



# Introduction to Wikipedia

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# Who started Wikipedia?

**Wikipedia was started  
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**Wikipedia is available on 295 languages with over 44.1 million articles.**



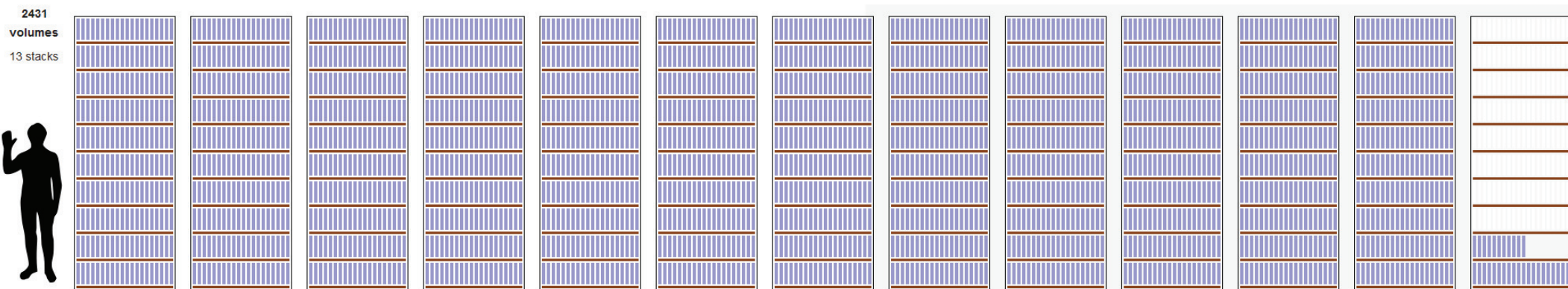
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# English Wikipedia

**English Wikipedia has over  
5.36 million articles.**

**Printing the English version  
alone would take around 2431  
volumes in 13 stacks.**

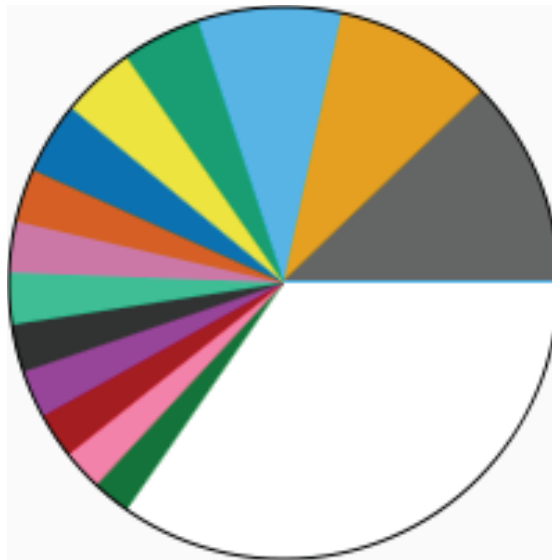


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# Language distribution

**Distribution of the over 44.1 million articles in different language editions (as of March 24, 2017)**



|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| English    | (12.2%) |
| Cebuano    | (9.4%)  |
| Swedish    | (8.6%)  |
| German     | (4.6%)  |
| Dutch      | (4.3%)  |
| French     | (4.2%)  |
| Russian    | (3.1%)  |
| Italian    | (3%)    |
| Spanish    | (3%)    |
| Waray      | (2.9%)  |
| Polish     | (2.8%)  |
| Vietnamese | (2.6%)  |
| Japanese   | (2.4%)  |
| Portuguese | (2.2%)  |
| Other      | (34.7%) |





# Philippine-based languages

**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**







# Test Wikipedias

**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.**



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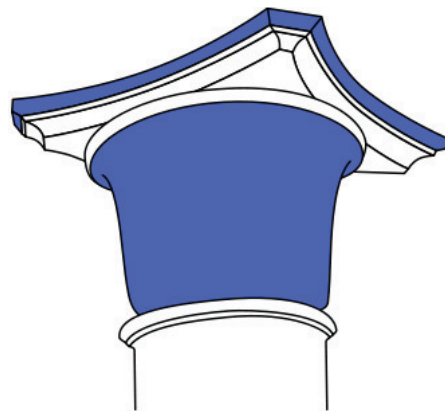
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# Five pillars of Wikipedia

**First fundamental principle:**

**Wikipedia is an encyclopedia.**





# Five pillars of Wikipedia

**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.**







# Five pillars of Wikipedia

**Fourth fundamental principle:**

**Editors should treat each other  
with respect and civility.**

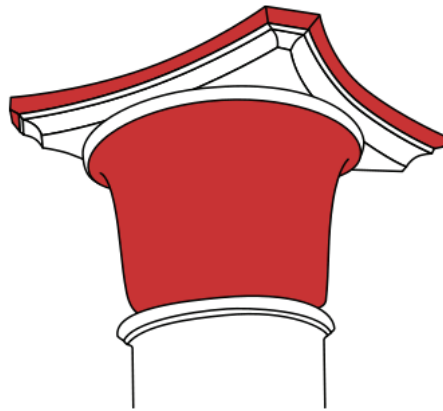




# Five pillars of Wikipedia

**Fifth fundamental principle:**

**Wikipedia has no firm rules.**





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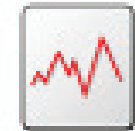
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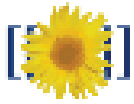
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For language versions in development







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## MediaWiki

MediaWiki software documentation



## Wikitech

Wikimedia technical documentation

## Test Wikipedia

For testing software changes



## Wikimedia Tool Labs

Server environment for supporting development and operations engineering



## Phabricator

A bug tracker for MediaWiki





# Outreach activities

## Open Web Day Workshops



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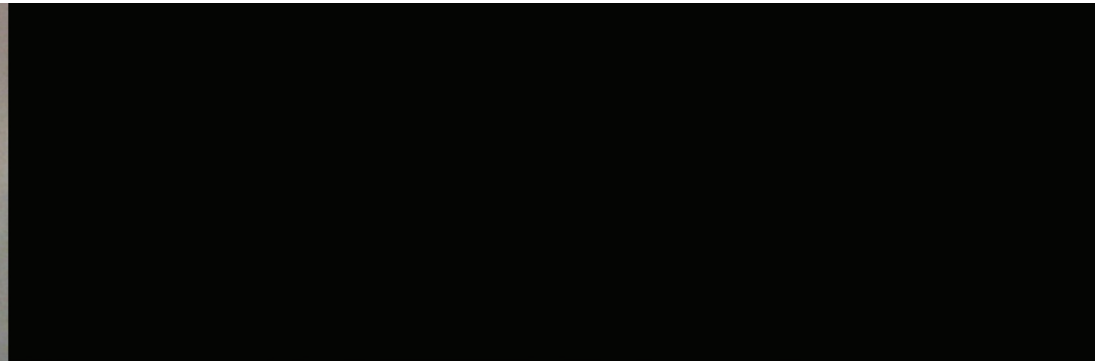


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