

Wikipedia Workshop

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Wikipedia's mission

Imagine a world in which every person on the planet shares in the sum of all human knowledge. That is what we're doing.



(for free, in the language of their choice)



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Il-Wikipedija Maltija tinsab ukoll fuq Facebook. [Issleheb magħna!](#)

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Merħba fil-Wikipedija,

L-enciklopedija hielsa li kulhadd jista' jimmodifika!

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Vetrina

Bħalissa m'hawn l-ebda artiklu fil-vetrina.



Almanakk

8 ta' Marzu:

- 1775 – **Thomas Paine** kiteb l-artiklu "Il-Jasar Afrikan fl-Amerika", l-ewwel artiklu fl-**Istati Uniti** li talab għall-ħelsien tal-ilsiera u l-abolizzjoni tal-jasar.
- 1957 – L-**Eġittu** reġa' fetaħ il-**Kanal ta' Swejs** wara l-kriżi tas-Swejs.
- 1983 – Il-President **Ronald Reagan** tal-Istati Uniti sejjah lill-Unjoni Sovjetika "imperu tal-ħażen".



Twieldu f'dan il-jum...

- 1495 – San **Gwann t'Alla**, reliġjuż Spanjol ta' nisel Portugiż, fundatur tal-Ordni tal-Ospedallieri (m. 1550)
- 1560 – **Don Carlo Gesualdo**, kompożitur Taljan (m. 1613)
- 1879 – **Otto Hahn**, kimiku Ġermaniż, rebbieħ tal-**Premju Nobel** għall-Kimika (m. 1968)

Mietu f'dan il-jum...



Wikipedija

Il-**Wikipedija** huwa proġett enciklopediku kollaborattiv, universali, multilingwi u jaħdem abbażi tal-prinċipju [wiki](#). L-għan ewlieni tal-Wikipedija huwa li tipprovdi kontenut hieles, newtrali u verifikabbli, li kulhadd jista' jimmodifika u jtejjeb.

Il-proġett huwa definit skont il-**ħames prinċipji fundamentali**. Il-kontenut tiegħu huwa ppubblikat taħt il-**liċenzja Creative Commons by-sa** u jista' jiġi kkupjat u użat mill-ġdid taħt din l-istess liċenzja – anke għal skopijiet kummerċjali – bil-patt u l-kundizzjoni li dawn jirrispettaw il-kundizzjonijiet.



Parteċipazzjoni

- Trid tipparteċipa?** Aqra r-**regoli fundamentali** u l-linji gwida, u rrispetta l-**wikiketja**: li **tirreġistra** huwa

Wikipedia's volunteers

20 million registered users

80,000 active editors

1,400 administrators



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Wikimedia's scope

286 languages

18 projects



images, data, dictionary, travel guide, species,
quotes, books, source material, wiki
software...



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a multilingual free
encyclopedia

Wiktionary
[ˈwɪkʃənəri] *n.*,
a wiki-based Open
Content dictionary
Wileon [ˈwɪlən kənəri]



WIKISOURCE



WIKINEWS



WIKISPECIES
free species directory



Before we start...



- We assume you have little or no experience editing Wikipedia or other wikis
- Are you online now?
- Have you created a Wikipedia account?
- Have you seen the wikitext cheat sheet?

The user page



Here's mine:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:ToniSant>

- Top left: first link
- Talk ... Watchlist ... Contributions ... Log out
- Write something about yourself:
 - *Who are you?*
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Basic formatting



- Bold, italics, headings...
- Using the VisualEditor (or cheatsheet if needed)
- Three kinds of links (see also: cheatsheet):
 1. wikilink
 2. wikilink with different display text
(understanding why this is often needed)
 3. an external link with display text

View history



- each line represents a revision of the article with the most recent at the top
- same principle applies to ALL pages, regardless of number of edits or users/editors
- describe what you changed
(also known as edit summary)
- minor edit (check box)
- watch this (check box)

The talk pages



- Communication back-channel
- Every page has a talk page
 - User page
 - Article page
 - etc.

The 5 Pillars of Wikipedia



Fundamental principles by which we operate...

Wikipedia is:

1. is an encyclopedia
2. is written from a neutral point of view
3. is free content that anyone
can edit / use/ modify / share
4. editors should respect each other
5. does not have any firm rules

Some Wikipedia Guidelines / Policies

PILAR 5:

Wikipedia does not have many firm rules!

Some important/firm rules...

- Notability
- Conflict of Interest
- Verifiability
- Neutral Point of View

Sources (i.e. verifiability)



Wikipedia:No original research

All research must come from published sources

- peer-reviewed journals
- peer-reviewed books
- university-level textbooks
- magazines, journals, and books published by respected publishing houses
- mainstream newspapers

Neutral Point of View



- If your viewpoint is in the majority, then it should be easy to substantiate it with reference to commonly accepted reference texts;
- If your viewpoint is held by a significant minority, then it should be easy to name prominent adherents;
- If your viewpoint is held by an extremely small minority, then — whether it's true or not, whether you can prove it or not — it doesn't belong in Wikipedia, except perhaps in some ancillary article. (Wales, J. Email. 29 September 2003)

Selecting a page to edit/create

this is key to a successful/positive experience with Wikipedia editing:

- see list of pages on event wiki page
- see also DOs and DON'Ts

Selecting a page to edit/create

BE BOLD...

(see Community Portal)

Asking for help



- Help pages
- Talk pages
- **The Tea House** >> Wikipedia:Teahouse
- If you place `{{Help me}}` on your talk page, an editor will visit you there!
- `{{Admin help}}` for more advanced help

Helping yourself?



- Using the Watchlist
- Dealing with other Wikipedians

Openness: sharing is good



- Wikipedia is in more than 180 languages
- Wikimedia Commons is the image repository

<http://commons.wikimedia.org>

- 20 million media files (mostly images)
- All files are free to reuse (with attribution)

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Adding references



Rather complex – but very simple for researchers used to different citation styles.

`<ref>Add your reference here</ref>`

== References ==

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- See also – [Wikipedia:References](#) + [WP:MOS](#)