Introduction to Wikipedia

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What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit.
Wikipedia was started in January 15, 2001 by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger
Who owns Wikipedia?

Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization based in the United States, owns Wikipedia but the content is edited collaboratively by volunteers and no one owns any article.
Mission of Wikimedia

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Sources of funds

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Content in Wikipedia is available to the public through one or several free licenses.
Wikipedia is available on 295 languages with over 44.1 million articles.
English Wikipedia has over 5.36 million articles. Printing the English version alone would take around 2431 volumes in 13 stacks.
Language distribution

Distribution of the over 44.1 million articles in different language editions (as of March 24, 2017)
Aside from Waray and Cebuano, Wikipedia is also available in:

69. Tagalog
133. Ilokano
142. Kapampangan
151. Central Bicolano
198. Chavacano de Zamboanga
209. Pangasinan
There are also test Wikipedias hosted in the Incubator site and do not have their own wiki domain yet like the Wikipedias of Tausug, Rinconada and Hiligaynon.
First fundamental principle:

Wikipedia is an encyclopedia.
Second fundamental principle:

Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view.
Five pillars of Wikipedia

Third fundamental principle:

Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit and distribute.
Fourth fundamental principle:

Editors should treat each other with respect and civility.
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Fifth fundamental principle:

Wikipedia has no firm rules.
Wikimedia projects:
Content

- Wikipedia
  The free encyclopedia

- Wikibooks
  Free textbooks and manuals

- Wikiversity
  Free learning materials and activities

- Wikinews
  Free-content news

- Wiktionary
  Free dictionary and thesaurus

- Wikisource
  Free-content library

- Wikiquote
  Collection of quotations

- Wikivoyage
  Free travel guide

- Wikimedia Commons
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- Wikidata
  Free knowledge base

- Wikispecies
  Free directory of species

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Incubator
For language versions in development

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Technical and development

- **MediaWiki**
  MediaWiki software documentation

- **Test Wikipedia**
  For testing software changes

- **Phabricator**
  A bug tracker for MediaWiki

- **Wikitech**
  Wikimedia technical documentation

- **Wikimedia Tool Labs**
  Server environment for supporting development and operations engineering

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Outreach activities

Open Web Day Workshops
De La Salle University, Manila
March 2012
Iligan City, Lanao Del Norte
May 2012
Outreach activities

Wikimedia Talks and Forums
University of Santo Tomas, Manila – September 2012
Palo and Tacloban, Leyte
November 2015
Outreach activities

Edit-a-thons
1st Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Calbayog City, Samar
November 2014
3rd Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Catbalogan City, Samar
December 2015
4th Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Catarman, Northern Samar
December 2015
5th Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Guiuan, Eastern Samar
February 2016
6th Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
UP Visayas Tacloban College
November 2016
7th Waray Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Philippine Science High School – EVC, Palo
March 2017
Educators and students contribute Wikipedia in an academic setting.
Students who took part improved skills in

- Reading
- Writing
- Researching
- Critical thinking
- Translation
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Information literacy
- Media/Computer literacy
- Copyright
- Citation
Contributing to Wikipedia

You can start joining Wikipedia by creating an account although you can edit anonymously.
You can start editing an article by clicking either the “Edit” or “Edit source” button.
Contributing to Wikipedia

When you click the “Edit source” button, you will be editing articles using wiki markup.
“When I write, I use Wikipedia 30-40 times a day, because it's so useful. When I write, I don't remember if some person was born in the 6th or the 7th century, or how many Ns are in the name Goldmann. Until a few years ago, things like that would cost you so much time!”

– The late Prof. Umberto Eco, U. of Milan, Italy, author of *The Name of the Rose*
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