

Raising the next generation of Wikidata experts in your community

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Introduction

Organize a Wikidata workshop

What skills would you need to learn?

Our training plan

Discussion & questions

Keys to organize a successful Wikidata workshop



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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

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
- Leave a message on the Weekly Summary Wikidata:Status_updates/Next

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)

Wikidata's 6th birthday



Maybe your next occasion to organize a Wikidata workshop?

- Around October 29th, 2018
- Many small events happening all around the world
- Gathering communities to prepare WikidataCon 2019
- One page to check: [Wikidata:Sixth birthday](#)
- Documentation, advices, other events

If you plan something, let us know!

**What skills should “Train the
Trainer courses for Wikidata”
teach?
Let’s discuss!**



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Wikidata training plan

Goals:

- Train volunteers to be autonomous in running Wikidata workshops
- Provide and share all the necessary resources
- Build a strong community of trainers

This program is made of different modules, which are cut in several sessions. Each session is independent from the others.

Disclaimer: this is an ideal to reach, not a completely set up project.

This would be developed on several years: not everything will be ready in 2018!

We're looking for feedback and possible partners.

Wikidata training plan

Pre-training: discovering your strengths and goals

Pedagogy, the art of teaching

How to transmit your knowledge with others?

Prepare the content of a workshop

Prepare support documents for a workshop

How to design activities for your trainees?

Human relations

Speak in front of an audience

Moderating a group

Inclusiveness & safety

Active listening and non-violent communication

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Around your workshop

- Logistics of organizing a workshop
- Communicate about your workshop
- Engagement and community building
- Documentation & reporting

The Wikidata universe

- Basics of Wikidata, editing workflows
- Tools & gadgets for more efficient editing
- Data model & ontologies
- Wikidata Query Service
- Tools & workflows to import data
- Community processes on Wikidata
- Technical structure behind Wikidata
- Wikidata for developers

Wikidata training plan

Other resources included in the training

- Platform for the trainers community where they can discuss and share resources
- Place to access the content of all the modules
- Selection of slides, templates
- Selection of resources to dig deeper in a topic
- Place where they can report their experiences, reflect on them

Any feedback, Suggestions, Questions?

Let's stay in touch!

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