

Exploring Mobile references

A common question

Is Wikipedia reliable?



Well, unlike many other sites, you can...

- ...verify the references that support a claim.
- ...ask for a reference when you find a “suspicious” claim.
- ...and provide reliable sources to support an existing claim.



Hypothesis: [citation needed]

Most readers are not aware of this crowdsourced reliability checking system.

By making it both more prominent and easy on mobile we can:

- Increase the perception of reliability.
- Increase the reliability (more users adding/requesting citations).
- Keep users engaged with new mobile microcontributions.

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Two sources for this claim ✕

[1] "[Gaudí at NYC](#)".
CNN Online. January 22, 2003...

[2] "[Gaudí design proposed for WTC](#)".
BBC Online. January 23, 2003...

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Architectural plans by the late Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí are to be submitted to an international memorial competition for redesigns of New York's former World Trade Center site.

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The plans (second left) may have been for the original WTC site

Gaudi's 95-year-old plans, which were originally designs for a futuristic hotel about the same size as the Empire State building, will be entered into the competition this spring by a group of art historians,

Empire State Building 485m, 1593ft
Hotel Attraction 360m, 1181ft
Oyster Building 300m, 984ft
New Grid 210m, 689ft
Empire Trade 110m, 361ft


Reference counter

References are grouped into a single counter. Something like “[11][12][13]” provides little value further than indicating there are 3 references for the paragraph.

Options

Users can view the current references or add new ones. Other actions are possible (e.g. remove citations) but they are not considered for simplicity.

Request references




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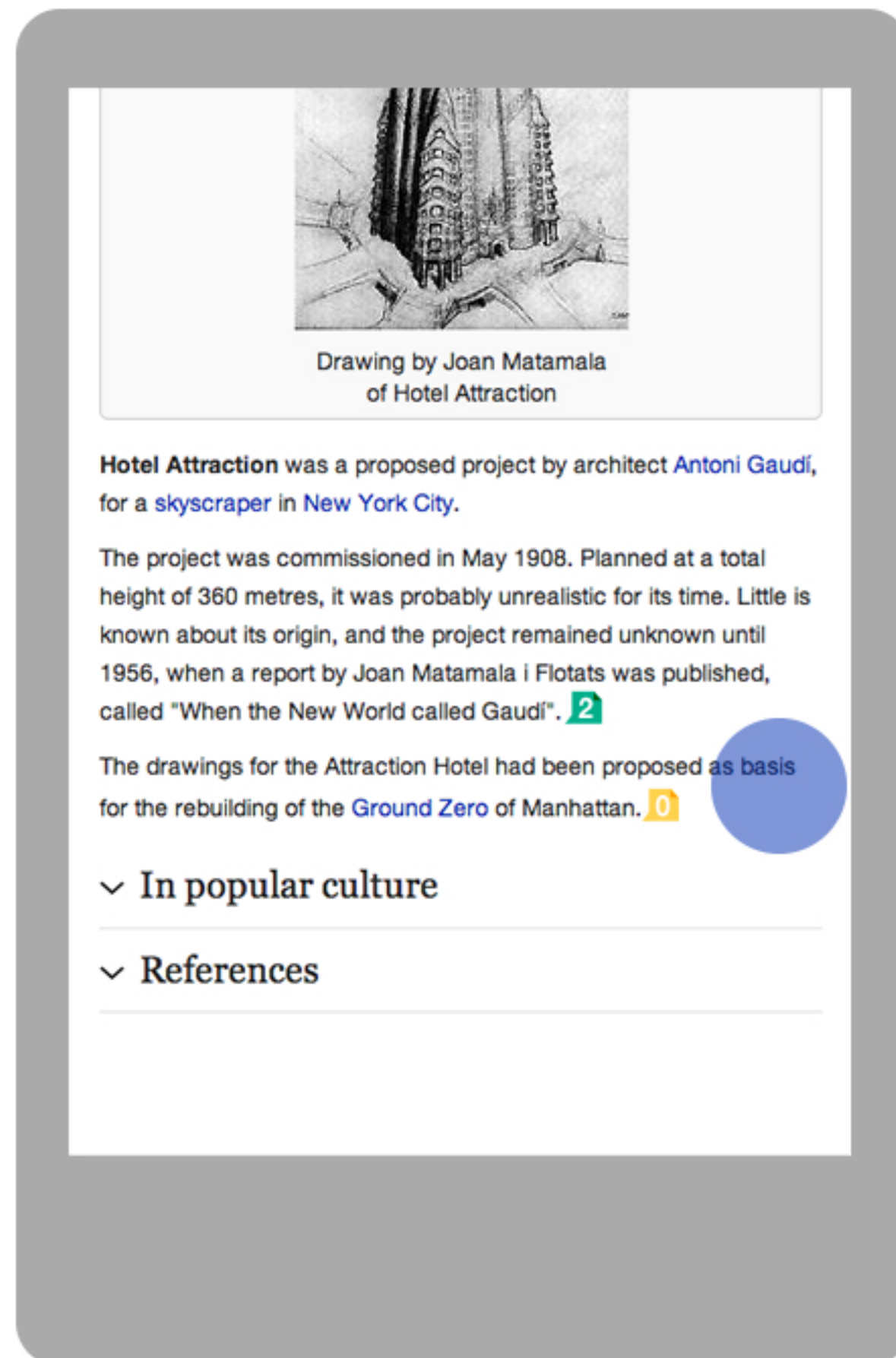
Like “thanks” this can be a core and unique Wikipediaian concept to build our social vocabulary. We need to further explore, but possible representations include:



Mobile-desktop integration

Users that connect to the desktop can get a notification that reminds them the possibility of providing a citation for the claim they requested one for.

Provide references



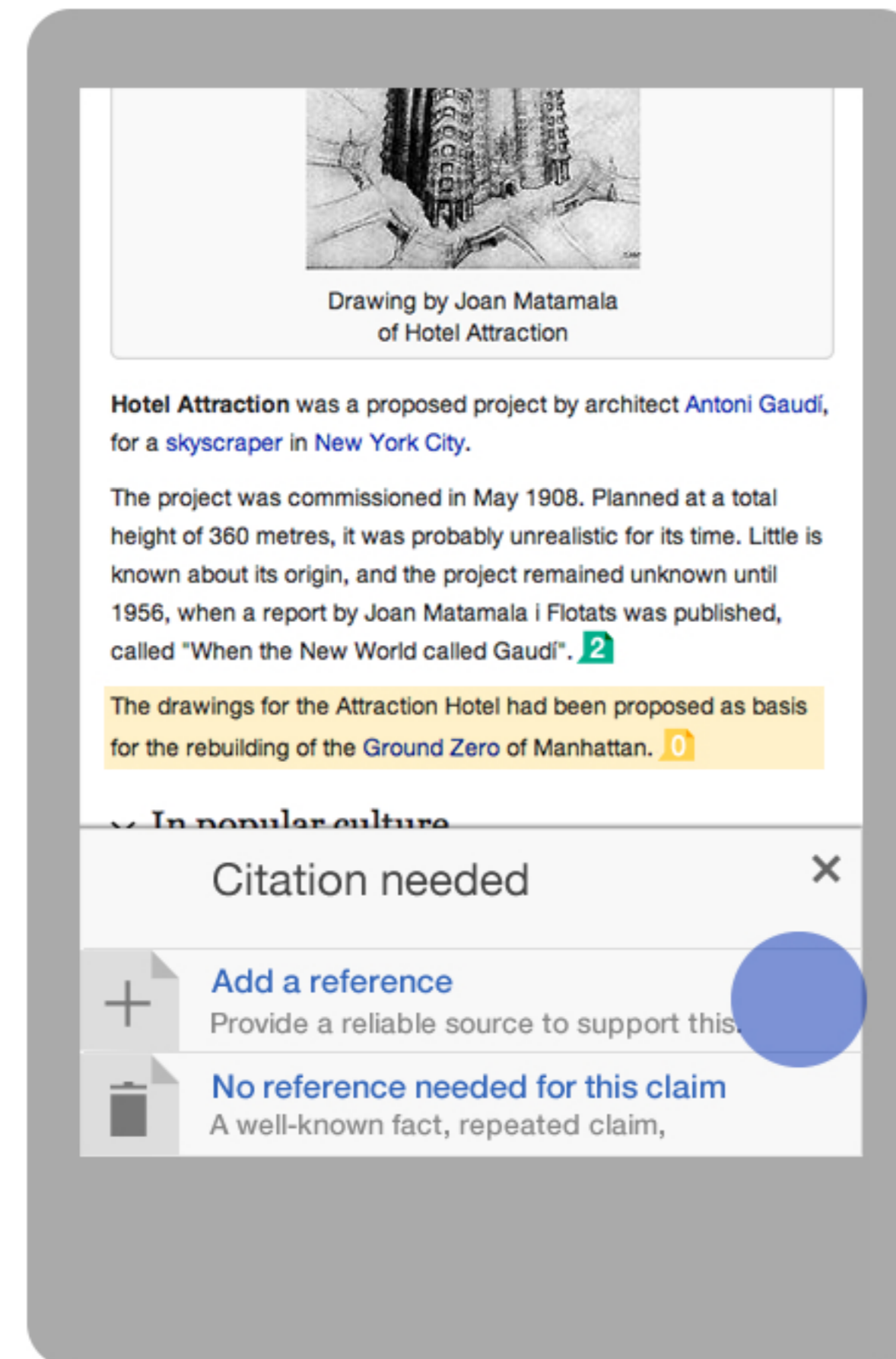
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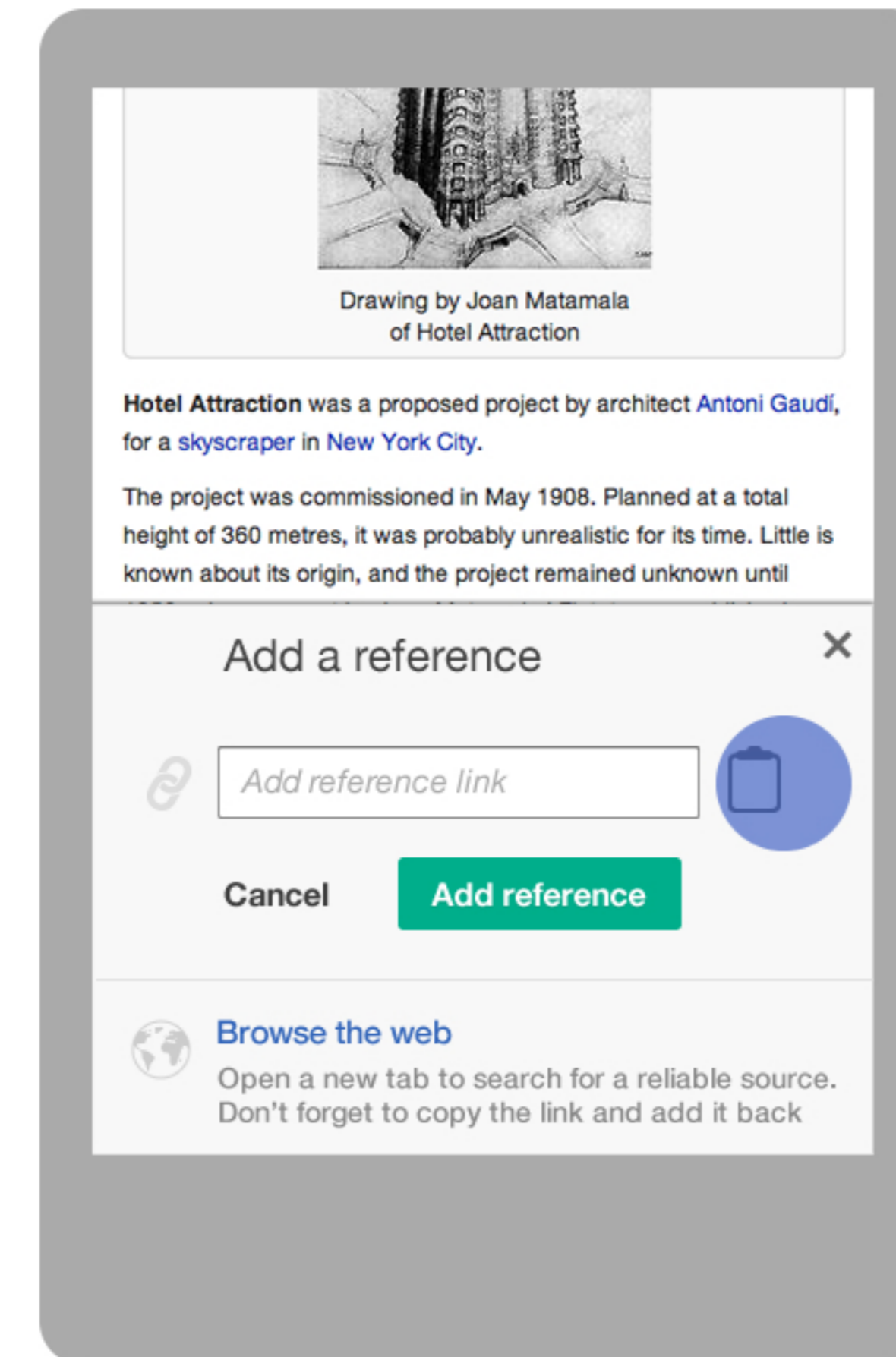
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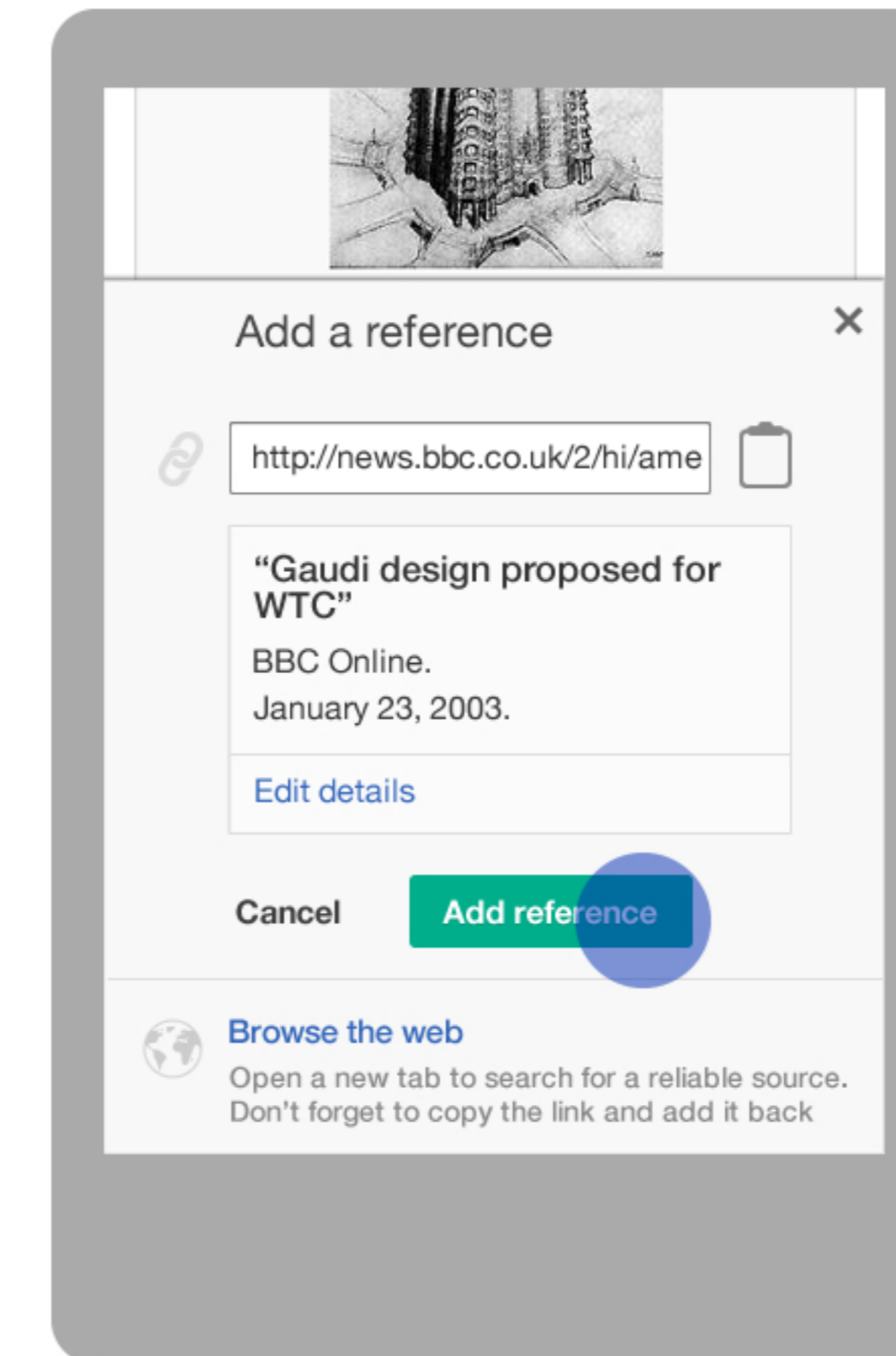
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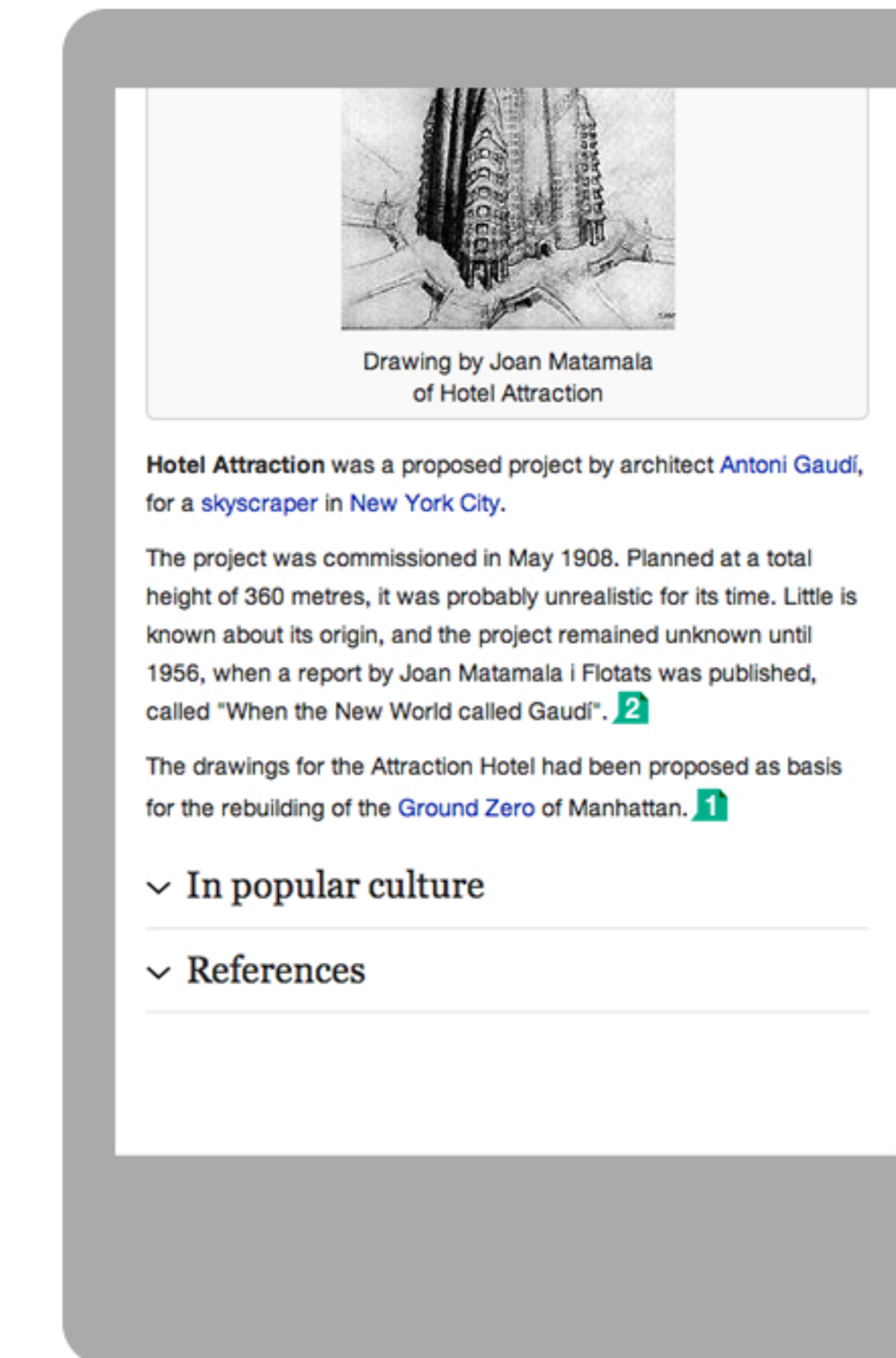
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Input and explore facilities

Adding a link is a non-trivial multi-step process. We can provide shortcuts to "paste from clipboard" and open a new window/tab to make the process more fluent on mobile.

Smart defaults

References are not only a link, but the link provided by the user can be used to prefill the reference information and save the user from extra typing. Users can edit this info to make corrections.