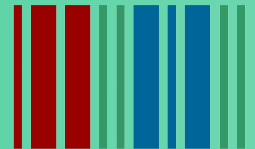


# Wikidata Notability and Reuse

What if the content you're using is  
unexpectedly deleted?

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# Notability requirements

Per <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Notability> :

1. "It contains at least one valid sitelink [to a Wikimedia project]"
2. "It refers to ... a clearly identifiable conceptual or material entity"
3. "It fulfills a structural need" (often seen to be links from other Wikidata items)

... but what if the data you're using isn't covered by these notability requirements?

# The problem

- What happens if you're using Wikidata information, and it's suddenly deleted as non-notable?
- Could happen with both on- and off-wiki uses
- What do you do if it's otherwise non-notable per points 1-3?
- Has happened in practice:
  - Wikimedians in Residence used in [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedian\\_in\\_residence#History\\_and\\_case\\_studies](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedian_in_residence#History_and_case_studies) (against the background discussion of whether Wikimedians are notable - but are WiR notable?)
  - YouTube video items get deleted, even if they are in use
  - Items used by Commons category infoboxes have been deleted (Commons isn't notable?)
- Could become a bigger problem in the future, if Cite Q is used more

# Proposal

- Add "Wikidata information is being directly used on another Wikimedia project" as a 4th notability requirement
- OR change #3 to "It fulfills a structural need, for example: it is needed to make statements made in other items more useful, or it is used in Wikimedia content such as tables, lists, or references."

# Practicality

- Can check uses on-wiki by page properties, e.g.:
  - <https://www.wikidata.org/w/index.php?title=Q1513315&action=info>
- Of-wiki uses are more tricky to check...
- Needs admins to do an additional check before deleting items
- Can be seen as a back door to the notability requirements
- How to implement?
  - RfC seems broken?
  - Discussion currently on the notability talk page
- QIDs already guaranteed to be stable - but not the content...

# Questions?

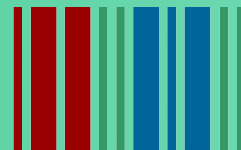
- Have you experienced this - can you share your example?
- Please join the discussion at [https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata\\_talk:Notability#Wikidata\\_information\\_is\\_being\\_directly\\_used\\_on\\_another\\_Wikimedia\\_project](https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata_talk:Notability#Wikidata_information_is_being_directly_used_on_another_Wikimedia_project)
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# Thanks for your attention!

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