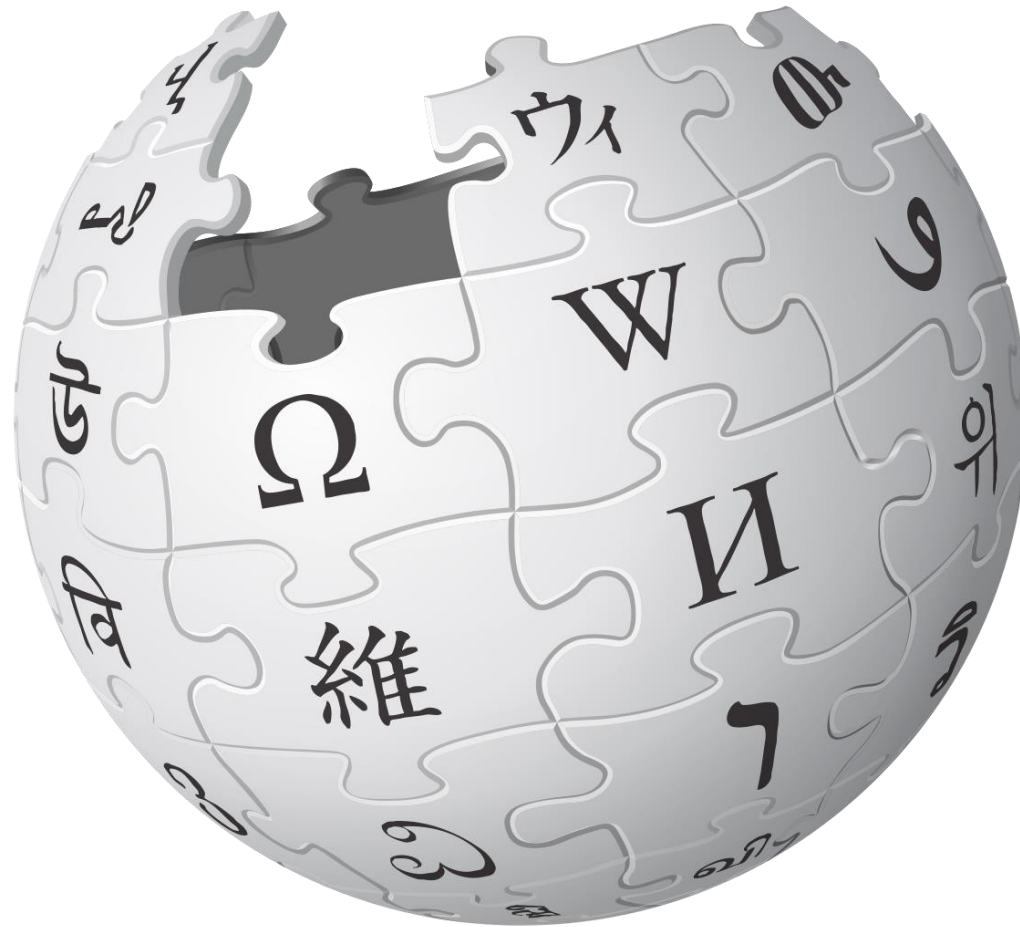


Why Wikipedia and What is it?



The Basics of Editing Wikipedia and Article Creation

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WIKIMEDIA

Good News!

There are over 80 000 contributors globally

The encyclopedia features 23 million
articles in 280 languages

You can also edit Wikipedia

**Help make Wikipedia reliable and
useful**

Outline



- Background
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- Plagiarism and Neutral Point of View
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Getting Started on Wikipedia



➤ Know Principles and guidelines



➤ Basic Editing skills



➤ Account Creation

The Five Pillars of Wikipedia



- Wikipedia is an Encyclopedia
- Neutral Point of View
- Free content that everyone can use, edit share
- Respect and Civility
- No Firm Rules

- Neutral Point of View
- Verifiability
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Account Creation – Let's Dig In!



➤ **Creation of accounts by all participants**

visit [en.Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

There are disadvantages to editing Wikipedia without an account

➤ **Navigation of Wikipedia**

- Add content to User and talk page
- Sandbox
- Activate visual editor by going to preferences
- Add articles to talk page
- Page views, using Accra Girls and Otiko Djaba's article

- General Notability Guideline : “ If a topic has received **significant coverage** in reliable sources that are **independent of the subject**, it is presumed to be suitable for a stand-alone article or list.”

Eg. A major newspaper article feature on the subject.

- A subject can be notable but if enough reliable references are not provided, other editors will assume the subject is not notable. Eg Donna Strikland’s case

- Copy and Pasting other peoples work is not allowed
- Avoid stating opinions as facts and vice versa
- Wikipedia has no voice

- Citation of reliable sources allows people to verify the information
- Avoid stating opinions as facts
- What must be referenced ?
 - ✓ Any fact in dispute, or likely to be challenged
 - ✓ All quotations must be attributed with citations
 - ✓ Description of criminal convictions
 - ✓ Numbers and statistics

- Providing links in Wikipedia articles improves Wikipedia's usefulness
- Avoid overlinking
- Advisable to create link at the first occurrence of the word or phrase
- Demonstrate Linking

- All articles on Wikipedia belong to one or more categories
- Makes search easy on Wikipedia

What can I write about?



- Anything of interest to you
- However, it might interest you to know that as of the beginning of October, only 17.82% of biographies on Wikipedia are about women.

source: <https://wikimediafoundation.org/2018/10/04/donna-strickland-wikipedia/>

- You can help bridge the gap by creating or improving existing articles on women

The following articles will be used to demonstrate

- Africa Summit on Women and Girls in Technology
- Nanjira Sambuli

- Click on help from the left pane
- WikipediaTeahouse
(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse/About>)

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