata
The Query Service
Find support
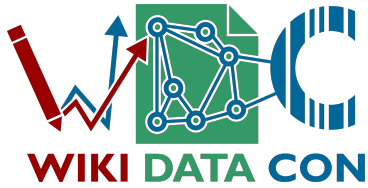Share your tips
Discussion

The context

Requirements for the location:
- Quiet
- Accessible
- With good internet
- Tables and chairs
- Screen or projector
- Optional: computers

You could ask...
- University
- Local library
- Museum
- Local free software group
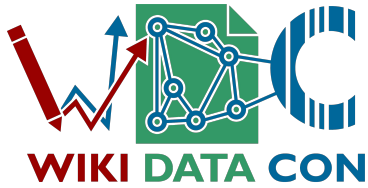- Fablab
- Other educational organization

The context

How long?
- 30min for a simple Wikidata intro
- 1h for a detailed presentation
- 1h to edit Wikidata
- +1-2h for the Query Service
- +1h for external tools
- One day for a hackathon

Skills needed in your team
- Ability to talk in front of an audience
- Good knowledge of Wikidata
- Good knowledge of the community rules
- Good knowledge of the Query Service
- Optional: experience with other tools
- Optional: coding skills
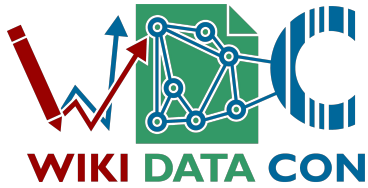
Introduce Wikidata

In 30min
- Describe what Wikidata is
- Give a few numbers
- Show and describe an item
- Show that items are connected to each other
- Show cool examples of reuse
- Show where to find help

With more time:
- Talk about the history and goals
- Talk about the community
- Mention the WikiProjects
- Show more cool tools
- Edit a label or statement together
- Help the attendees try on their own

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The Query Service

Pre-requisites
- Understanding of the data structure (item/property/value)

Your goals
- Give an overview of the tool
- Reassure people
- Make them curious
- Empower them

Two methods among others:
- Minimal intro, then hands-on
- Build your query step by step

The Query Service

The minimalist method
- A very short introduction
- A long non-guided workshop

Advantages
- More freedom to try
- Discussions 1-to-1 with people

Risks
- People feeling lost
- Some people need more "academic" learning before trying
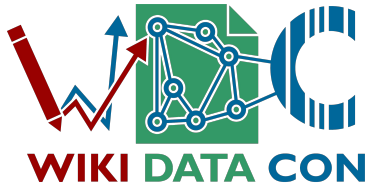
The step-by-step method
- Showing and describing a simple query
- Improving the query step by step

Advantages
- More structured and explained
- Everyone get the same level of information

Risks
- Frustration for people who want to try freely
- Frustration if people have different levels

Find support

One place to find slides: Commons!
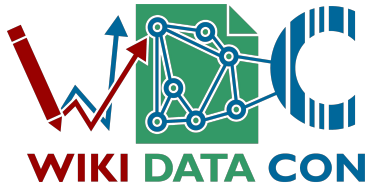
Category:Wikidata presentations

Sorted by language, ideally with a date

Don't forget to share your own ;)

Need more trainers? Ask the community!

- Publicize your workshop on Wikidata:Events
- Let a message on the Weekly Summary Wikidata:Status_updates/Next

Share your tips Discussion

My tips:
- Find co-trainers with different skills
- Adapt your content to your audience
- Make it active: watch and try
- Show good examples
- Show things to improve
- Make sure that everyone can create an account
  (authorize the IP of the location for creating multiple accounts)

What are your tips for a successful workshop?

Do you have experiences you want to share?

Questions?

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