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Wikipedia Username: @Ariel Cetrone (WMDC)
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Attendees will:

- Learn how to edit existing Wikipedia articles and create new ones

With the goal of:

- Improving the articles on today’s work list
Event Tools
# Event Management Tools: Links in Chat

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| ● Allows editors to indicate edit-a-thon participation  
● Tracks editing progress  
● Available via a link on the event page and in the chat | Wikimedia page that includes:  
● links to Wikipedia policies, practices, tools  
● today’s article work list  
● useful sources  
● step-by-step editing instructions  
● today’s slide deck  
The page will remain live and accessible after the event. | Shared sheet used to:  
● reserve articles  
● help prevent cross-editing |
Outreach Dashboard

1. Use link in chat

2. Existing editors select ‘log in’, new editors select ‘sign up’
1. Use link in chat or enter **WP:Kensho** into the Wikipedia search bar

2. Bookmark this page
Meetup/DC/Kensho Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Technologies Edit-a-thon. Presented with support from Wikimedia DC

16-17, 2022
Google Sheet

1. Add username and to desired article
2. Create or edit article
3. Write ‘done’ when finished
What exactly is it, anyway???
Wikimedia, is the global community of contributors to Wikimedia Foundation projects. The movement was created around Wikipedia's community, and has since expanded to the other Wikimedia projects.

- Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia
- Wiktionary, a dictionary
- Wikibooks, educational textbooks
- Wikinews, news articles
- Wikiquote, a collection of quotations
- Wikisource, a library of source texts and documents
- Wikiversity, educational material
- Wikivoyage, a travel guide
- Wikispecies, a taxonomic catalogue of species
- Wikimedia Commons, a data repository of media like images, videos and sounds.
- Wikidata, a common source of data, also accessible by the other projects
What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, free encyclopedia based on a model of openly editable content. It is the largest and most popular general reference work on the Internet. [Wikipedia] is supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates on money it receives from donors.

From Wikipedia (en)
Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.”

-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia
About us

Free as in beer, Free as in freedom ... gratis et libre

Created and edited by volunteers

Overseen by nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation

All edits and versions recorded forever (revision history)

7+ million articles, 280+ languages
Free

All content freely licensed without restrictions

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Written content or image/video/audio uploads

Wikimedia Commons - multimedia repository commons.wikimedia.org

Commercial re-use is absolutely allowed. Google, publishers...
Wikipedia: Basics, Policies, and Oversight
Wiki

- A website where anyone can edit any page at any time
- Meant to be "quick"
- Remembers all versions (nothing ever destroyed)
- Hyperlinks between pages
Wikipedia: Five Pillars

- Wikipedia is an encyclopedia
- Wikipedia is written from a neutral point of view
- Wikipedia is free content that anyone can use, edit, and distribute
- Wikipedia's editors should treat each other with respect and civility
- Wikipedia has no firm rules
Wikipedia Policies

- **Neutral Point of View** - written so all sides can agree (WP:POV)
- **Notability** - significant independent sources -> importance (WP:N)
- **Verifiability** - Using reliable sources to reference information (WP:V)
- **No original research** - point to existing scholarship (WP: NOR)
- **Assume good faith** - start with congenial spirit (WP:GF)
- **Conflicts of interest** - disclose and abide by terms of service (WP:COI)
# Wikipedia: Reliable sources

Articles should be based on reliable, published sources. If no reliable sources can be found on a topic, an article should not exist.

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<td>● Published scholarship (print or online)</td>
<td>● Questionable sources. (Those with a poor reputation for checking the facts or with no editorial oversight)</td>
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<td>● Self-published sources including websites*</td>
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* These can be added to external links section, but should not be cited.
# Article Quality Assessment

## All rated articles by quality and importance

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Wikipedia’s Gender Gap
The “Average” Wikipedian

The common characteristics of average Wikipedians inevitably color the content of Wikipedia. The average Wikipedian on the English language Wikipedia is:

1. white
2. male
3. technically inclined
4. formally educated
5. an English speaker (native or non-native)
6. aged 15–49
7. from a majority-Christian country
8. from a developed nation
9. from the Northern Hemisphere
10. likely employed as a white-collar worker or enrolled as a student rather than being employed as a blue-collar worker
Content gender gap?

*Make the invisible visible*

Percentage of women’s biographies:

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<td>15% English language Wikipedia</td>
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User Page
User Page

- All users/editors are assigned a user page

- Access user page by selecting your username (top right)
User Page

- Select create (new users) or edit (for experienced users) to share information, interests, etc.

- Use is optional unless editing as part of official duties
Talk Page

- Receive messages
- Communicate with other users
Preparing To Edit: Setting editing preferences
## Wikipedia Editing Tools

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**VisualEditor**

VisualEditor is a "visual" way of editing Wikipedia that does not require editors to learn wiki markup. Until Visual Editor, editors had to learn wiki markup to make most edits.

VisualEditor works like a word processor. While is simpler to use, the Source Editor can be more effective for some tasks.

**Source Editor**

Source editor uses Wikitext, also known as Wiki markup or Wikicode, which consists of the syntax and keywords used by the MediaWiki software to format a page.
1. Open the Wiki event page or any Wikipedia article
2. Select ‘Preferences’ (Top right)

Set Editing Preferences: Activate Visual Editor
Set Editing Preferences: **Activate Visual Editor**

3. Select the ‘Editing’ tab

**Preferences**

For information about the settings on this page, see Help:Preferences.

![Preferences Tab](image)

- **User profile**
  - Appearance
  - Editing
  - Recent changes
  - Watchlist
  - Search
  - Gadgets
  - Beta features
  - Notifications

**Basic information**

- **Username:** Ariel Cetrone (WMDC)
- **Member of groups:** Autoconfirmed users, Extended confirmed users, Users
- **Connected apps:** Manage 3 connected applications
4. Scroll down to ‘Editor’

5. Select ‘Show me Both Editor Tabs’ from the ‘Editing Mode’ dropdown menu

6. Save (bottom left)
Article Anatomy
Gertrude Mary Cox (January 13, 1900 – October 17, 1978) was an American statistician and founder of the department of Experimental Statistics at North Carolina State University. She was later appointed director of both the Institute of Statistics of the Consolidated University of North Carolina and the Statistics Research Division of North Carolina State University. Her most important and influential research dealt with experimental design; In 1950 she published the book Experimental Designs, on the subject with W. G. Cochran, which became the major reference work on the design of experiments for statisticians for years afterwards. In 1949 Cox became the first woman elected into the International Statistical Institute and in 1956 was President of the American Statistical Association.
This article was the subject of an educational assignment in 2014 Q3. Further details were available on the "Education Program: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo/ES 350 (Fall 2014)" page, which is now unavailable on the wiki.
Article Sections: Lead Paragraphs and infoboxes

Lead paragraph/s: Emboldened name, DOB, notability statement/s

Main photo or Infobox placement

Remainder is mostly chronological

See: WP:Manual of Style for guidance
Article Sections: References

Academic career [ edit | edit source ]

In 1939 Cox was appointed assistant professor of statistics at Iowa State College,[4] and in 1940 Cox was appointed professor of statistics at North Carolina State College (now North Carolina State University) at Raleigh. There she headed the new department of Experimental Statistics, the first female head of any department at this institution.[3] In 1945 she became director of the Institute of Statistics of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, and the Statistics Research Division of the North Carolina State College which was run by William Gemmell Cochran. In the same year of 1945 Cox became the editor of Biometrics Bulletin and of Biometrics and she held this editorship for 10 years. When prolific statistician and eugenician Ronald Fisher founded the International Biometric Society in 1947, Cox was one of the founding members.[4]

References [ edit | edit source ]

2. ^ a b c Riddle, Larry (2014), Biographies of Women Mathematicians: Gertrude Mary Cox, Agnes Scott College, retrieved 2018-04-25.
Additional Sections

External links

- Gertrude Mary Cox Collection, 1918-1983 (North Carolina State University Libraries)
- "Gertrude Cox", Biographies of Women Mathematicians, Agnes Scott College
- MacTutor biography
- ASA: Gertrude M. Cox
- NC State University Gertrude Cox Award

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Authority control

| General | Integrated Authority File (Germany) · ISNI (1) · VIAF (1) · WorldCat |
| National libraries | France (data) · United States · Netherlands |
| Scientific databases | Mathematics Genealogy Project |
| Other | Faceted Application of Subject Terminology · Social Networks and Archival Context · SUDOC (France) |

Categories (+) | 1900 births (−) (a) | 1978 deaths (−) (a) | American statisticians (−) (a) | 20th-century American mathematicians (−) (a) | American women mathematicians (−) (a) | Women statisticians (−) (a) | 20th-century American women scientists (−) (a) |
| Presidents of the American Statistical Association (−) (a) | Fellows of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (−) (a) | Members of the United States National Academy of Sciences (−) (a) | Iowa State University alumni (−) (a) | People from Webster County, Iowa (−) (a) | People from Raleigh, North Carolina (−) (a) | People from Perry, Iowa (−) (a) | Elected Members of the International Statistical Institute (−) (a) | UC Berkeley College of Letters and Science alumni (−) (a) | 20th-century women mathematicians (−) (a) | (+) |
Editing Existing Articles
Editing with Visual Editor

1. Open a Wikipedia article
2. Select ‘Edit’
3. Add and remove text as you would in a word processor

Unsure if you are in Visual Editor? Are you not seeing the ‘Edit’ button? Select ‘Edit Source’, select the Pencil (red), select ‘Visual editing’

Formatting buttons

Edit buttons
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code
Citing Your Sources

1. Place cursor in desired location

2. Select ‘Cite’

3. Select ‘Automatic’ (for URLs, etc.), ‘Manual’ (to customize fields), or ‘Reuse’ (to cite a source that has already been used)
Adding Sections

Early life and education

Gertrude Cox was born in Dayton, Iowa on January 13, 1900.\footnote{1} She studied at Perry High School in Perry, Iowa, graduating in 1918. At this time she decided to become a deaconess in the Methodist Church and worked towards that end.\footnote{2} However, in 1925, she decided to continue her education at Iowa State College (which was renamed Iowa State University in 1959) in Ames where she studied mathematics and statistics and was awarded a B.S. in 1929 and a Master's degree in statistics in 1931.\footnote{2}

From 1931 to 1933 Cox undertook graduate studies in psychological statistics at the University of California at Berkeley, then returned to Iowa State College to assist in establishing the new Statistical Laboratory.\footnote{3} Here she worked on the design of experiments.
Adding Sections with Headings

1. Place cursor
2. Select ‘Paragraph’
3. Select ‘Heading’
4. Add heading text
5. Select enter/return to continue with regular font
Creating Links Between Wikipedia Articles

1. Select text
2. Select link icon
3. Select article and ‘Done’

*When adding an external link in an external links section, enter the title of what you are adding, highlight the text, select the link icon, paste a URL, and select ‘Done’.*
Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons

1. Place cursor in desired location (left or right)

2. Select: ‘Insert’ + Media’
Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons

3. Enter search term

4. Select photo + ‘Use this image’
Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons

5. Caption your image and add alternative text

6. Select ‘Insert’
Publish changes

1. Select ‘Publish changes’
2. Add brief note in ‘Edit Summary’ field
3. Select ‘Publish changes’ once more

To quickly abandon changes made to an article, select ‘Read’ (next to Edit/Edit Source) and your edits will not be saved.
Creating New Articles
Creating Article Drafts

1. Reserve the article using the Google sheet
Creating Articles

2. Select the article link on the event page*

Blue = Existing, Red = New

Articles to create  [edit source]

- Draft: Alice Withrow, botanist for the National Museum of Natural History and co-author of "Generation, Control, and Measurement of Visible and Near [1][2][3][4][5][6][7]
- Draft: Constance Philpitt Warner, Photographer for the Smithsonian Zoological Park [8][9][10][11]
- Draft: Aime M. Awl, scientific illustrator for the National Museum of Natural History [12][13][14][15][16][17]

*To create articles when not participating in an editing event, type the article’s name into the Wikipedia search bar. When no result is produced, select the red link next to ‘You may create this page’.
Creating Articles

3. Select ‘Create’ (top right)*

*Tips: Create references section then return to top and start the lead paragraph. Publish often. Select ‘edit’ (top right) to continue editing your draft.
Creating Articles

4. Add a ‘References’ header at the bottom.

5. Use sources provided on the event page or others to find information.
Creating Articles

6. Scroll to top and start writing. Be sure to add citations, hyperlinks, etc.
Creating Articles

7. Publish as you go. Select ‘edit’ (top right) to keep working.

Draft: Noris Salazar Allen
Moving Draft Articles

8. When the draft is ready to go to Wikipedia mainspace, go to the draft article and select ‘More’ then ‘Move’
9. Open ‘New title’ drop down menu and select (Article) then ‘Move page’
Uploading Photos or Files to Wikicommmons
Adding Images or Files

1. Go to commons.wikimedia.org
2. Select ‘Upload’
Adding Images or Files

3. Select media files to share
Adding Images or Files

4. Select ‘Continue’
Adding Images or Files

5. Select Address Copyright

Upload Wizard

Learn • Upload • Release rights • Describe • Add data • Use

Please visit Commons:Help desk if you need to ask questions about uploading files.

This site requires you to provide copyright information for this work, to make sure everyone can legally reuse it.

- This file is my own work.
- This file is not my own work.

Back
Adding Images or Files

5a. Release the rights if it is your own work

This site requires you to provide copyright information for this work, to make sure everyone can legally reuse it.

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☐ This file is not my own work.

I, [Ariel Cetrone (WMDC)], the copyright holder of this work, irrevocably grant anyone the right to use this work under the Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike 4.0 license (legal code).

(Anyone may use, share or remix this work, as long as they credit me and share any derivative work under this license.)

Use a different license

Back
Adding Images or Files

5b. If not your own work, name the source and select the appropriate Creative Commons license or another reason why it is license-free or in the public domain (Pre-1926, published for the US government, etc.)
6. Describe the image

**Image title**
Create a unique descriptive title using plain language with spaces. Omit the file extension, if any.

Angler’s Footbridge C&O Canal Potomac, Maryland

**Caption**
Add a one-line explanation of what this file represents, including only the most relevant information.

English

Angler’s Footbridge C&O Canal Potomac, Maryland

Add a caption in another language

**Description**
Provide all information that will help others understand what this file represents.
Adding Images or Files

7. Add metadata (optional), i.e. Depicts Footbridge

8. Publish