

SISTER PROJECT INCUBATOR

How to deal with knowledge gaps inherent in "What
Wikipedia is not"

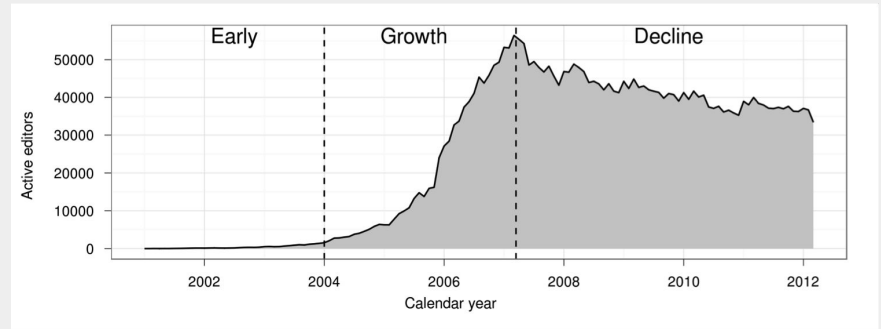
bit.ly/wikiforge-wm18

(Note that most of the content is in the speaker notes. You might want to check the Google Slides version - see link above.)



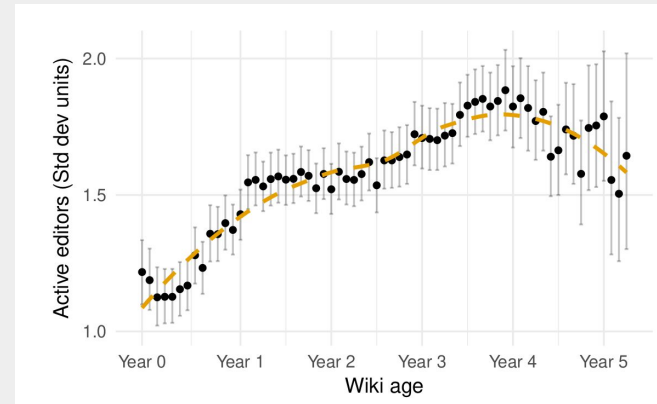
What is this about?

Growth and innovation slows down as projects get older.



[The Rise and Decline of an Open Collaboration System](#)

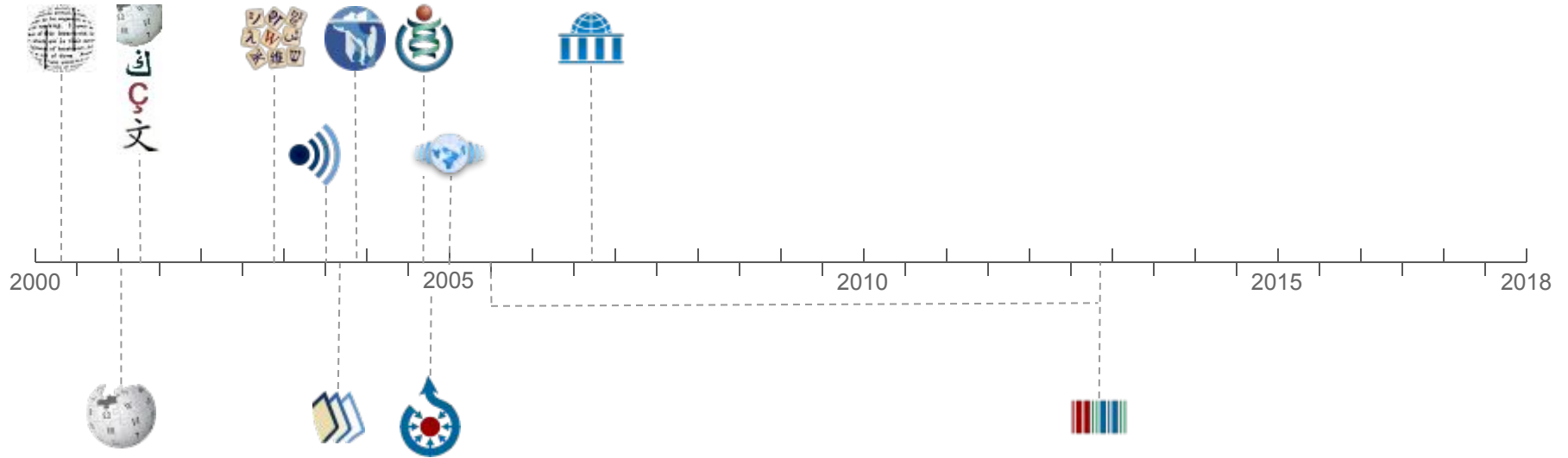
Aaron Halfaker et al., 2013



[Revisiting "The Rise and Decline" in a Population of Peer Production Projects](#)

Benjamin Mako Hill et al., 2018

Project type innovation has largely stopped.





2005: Jimmy's 10 Challenges

- 1) Free the encyclopedia
- 2) Free the dictionary
- 3) Free the curriculum
- 4) Free the music
- 5) Free the art
- 6) Free the file formats
- 7) Free the maps
- 8) Free the product IDs
- 9) Free the TV listings
- 10) Free the communities



Jimmy Wales: [Ten Things That Will Be Free](#)
(Wikimania 2005)



New projects I'd love to see

- Wikidata Commons
- Designs of useful physical objects (from furniture to computer hardware)
- Organizational processes / practices
- Collaboratively created video documentaries
- How-to (even though WikiHow is awesome)

Many great ideas at

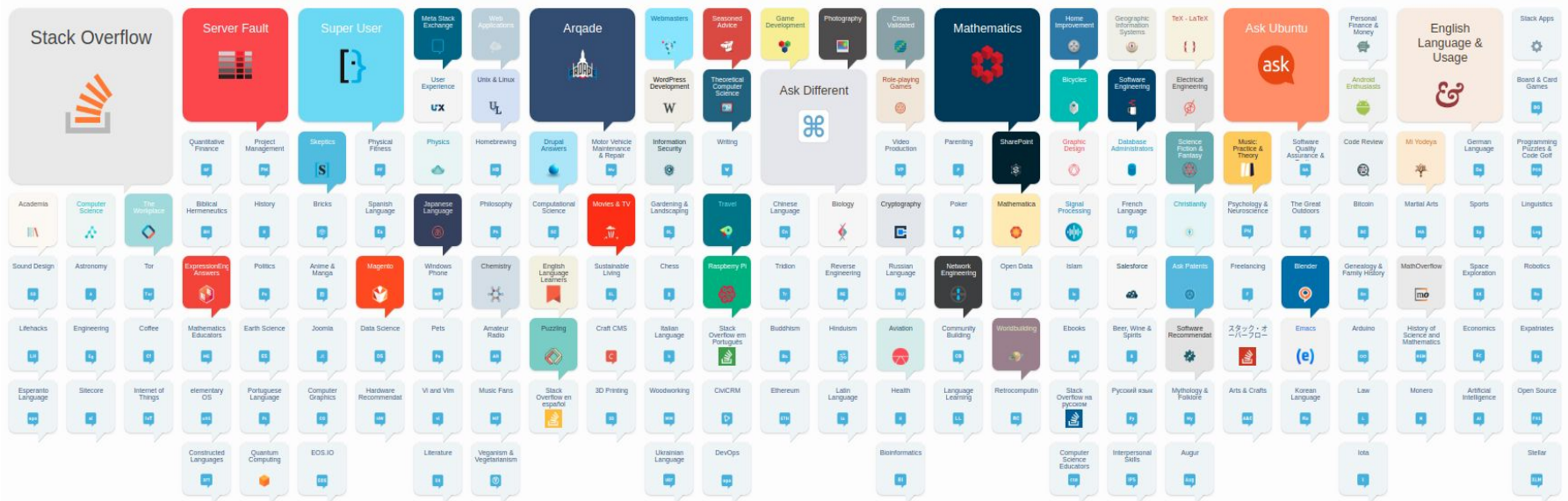
http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Proposals_for_new_projects

Erik Möller: [Beyond the Encyclopedia](#)
(Wikimania 2010)

m:Proposals for new projects
is dead

Project	Request date	Status
CWikipedia (comments)	21-Jun-2018	Under discussion
Wikiamaniac (comments)	19-Jun-2018	Under discussion
Wikisongs II (comments)	25-Mar-2018	Under discussion
Wikirights (comments)	17-Mar-2018	Under discussion
Wikihost (comments)	28-Feb-2018	Under discussion
Wikieducation (comments)	31-Jan-2018	Under discussion
Wikilanguage (comments)	28-Jan-2018	Under discussion
Wiki Countries (comments)	20-Jan-2018	Under discussion
Wikigift (comments)	13-Jan-2018	Under discussion
NonFreeWiki (2) (comments)	03-Jan-2018	Under discussion
Wikimuseum (comments)	08-Dec-2017	Under discussion
(comments)	29-Nov-2017	Under discussion
WikiCook (comments)	13-Dec-2017	Under discussion
WikiAbridge (comments)	13-Dec-2006	Under discussion
Wikicorpus (comments)	29-May-2006	Under discussion
Wikiepic (comments)	10-Feb-2006	Under discussion
Wikilocal (comments)	24-Jul-2005	Under discussion

Stack Exchange




Area 51

All Proposals

- Arts
10 proposals
- Business
2 proposals
- Culture
37 proposals
- Life
18 proposals
- Professional
9 proposals
- Recreation
18 proposals
- Science
19 proposals
- Technology
81 proposals

Greetings, Earthling!

Area 51 is the Stack Exchange Network staging zone, where users come together to build new Q&A sites. New site ideas are proposed, discussed, and the best go on to beta. See the [faq](#) for more information.



Hottest Proposals

hot progress beta launched newest

231 committed
Mainframes
For people who program, operate and want to learn more about mainframe and mainframe-specific technologies

define commit beta

8 followers
Drone
For drone designers by drone designers.

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9 followers
Preoptimization
For those skilled in the art of contemplating theoretical performance benefits of theoretical implementations, regardless of the size of the gains. Benchmarks are strictly prohibited, and a strong emphasis is put on English and pseudo-code.

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39 followers
Indian Languages
For the learners and experts of popular Indian Languages.

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63 followers
Stock Exchange
For people interested in trading on stock markets such as Forex, binary, commodity and other.

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Cardano
For developers and users of Cardano distributed computing platform which runs the blockchain for the Ada cryptocurrency

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Problems and potential solutions

Staff time is scarce and cannot be spent on each individual project.

- Automate where possible
- Delegate to the community where possible
- Make failure cheap for new projects

Problems and potential solutions

Failure has high costs and/or affects other projects

- Outsource risky functionality
- Compartmentalize

Problems and potential solutions

Social problems can spread to other projects

- Cross-project volunteer admin corps?

Thank you!

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