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Berlin, 25-26 May 2016

the sum of all human citations, as linked open data

about the event

# what's the event going to look like

Welcome

Background and motivation

An introduction to Wikidata

Scoping work

Breakout groups

Reporting / check-ins

Breaks and dinners

# locations

**Venue:** GLS campus

**Joint sessions:** Lounge, ground floor

**Breakout groups:** 121, 123, 124, 129, 2nd floor

**Lunch:** Restaurant, ground floor

**Dinner day 1:** Hofbräuhaus Berlin

**Dinner day 2:** Café Krone

# expectations

## **Focus**

use breaks generously

## **Organizers**

ask us anything

**[[wmf:Friendly space policy]]**

## **Photo policy**

## **Learning from this event**

collaboration with CMU

# communicating

## **wikicite-discuss**

mailing list for the event

## **[\[\[meta:WikiCite\]\]](#)**

proposals, general information

## **Etherpads**

work session notes: [bit.ly/WikiCite](https://bit.ly/WikiCite)

## **IRC**

#wikimedia-research @ irc.freenode.net

## **Twitter**

[#WikiCite](#)

why we are here today





**Egon Willighagen**

@egonwillighagen



Following

(in five years the verb "to wikidata" means look up a fact with literature provenance) "let me wikidata that for you"

RETWEETS

5

LIKES

8



9:25 AM - 8 Apr 2016

<https://twitter.com/egonwillighagen/status/718474906858582016>

# the disappearance of provenance


Google

average goat lifespan

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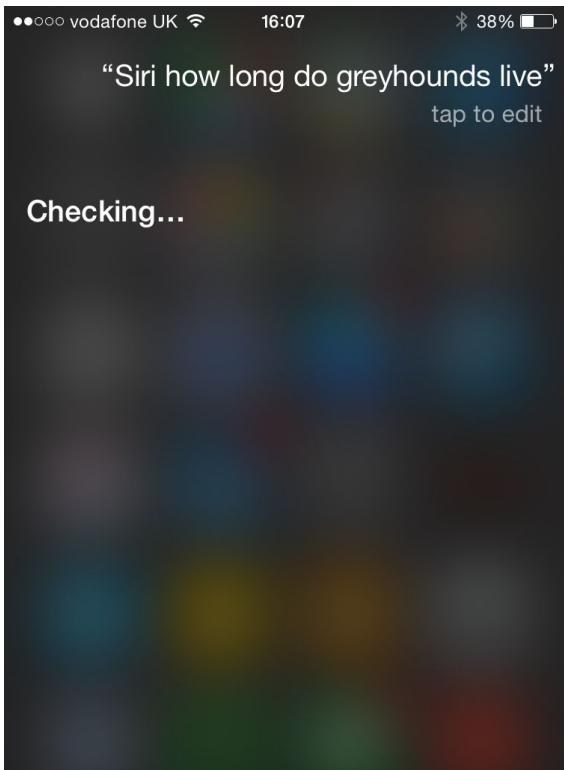
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Goat, Lifespan



[Feedback](#)

<http://bit.ly/SumOfAllCitations>

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The Intersect

## You probably haven't even noticed Google's sketchy quest to control the world's knowledge

By [Caitlin Dewey](#) May 11



<http://wapo.st/1Y5Smm6>

Linking is a small act of generosity that sends people away from your site to some other that you think shows the world in a way worth considering. [...]

[Sources] that are not generous with linking [...] are **a stopping point in the ecology of information**. That's the operational definition of authority: The last place you visit when you're looking for an answer. If you are satisfied with the answer, you stop your pursuit of it. Take the links out and you think you look like more of an authority.

**D. Weinberger (2012) Linking is a public good**

<http://www.hyperorg.com/blogger/2012/02/26/2b2k-linking-is-a-public-good/>

a provenance-preserving answer engine



# a provenance-preserving answer engine

## Wikipedia:Verifiability, not truth

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



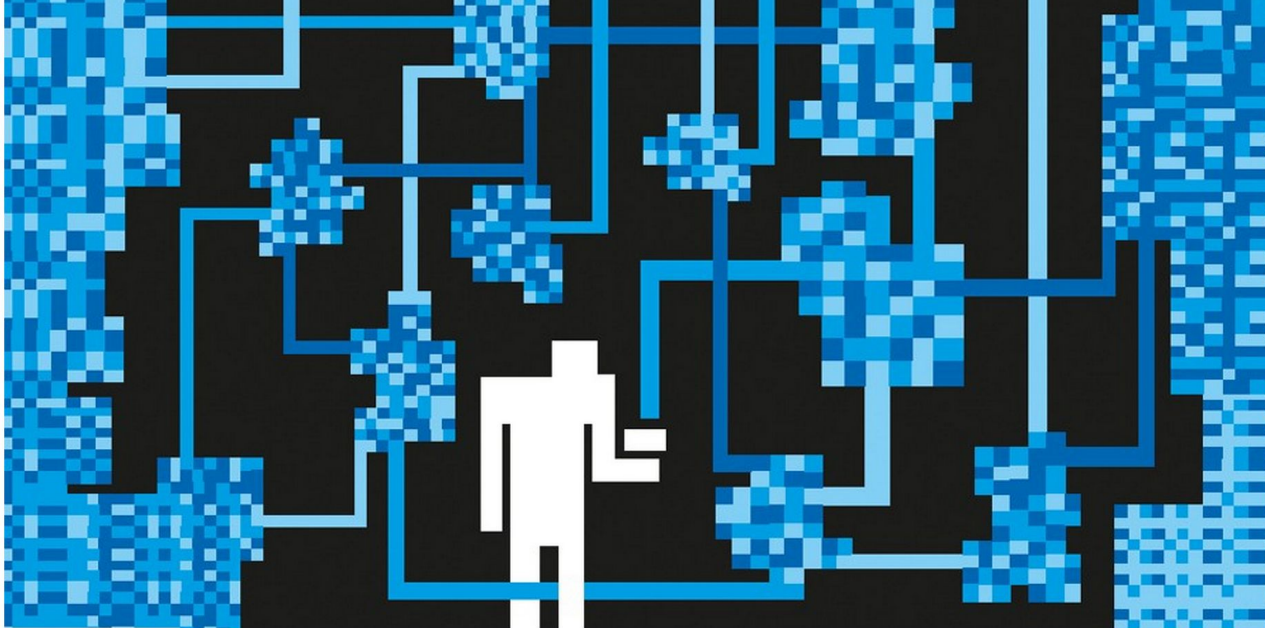
This [essay](#) contains the [advice](#) or opinions of one or more Wikipedia contributors on the [Verifiability](#) policies. Essays are *not* [Wikipedia policies or guidelines](#). Some essays represent widespread norms; others only represent minority viewpoints.

**Shortcuts:**  
[WP:NOTTRUTH](#)  
[WP:TRUTH](#)  
[WP:VNT](#)



**This page in a nutshell:** Any material added to Wikipedia must have been published previously by a [reliable source](#). Editors may not add content solely because they believe it is true, nor delete content they believe to be untrue, unless they have verified beforehand with a [reliable source](#).

Wikipedia's core sourcing policy, [Wikipedia:Verifiability](#), used to define the threshold for inclusion in Wikipedia as "**verifiability, not truth**". "Verifiability" was used in this context to mean that material added to Wikipedia must have been published previously by a [reliable source](#). Editors may not add their own views to articles simply because they believe them to be correct, and may not remove sources' views from articles simply because they disagree with them.



Francisco Alandre

# I Dreamed of a Perfect Database

How we order information can reshape our world.

BY **PAUL FORD** | December 2, 2015

<https://newrepublic.com/article/124425/dreamed-perfect-database>



# Open Bibliography and Open Bibliographic Data

*Open Bibliographic Data Working  
Group of the Open Knowledge  
Foundation*



“For society to reap the full benefits from bibliographic endeavours, it is imperative that bibliographic data be made open — that is available for anyone to use and re-use freely for any purpose.”

<http://openbiblio.net/principles/>

## Related projects [edit]

*and historical discussion*

Over the last six years, there have been a number of proposals for [new Wikimedia projects](#) and for technological changes to Mediawiki that would provide spaces for summaries, metadata, and discussion of references cited in Wikipedia articles and in other Wikimedia projects. These proposals include:

- [Wikicite \(metadata proposal\)](#) - a 2005 proposal to build an "expansion" to Mediawiki that would store and track bibliographic information for citations used in Wikipedia articles
- [Wikicat](#), [Wikicite \(2006 proposal\)](#), and [WikiProject Wikicite](#) - a series of related [new project proposals](#) based on the earlier [Wikicite metadata proposal](#)
- [Wikitextrose](#), a model for capturing citations as they are made on other Projects, and for recording the Type of citations [evidentiary, supporting, refuting, &c], intended for use with the above projects.
- [WikiScholar](#) - a [new project proposal](#) for a [Semantic Mediawiki](#) based bibliography



Outside of Wikimedia, [AcaWiki](#) is an active non-Wikimedia CC BY-licensed wiki that hosts summaries of scholarly articles along with metadata on scholarly works. AcaWiki current hosts about 800 summaries from over 100 contributors.

Other related Wikimedia projects whose goals would be served by a new project proving information citations include:

- [Research:Oral Citations](#) - a research project offering a rough proposal for building spaces to discuss oral citations in Wikipedia articles
- ['Fact and Reference Check' \(en:wp\)](#)

<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikicite>

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Technology  
Community  
Scale  
Licensing  
Independence

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# who should we invite?

55 participants with expertise from different fields, including:

librarians

scientists

ontologists

wikipedians

software engineers

wikidatans

publishers

...



# introducing yourself

who you are • what project or organization you represent • why you are here

librarians

scientists

ontologists

wikipedians

software engineers

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publishers

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Keep the conversation going:

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