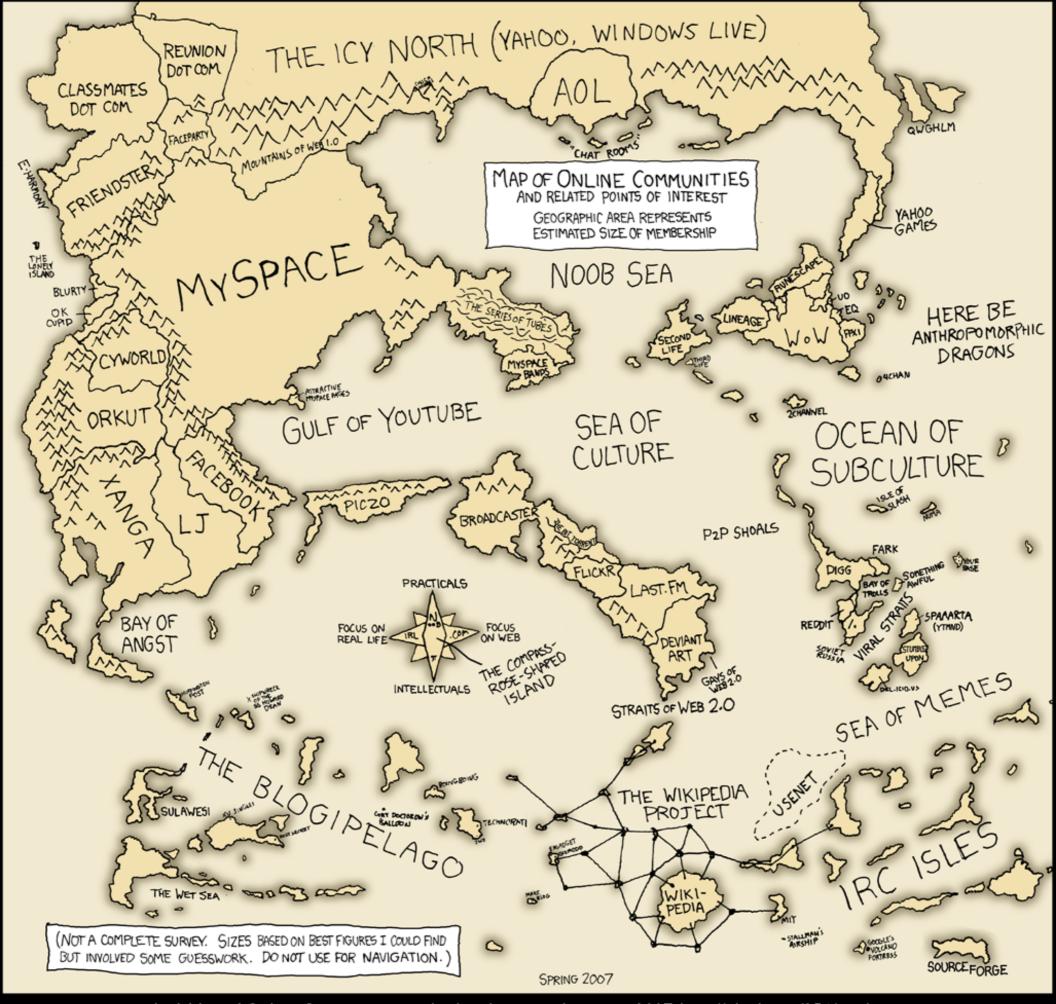
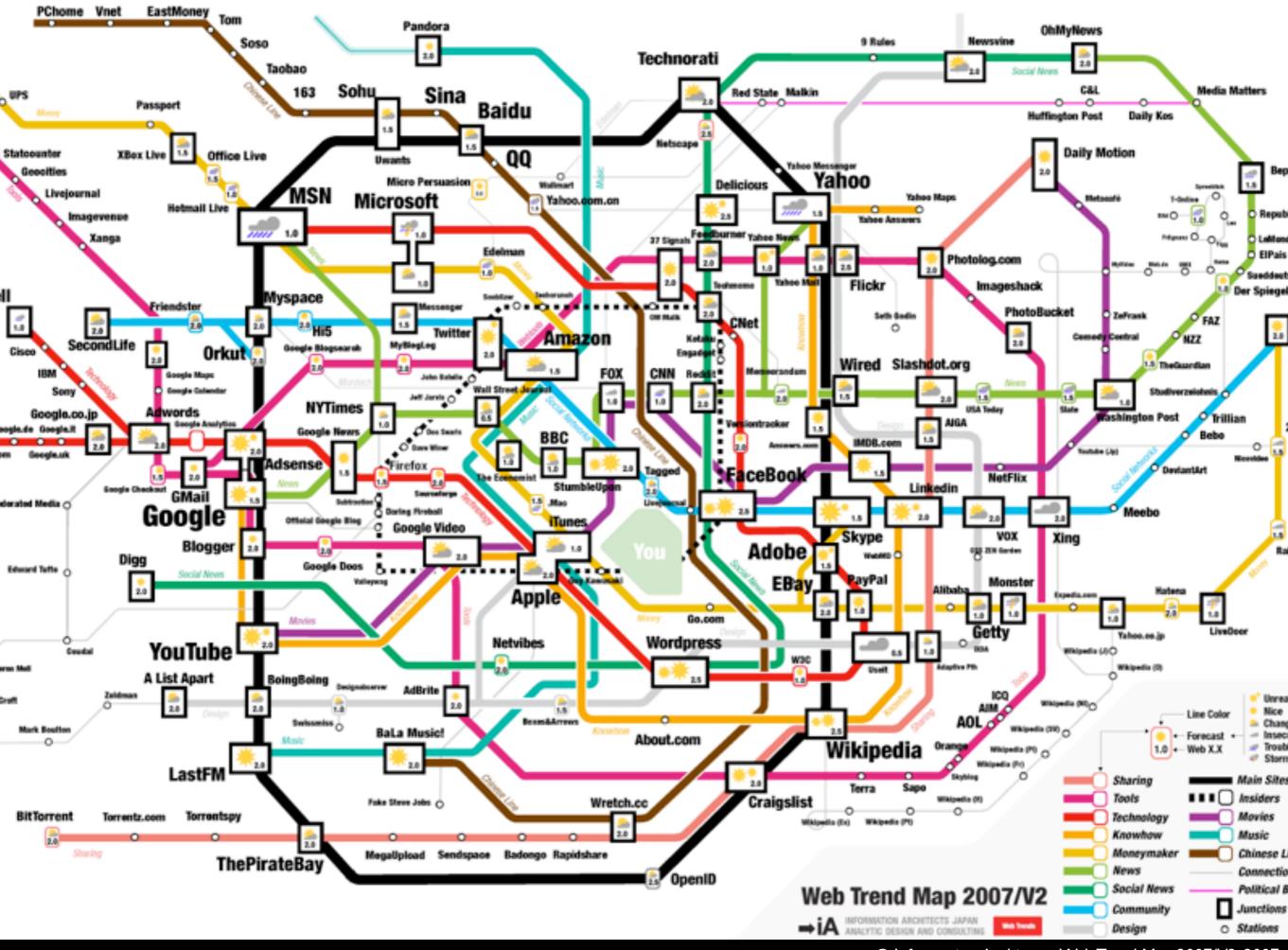
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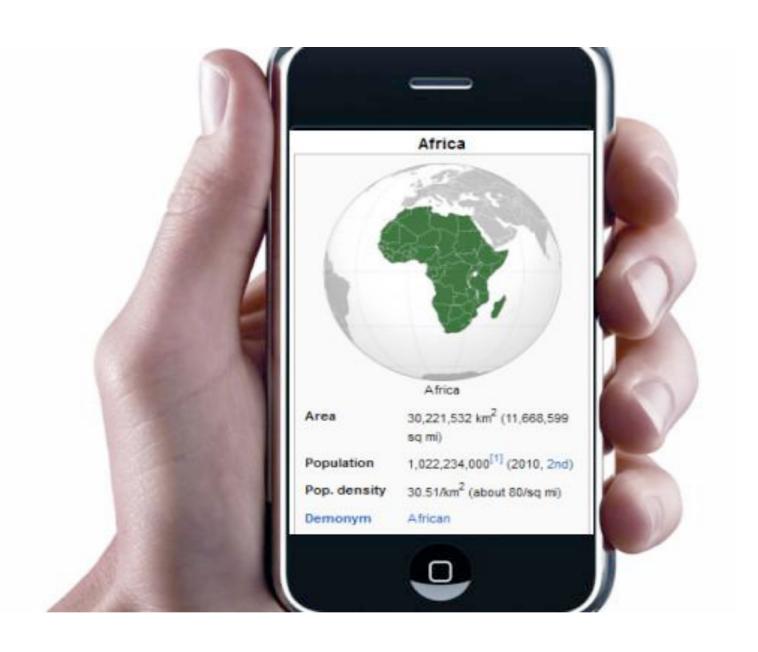


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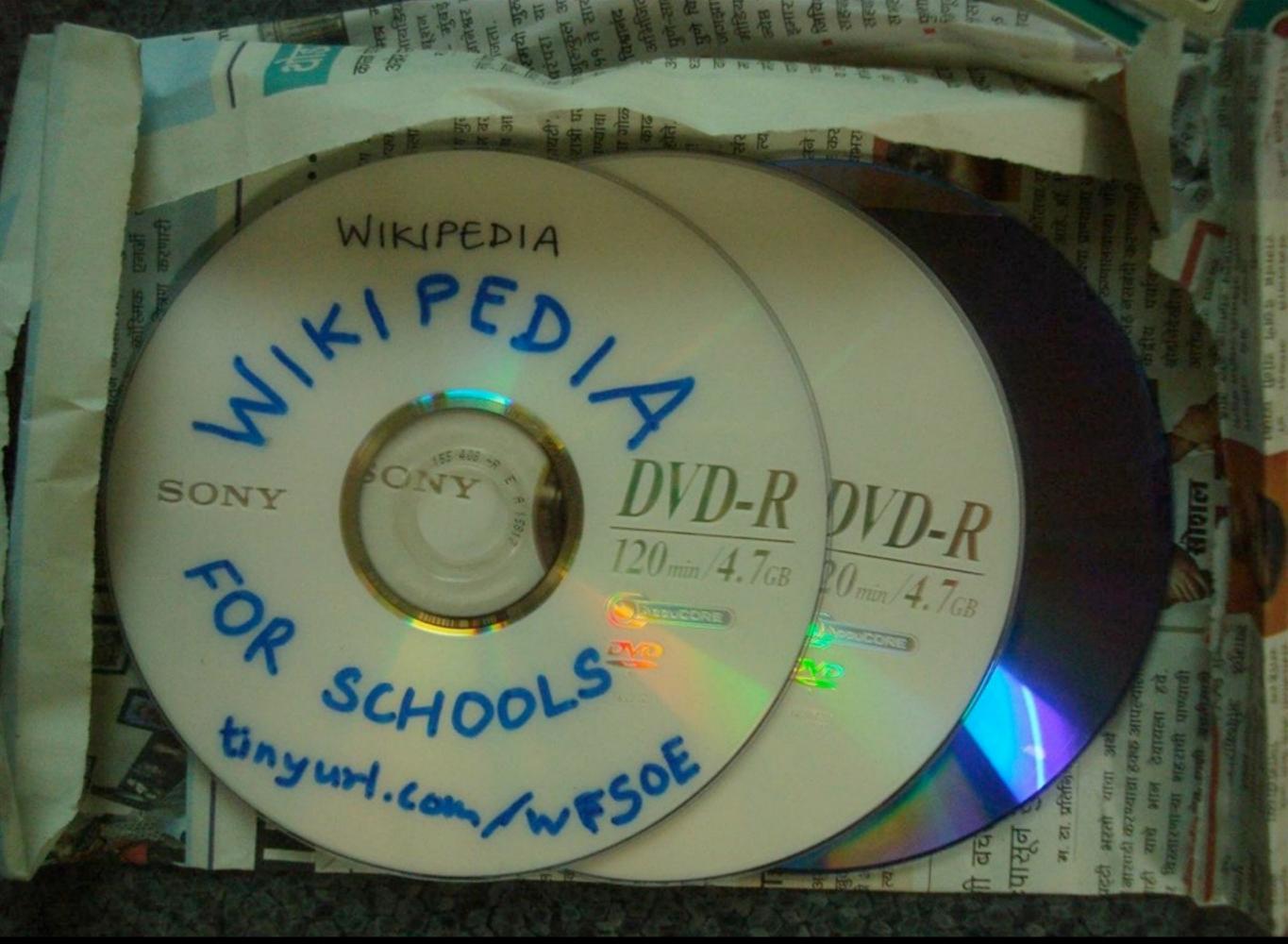
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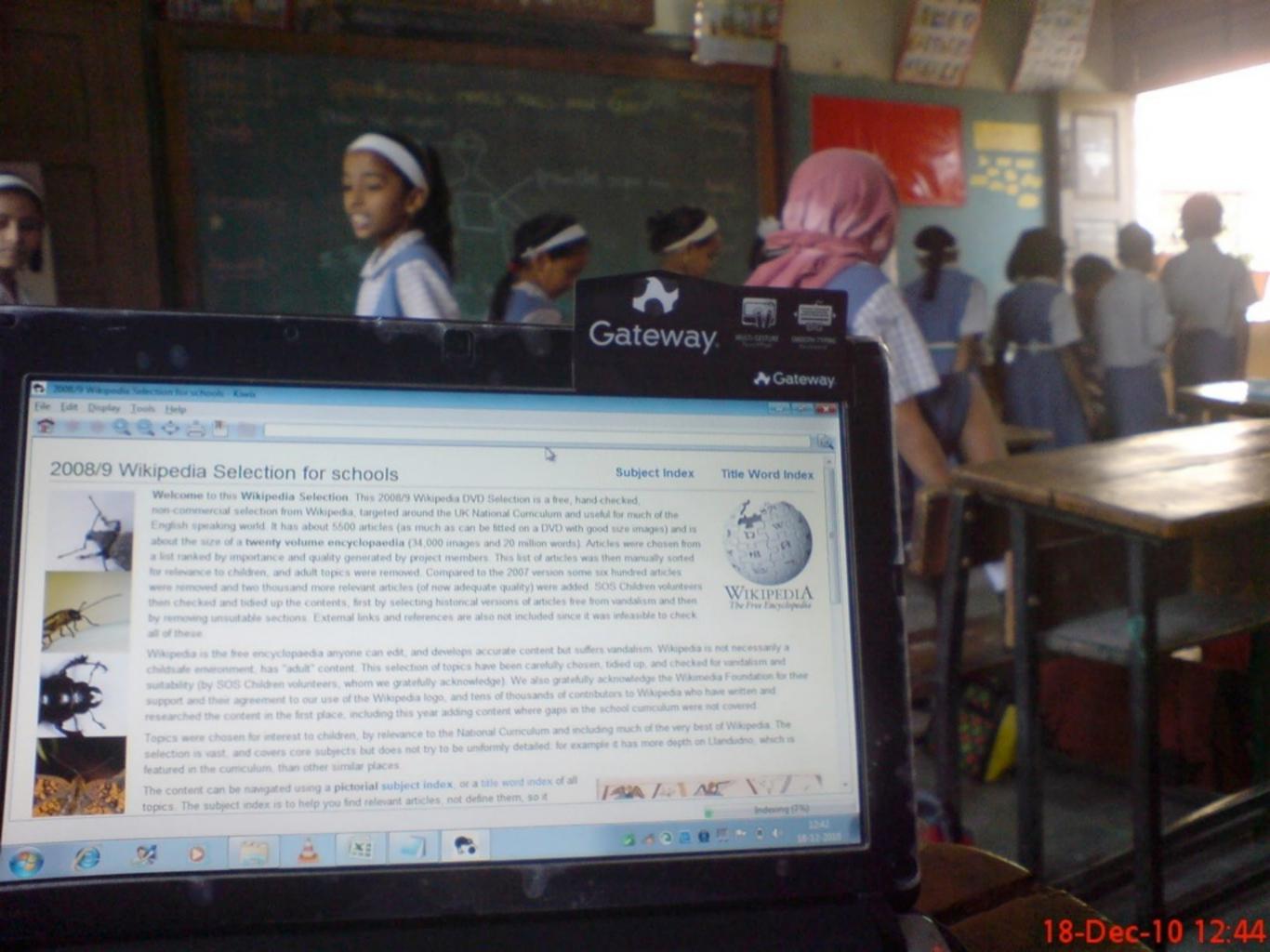
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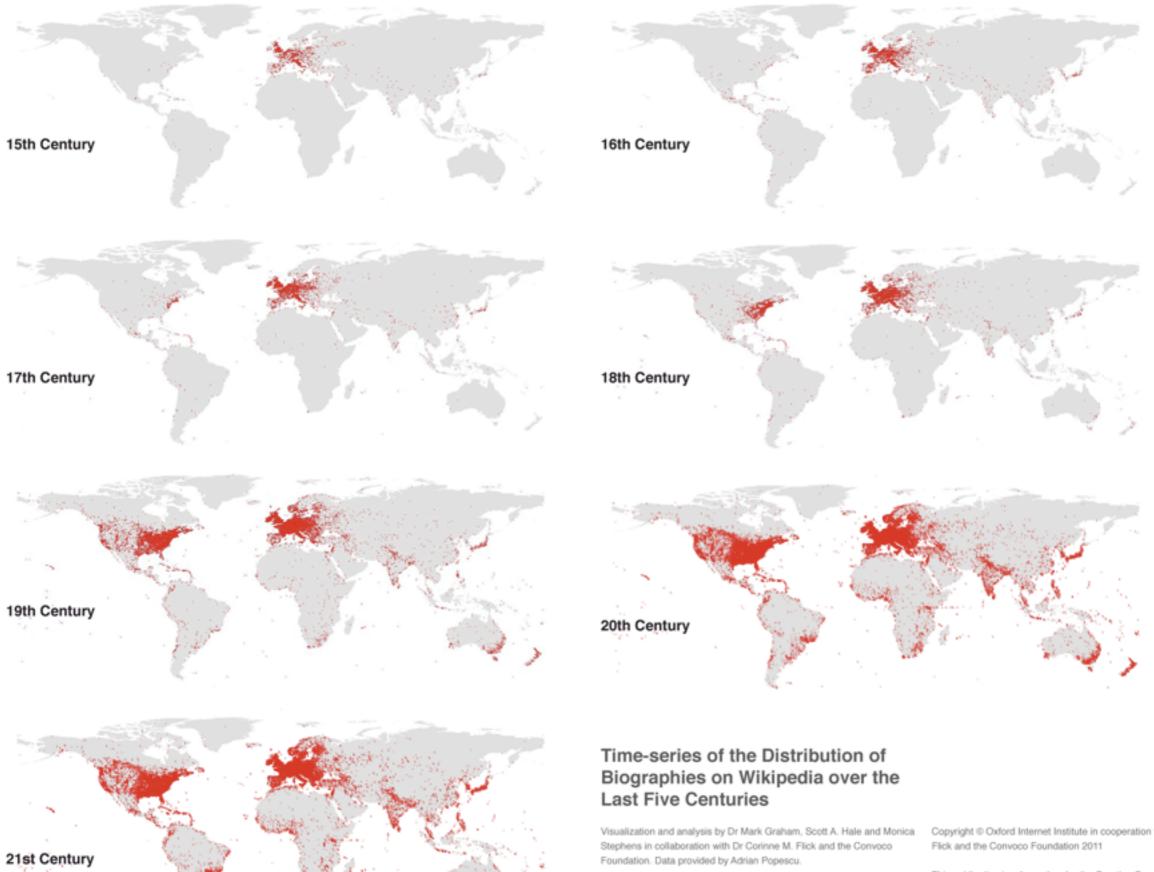


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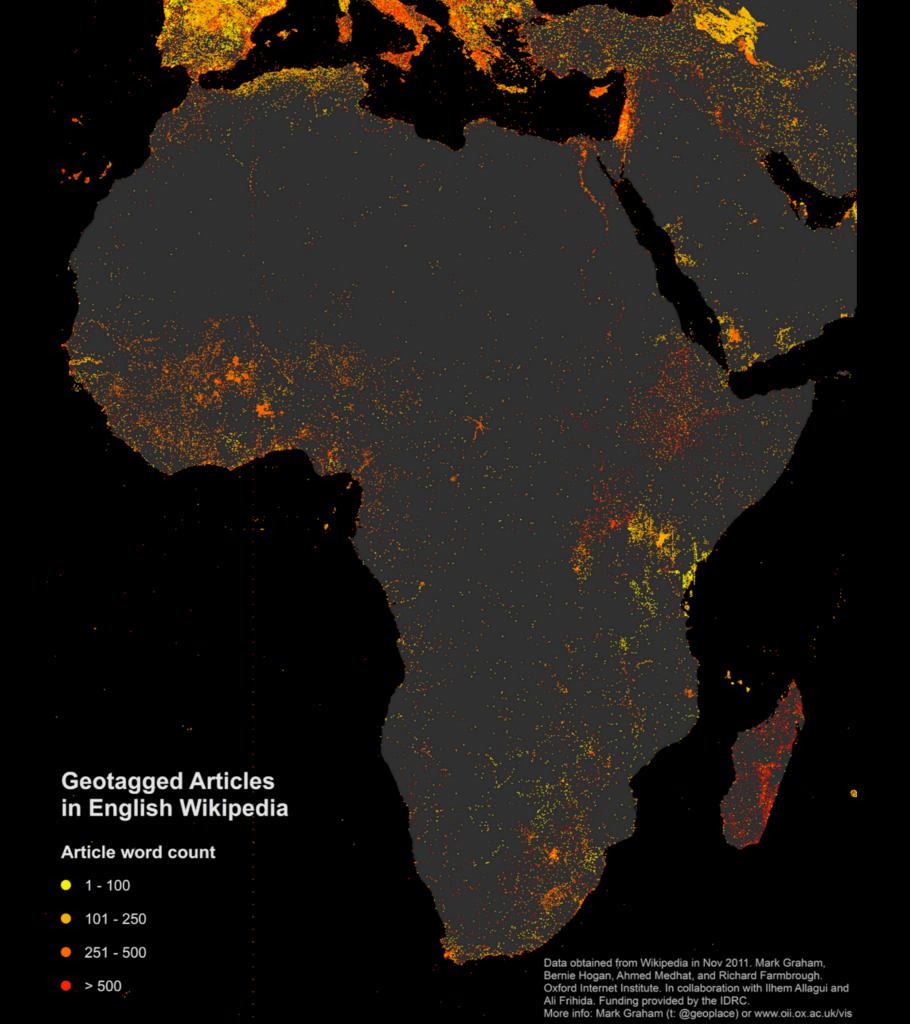


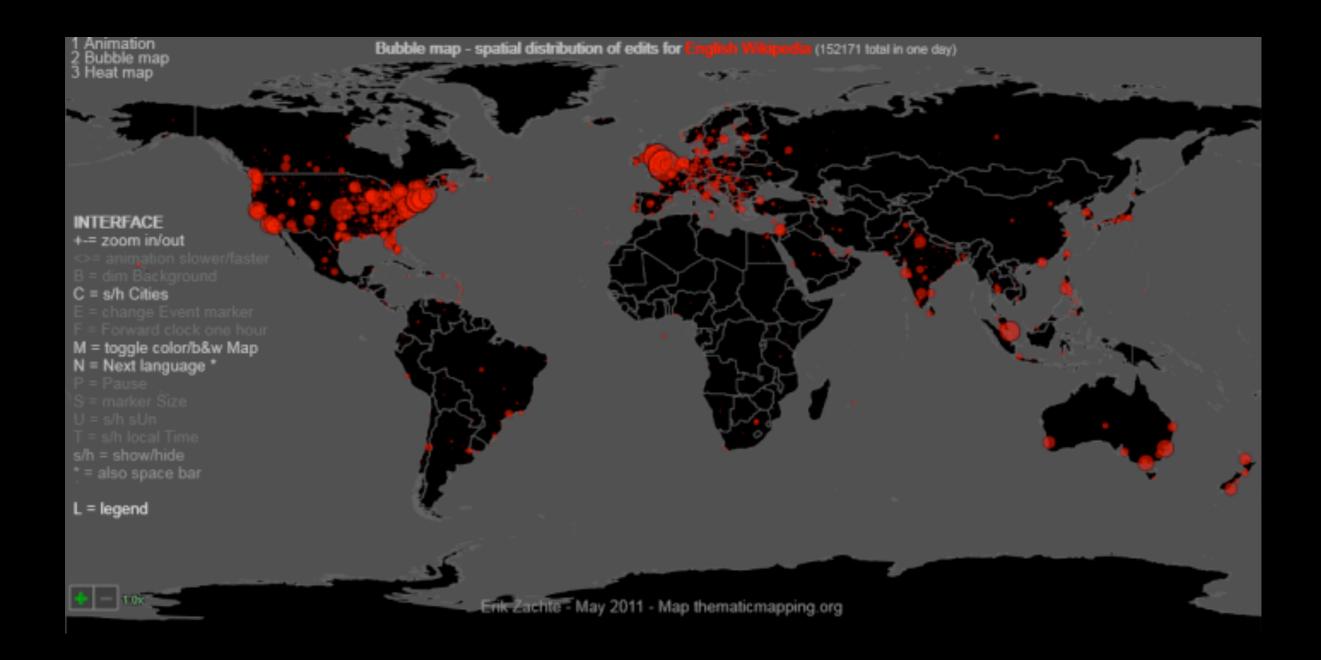
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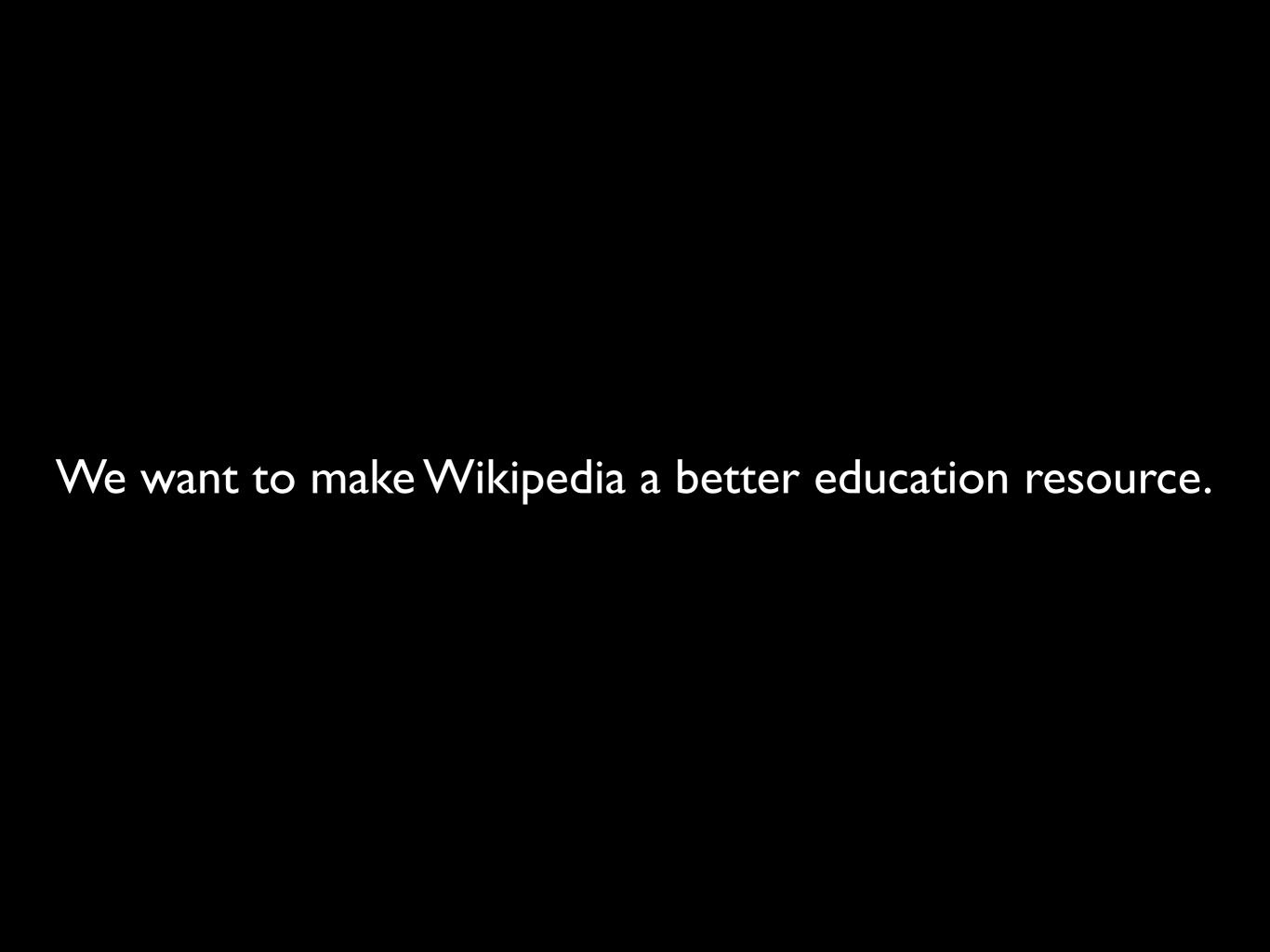












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After the project had ended, we contacted the schools to request for feedback. These were the most common responses we got:

Challenges

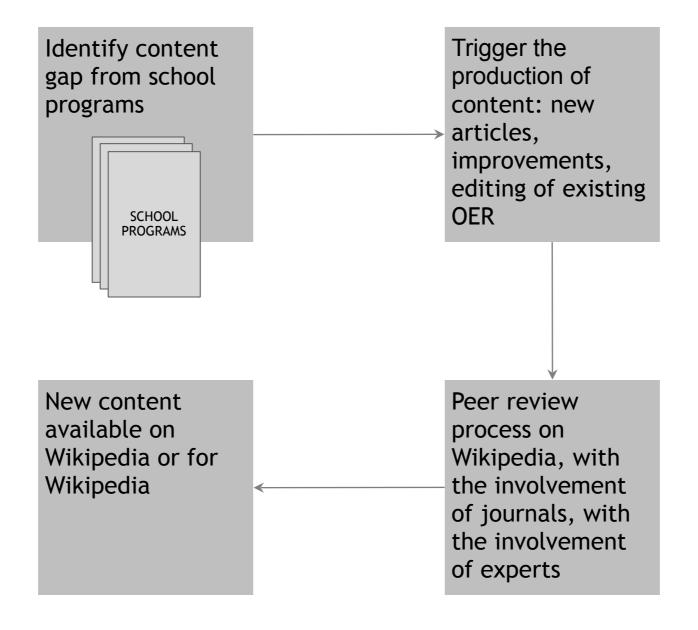
- . The content of the offline Wikipedia was created by SOS UK, based on the British curriculum, therefore not fully appropriate for Kenyan students.
- · Some of the computers were obsolete and/or old, making the installation painfully slow.
- . One school complained about the technical difficulty in re-installing the offline Wikipedia.

Successes

- Free and readily available to students and teachers, as opposed to textbooks that were quite expensive for some students to afford.
- . We noticed that it was more frequently used in computers that were located in a library setting as compared to those that were in a computer laboratory.
- Some students really liked the coloured, illustrative images. Apparently, this was more appealling to the eye and brain, as compared to a similar black and
 white image drawn on a textbook or blackboard.

What we're planning to do next

- . Create a custom-made version of offline Wikipedia that is in accordance to the Kenyan curriculum.
- · Deploy this new version country-wide.



Why

- I. Wikipedia claims to be an educational tool
- 2. It is powerful (500 million readers)
- 3. It is more and more accessible (online, mobile, offline)
- 4. Making sure it provides (good) content related to education
- 5. Improving underrepresented content
- 6. Taking advantage of existing resources and expertise
- 7. Making sure we take into consideration who Wikipedia is "educating" and what it is "teaching"
- 8. Supporting Wikipedia and its (potential and new) communities

What we are not going to do

- I.We do not break Wikipedia rules.
- 2. We do not work for governments and ministries of education.
- 3. We do not consider Wikipedia a schoolbook.
- 4. We do not promote Wikipedia as a stable and passive resource.
- 5. We do not centralize all the activities, and in any case we can't.

Conclusion





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