Wikipedia-Teahouse

A friendly space for Wikipedia-newcomers

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Introduction: Community-aspects

☐ Possible reasons for people not to participate in Wikipedia:

- Atmosphere of „know-it-alls" and rules

- Technical problems

- No exchange with both experienced users and newbies with the same problems

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Introduction: Community-aspects

☐ Support – Online ↔ Offline: Connection

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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?

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Teahouse: Community-aspects

☐ Guests

☐ Hosts

☐ Q&A-Page

☐ Keep it vital!

– Update frontpage (randomly selected questions and profiles)

– Answer all questions immediately

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☐Front page

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Welcome to the

teahouse

A **friendly** place to help new editors become accustomed to Wikipedia culture, ask questions, and develop community relationships.

Ebe123, Teahouse host

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**

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.

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☐Host profile page

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Your **hosts**, here to help...

Jr8825

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

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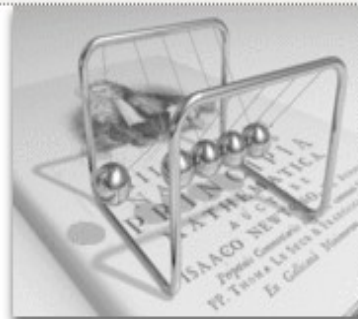
joined: 14:50, 11 July 2013 (UTC)

Jr8825 has been awarded these badges.

Rcsprinter123

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

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.

Rcsprinter123 has been awarded these badges.

joined: 16:22, 28 February 2012

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- Guest profile page

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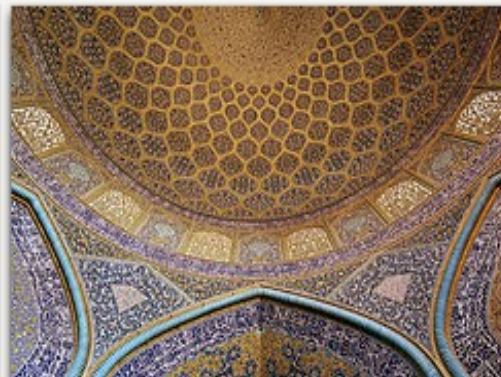
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Teahouse – community-aspects

☐ Easy self-introduction

☐ Find help quickly

☐ Show human sides in Wikipedia

- No difficult rules

- Make it easy to join the community

Http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benutzer:Bücherwürmlein/Teestube

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Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the newbie:

- EASY

- Self-introduction, ask-question-field

- Short overview about fundamental principles of Wikipedia

- Connection to other newbie-programmes

- Searchable FAQ & archive

- Tasklist with ideas for next contributions

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Teahouse – technical-aspects

For the host:

- Access to list of potentially interested newcomers
- Access to list of new questions
- Host-identification when answering questions
- Possibility to create a profile

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Teahouse – technical-aspects

☐For the admins:

- – Bot to keep the page vital (list of newcomers; list of hosts)

- – Bot: Lists the last X users with > X edits

- – Bot: Welcoming relevant users and invite to Teahouse

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Teahouse – international aspects

☐Difficult steps:
- – What is needed?
- – What's it like in terms of structure?

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☐ Nice to have

- – Compare retention-rate between teahouse-participants and non-participants
- – Best-practices-document

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☐ Steps:

- 1. Community-members

- 2. Planning of the pages („must haves" and „nice-to-haves")

- 3. Someone with technical skills

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☐ Our steps in internationalization:

– Annual plan of WMNL :-)

– Manual for other wikiprojects to adopt it

- Best practices
- Lessons learned

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