



WIKIMEDIA CONFERENCE 2016

Conference Guide

Your survival kit for your stay in Berlin

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I. PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

I. *Weather in Berlin*

April in Berlin is commonly mildly cool but sunny. However, in the evening it may still get chilly. We are expecting temperatures between 10 and 20 degrees Celsius (that's between 50 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit). We recommend you to take these weather conditions into consideration when packing your bags and to bring a wind jacket or a raincoat. Check the weather forecast before you pack to be well prepared.

II. *Money*

Germany's currency is the Euro (EUR, €). Please consider that you can only pay with € in Germany and that you will have to change money at a Euro Change Office or use a cash machine (*Geldautomat*) to withdraw € (the latter is often cheaper). There are currency exchange offices and cashpoints (EC, Visa, MasterCard, Maestro) at Schönefeld airport (SXF) and at Tegel airport (TXL). Cashpoints can also be found all over the city.

Please note that some shops, restaurants and bars only accept cash.

Nearby cash machines (marked with € on the maps of this guide):

- Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz → In the Mall of Berlin, next to the hotel
- Conference Venue Tagesspiegel → Opposite of the venue, Stresemannstraße 78
- WMDE Office → In the "U-Bahn" (subway) station Möckernbrücke (nearby U1 stairway)

III. *Internet Access*

Free wireless network access throughout the conference venue and at the WMDE office as well as at the hotel is provided. Free Wifi is also common in cafes and restaurants; you may have to ask for a password.

IV. *Electricity Access*

In Germany plug type F (230V at 50 Hz), also known as a Schuko plug, is used. Please bring your adapter if needed!

2. MOST IMPORTANT ADDRESSES


I. *Your Accommodation – Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz*

Motel One Potsdamer Platz (formerly called Motel One Leipziger Platz)

Leipziger Platz 12

10117 Berlin

Tel.: +49 30 20670780

 Nearest subway, S-Bahn and bus station: Potsdamer Platz (U2, S1, S2, S25, M41)

Check-in time: 3 p.m., Check-out time: 12 p.m.

II. *Conference Venue – Verlag der Tagesspiegel*

Verlag Der Tagesspiegel

Askanischer Platz 3

10963 Berlin

 Nearest S-Bahn station: Anhalter Bahnhof (S1, S2, S25)

III. *WMDE Office*

Wikimedia Deutschland e.V.




Tempelhofer Ufer 23-24

10963 Berlin

 Nearest subway stations: Gleisdreieck (U1, U2), Möckernbrücke (U1, U7)

3. HOW TO GET AROUND

I. Public Transport

The conference venue, the hotel and the WMDE office are all located in walking distance to each other. Thus, no public transport is necessarily needed. In case you would like to use the public transport, you can ask us for tickets (for zones AB and ABC) at the registration desk, which are valid for two hours each. Please make sure to validate the tickets at the platform before entering the subway or “S-Bahn”. You can always get tickets in a  “S-Bahn” (urban railway) or  “U-Bahn” (subway) station at the ticket machine or on the  bus from the bus driver. “S”, “U” or “S+U” in front of station names indicate if “S-Bahn”, “U-Bahn” or both have this particular station on their route.

When you arrive at or depart from Tegel airport (TXL) you need:







Berlin zones AB single ticket (2,70 €)

When you arrive at or depart from Schönefeld airport (SXF) you need:






Berlin zones ABC single ticket (3,30 €)

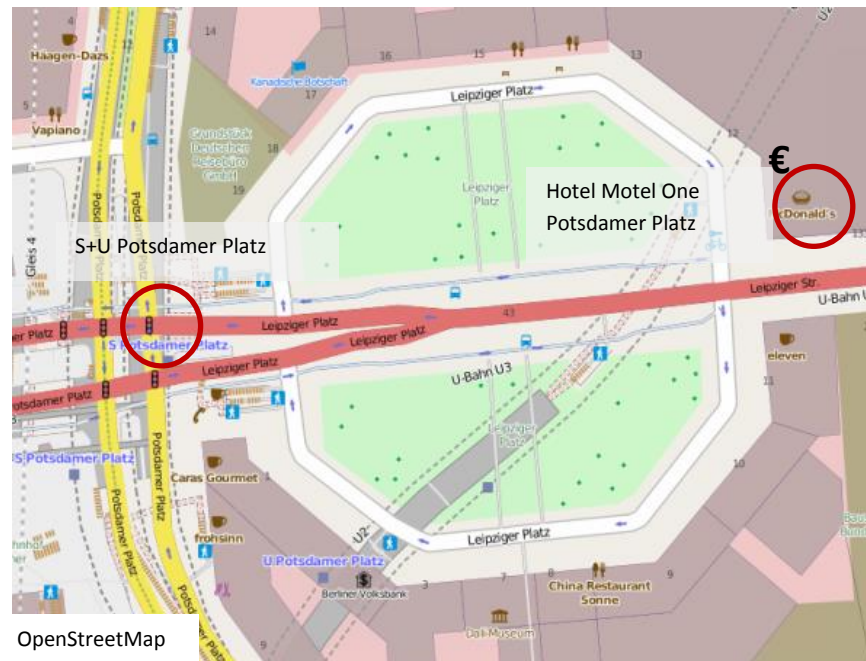
II. Your Way from the Airport to the Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz

Airport Tegel (TXL) to the Hotel:




Take the  **Bus TXL** (direction: S+U Alexanderplatz via Hauptbahnhof)
 Depart at  **S+U Berlin Hauptbahnhof**
 Take the  **Bus M41** (direction: Sonnenallee/Baumschulenstr.)
 Depart at   **S Potsdamer Platz**
 Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

Airport Schönefeld (SXF) to the hotel:

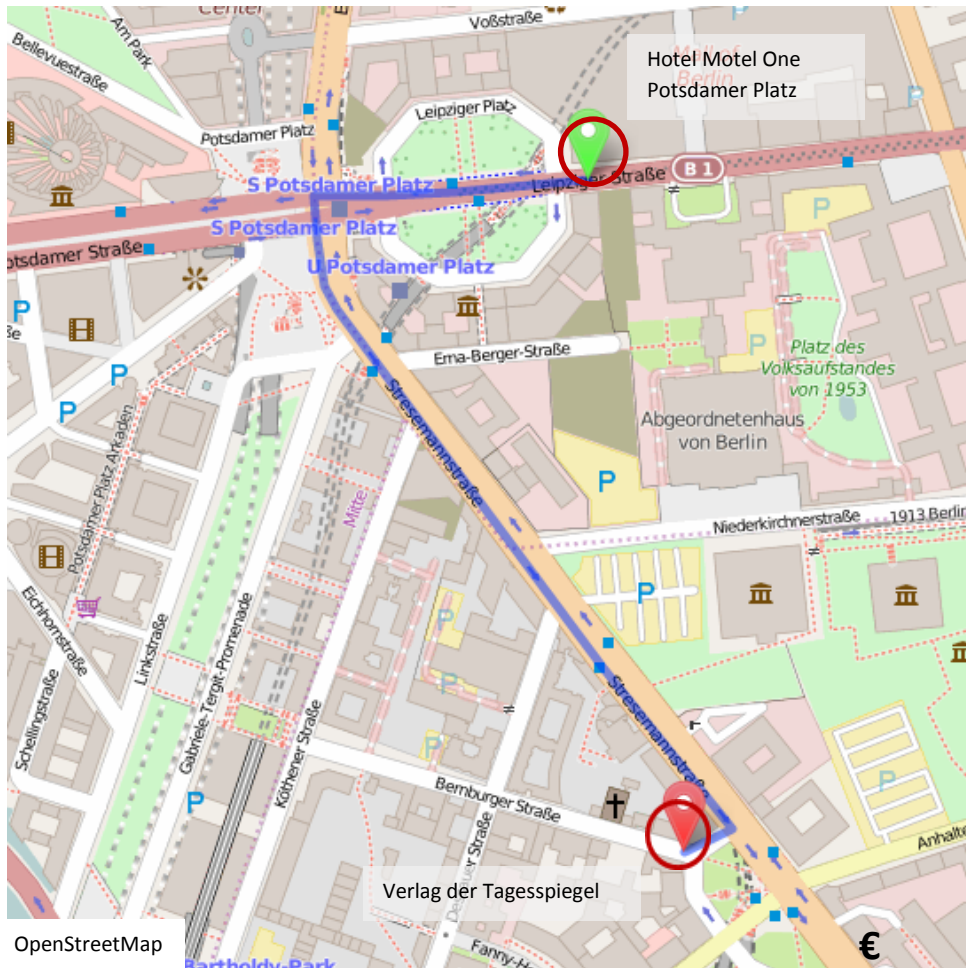
Take the  **S45** (direction: S Südkreuz)
 Depart at  **S Südkreuz**
 Take the  **S25** (direction S Hennigsdorf)
 Depart at  **S Potsdamer Platz**
 Walk  5 minutes to the hotel



III. Your Way from the Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) to the Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz

Take the  **Bus M41** (direction: Sonnenallee/Baumschulenstr.)
 Depart at  **S Potsdamer Platz**
 Walk  5 minutes to the hotel

IV. Your Way from the Hotel to the Conference Venue



It is a 12 minutes' walk from the Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz to the conference venue.

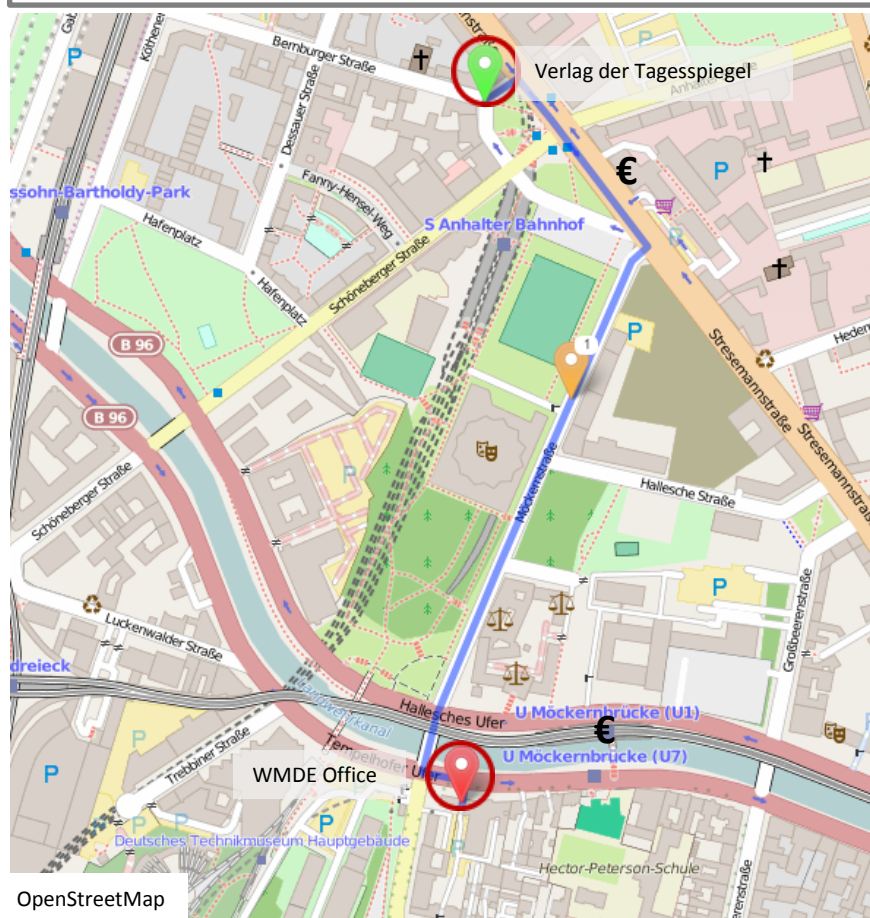
1. Turn right onto Leipziger Platz
2. Turn left onto Potsdamer Platz
3. Continue onto Stresemannstraße
4. Turn right onto Askaniischer Platz 3

OpenStreetMap

V. Your Way from the Conference Venue to WMDE Office

It is a 10 minutes' walk from the conference venue to the WMDE Office.

1. Leaving the venue turn right onto Stresemannstraße
2. Turn right onto Möckernstraße and follow the street
3. Take the bridge and cross the canal
4. Turn left onto Tempelhofer Ufer and follow the road to Tempelhofer Ufer 23-24



VI. Your Way from the WMDE Office to the Hotel

Option 1:

It is a 20 minutes' walk from the WMDE Office to the hotel. Follow the way back to the conference venue (see map on the left) and from there via Potsdamer Platz to the hotel (see page 5).

Option 2:

Walk



5 minutes to subway station U Gleisdreieck

1. Turn left leaving the WMDE office on Tempelhofer Ufer towards Möckernstraße
2. Take the third street left onto Luckenwalder Straße (Station will be on the left)

Take the



U2 at Gleisdreieck (direction: S+U Pankow (Berlin))

Depart at

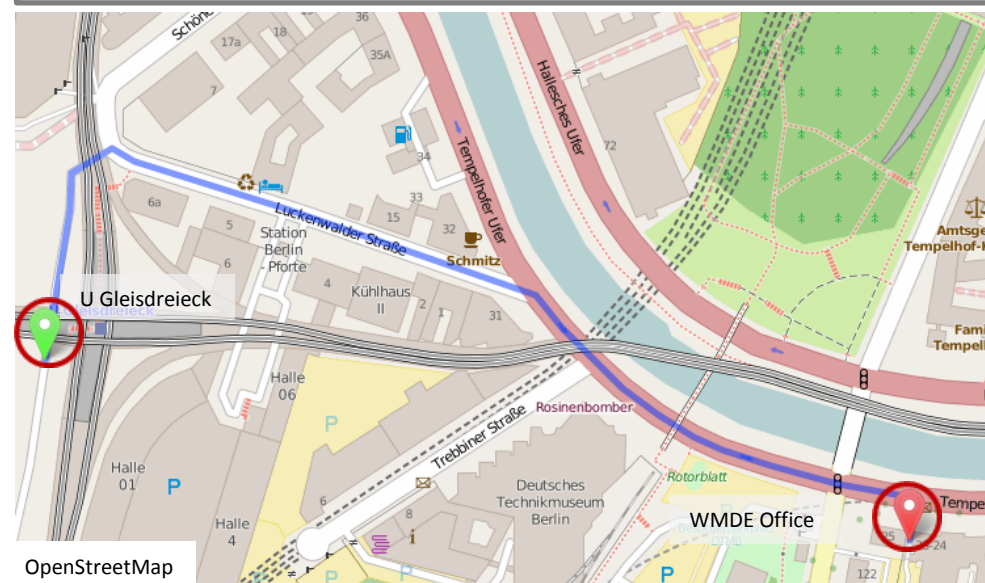


U Potsdamer Platz

Walk



5 minutes to the hotel (see page 4)



4. REGISTRATION

Upon your arrival, please proceed to the registration desk in the entrance area to register and pick up your name badge. The registration desk is open as follows:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

- 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. (at the conference venue Verlag der Tagesspiegel)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

- 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (at the conference venue Verlag der Tagesspiegel)
- 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. (at WMDE Office)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

- 8.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (at the conference venue Verlag der Tagesspiegel)

5. SOCIAL EVENTS

I. Guided city walk

Martin Rulsch, German Wikipedian and volunteer, provides sightseeing tours through his home city Berlin on two days.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 or THURSDAY, APRIL 21 or MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016 – BERLIN INNER CITY TOUR

- Please check the Meta page for the final date
- 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (meeting point: reception desk at Hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 – BERLIN INNER CITY TOUR

- In the evening, after the wrap-up (meeting point: conference venue Verlag der Tagesspiegel)

II. *Dinner Snack & WMCON Party*

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

Starting at 6 p.m. dinner snacks and drinks will be provided at WMDE's office and event space to meet, chat and to toast to a wonderful conference weekend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

After the end of the first conference day (around 6 p.m.), snacks and drinks will be waiting for you at WMDE's office and event space.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

On Saturday starting at 6.30 p.m. we would like to take you out to HomeBase Lounge. The venue is conveniently located in walking distance to the conference venue, Potsdamer Platz and the hotel Motel One Potsdamer Platz. A DJ will enhance the atmosphere with classic disco hits and get you in the dancing mood. See page 9 for maps and directions.

HomeBase Lounge

Köthener Str. 44

10963 Berlin

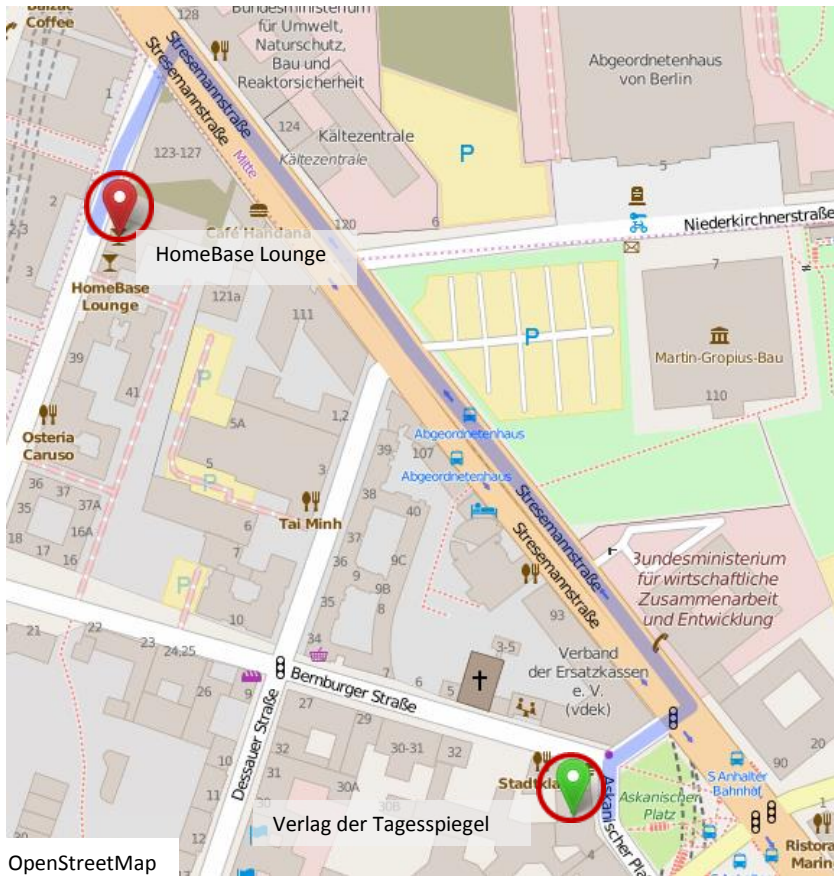
<http://www.homebase-berlin.net/>

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

A last dinner at WMDE's office and event space will be provided as of 6 p.m. to round off the Wikimedia Conference 2016.

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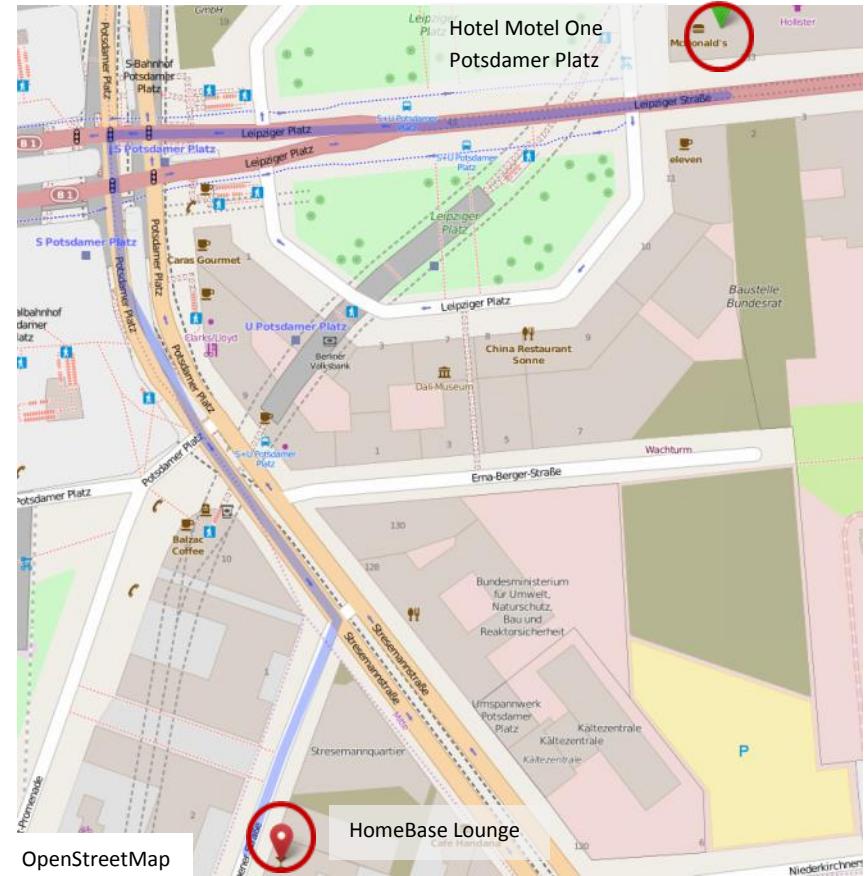
I. Your Way from the Conference Venue to the HomeBase Lounge



It's a 7 minutes' walk from the conference venue to the HomeBase Lounge.

1. Leaving the venue turn left onto Askanischer Platz
2. Turn left onto Stresemannstraße and follow the street
3. Turn left onto Köthener Str., the Lounge is on the left

II. Your Way from the Hotel to the HomeBase Lounge



It's a 12 minutes' walk from the hotel to the HomeBase Lounge.

1. Turn right onto Leipziger Platz
2. Turn left onto Potsdamer Platz
3. Continue onto Stresemannstraße
4. Turn right onto Köthener Str., the Lounge is on the left

6. IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE	110
AMBULANCE/FIRE	112
DOCTOR ON CALL	+ 49 1805 - 321303
ADVICE ON FINDING THE RIGHT HOSPITAL	+ 49 30 297 78 934 (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
INT. CALLING CODE FOR GERMANY	+ 49
TAXI	
Taxi Berlin:	+49 30 202020
TaxiFunk Berlin:	+49 30 443322
City-Funk Berlin:	+49 30 210202
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7. USEFUL ADDRESSES

I. Hospitals which are accredited by the United Health Care Global (UHCGlobal)

Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin
Luisenstraße 65
10117 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 450 531 000

DRK Kliniken Berlin (Westend)
Spandauer Damm 130
14050 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 30 35 0

II. Pharmacy nearby Hotel Potsdamer Platz

Heinrich-Klaproth-Apotheke
Leipziger Str. 57
10117 Berlin-Mitte
Phone: +49 30 2082524
Opening hours: 8.30 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.), 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Sat.)

III. 24 hour Pharmacy

Apotheke Berlin Hauptbahnhof
Europaplatz 1
10557 Berlin
Phone: +49 30 206 14 190

8. USEFUL GERMAN PHRASES

<i>Hallo!</i>	Hello!
<i>Guten Morgen!</i>	Good morning!
<i>Guten Tag!</i>	Good day/ afternoon!
<i>Guten Abend!</i>	Good evening!
<i>Bis später!</i>	See you later!
<i>Bis morgen!</i>	See you tomorrow!
<i>Tschüß!</i>	Bye!
<i>Ja</i>	Yes
<i>Nein</i>	No
<i>Danke (schön)</i>	Thank you (very much)
<i>Bitte</i>	Please / You're welcome
<i>Entschuldigung</i>	Excuse me / Sorry
<i>Hilfe!</i>	Help!
<i>Ich bin Wikipedianer / Wikipedianerin</i>	I am Wikipedian (m/f)

Notes:
