

Practical 1

Introduction and Contribution to Wikipedia.

a) Description about Wikipedia and its features:

Description: Wikipedia is a free, open content online encyclopedia created through the collaborative effort of a community of users known as Wikipedians. Anyone registered on the site can create an article for publication; registration is not required to edit articles. The site's name comes from wiki, a server program that enables anyone to edit Web site content through their Web browser.

Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger co-founded Wikipedia as an offshoot of an earlier encyclopedia project, Nupedia, in January 2001. Originally, Wikipedia was created to provide content for Nupedia. However, as the wiki site became established it soon grew beyond the scope of the earlier project. As of January 2015, the website provided well over five million articles in English and more than that number in all other languages combined. At that same time, Alexa ranked Wikipedia as the seventh-most popular site on the Internet. Wikipedia was the only non-commercial site of the top ten.

Criticisms of Wikipedia include assertions that its openness makes it unreliable and unauthoritative. Because articles don't include bylines, authors aren't publicly accountable for what they write. Similarly, because anyone can edit any article, the site's entries are vulnerable to unscrupulous edits. In August 2007, Virgil Griffiths created a site, WikiScanner, where users could track the sources of edits to Wikipedia entries. Griffiths reported that self-serving edits typically involved whitewashing or removal of criticism of a person or organization or, conversely, insertion of negative comments into the entry about a competitor. Wikipedia depends upon the vigilance of editors to find and reverse such changes to content.

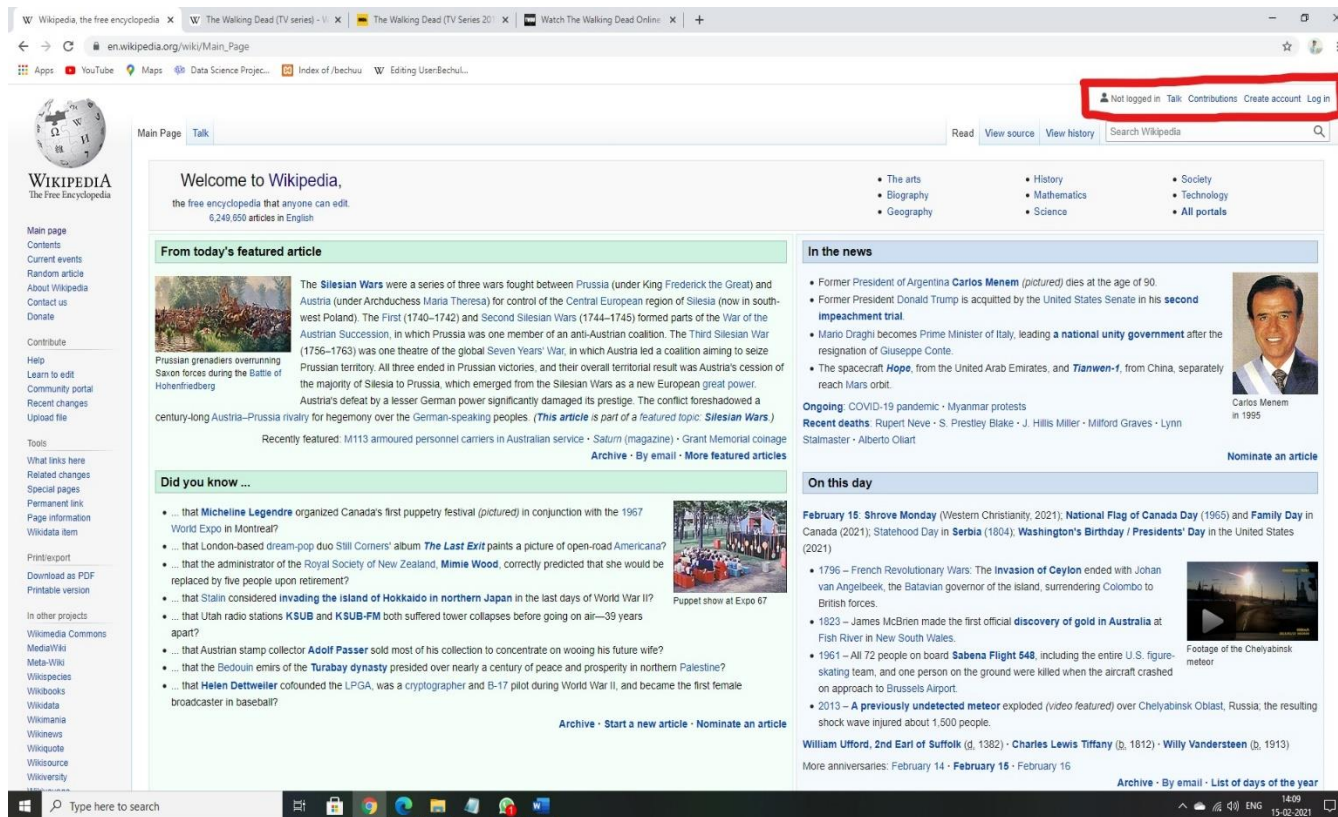
Features: 1. Creation of page, you can set your title and can add your own texts, no need of coding just type and format text like an email, when you done click on submit and its ready to view for everyone.

2. You can edit a public page if you find an outdated data , you can open editing screen and edit and then click on submit and changes are made.

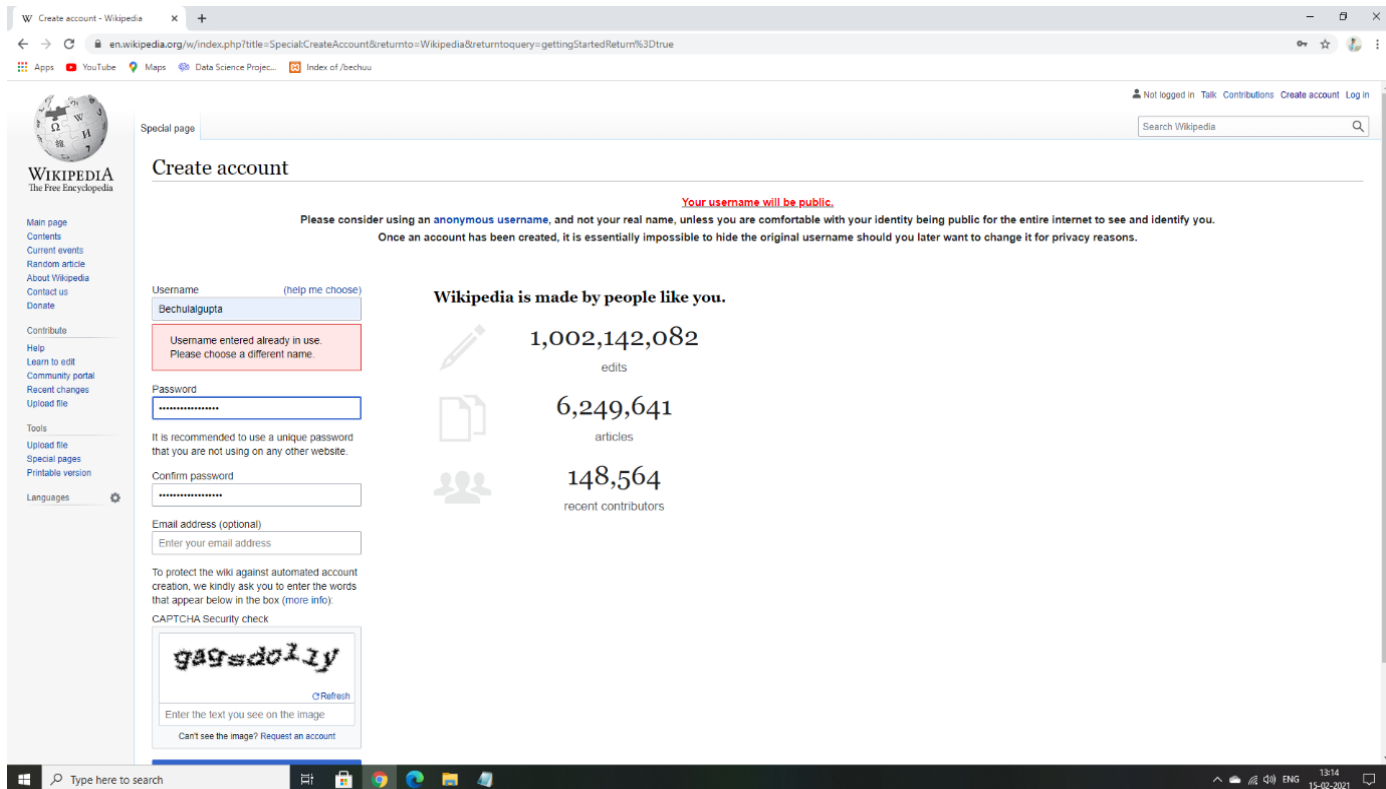
3. Links can be created between pages you can simply add brackets around another Wiki page's title (e.g. [[Example Page Title]]) to automatically link to that page.

b) Creating account on Wikipedia:

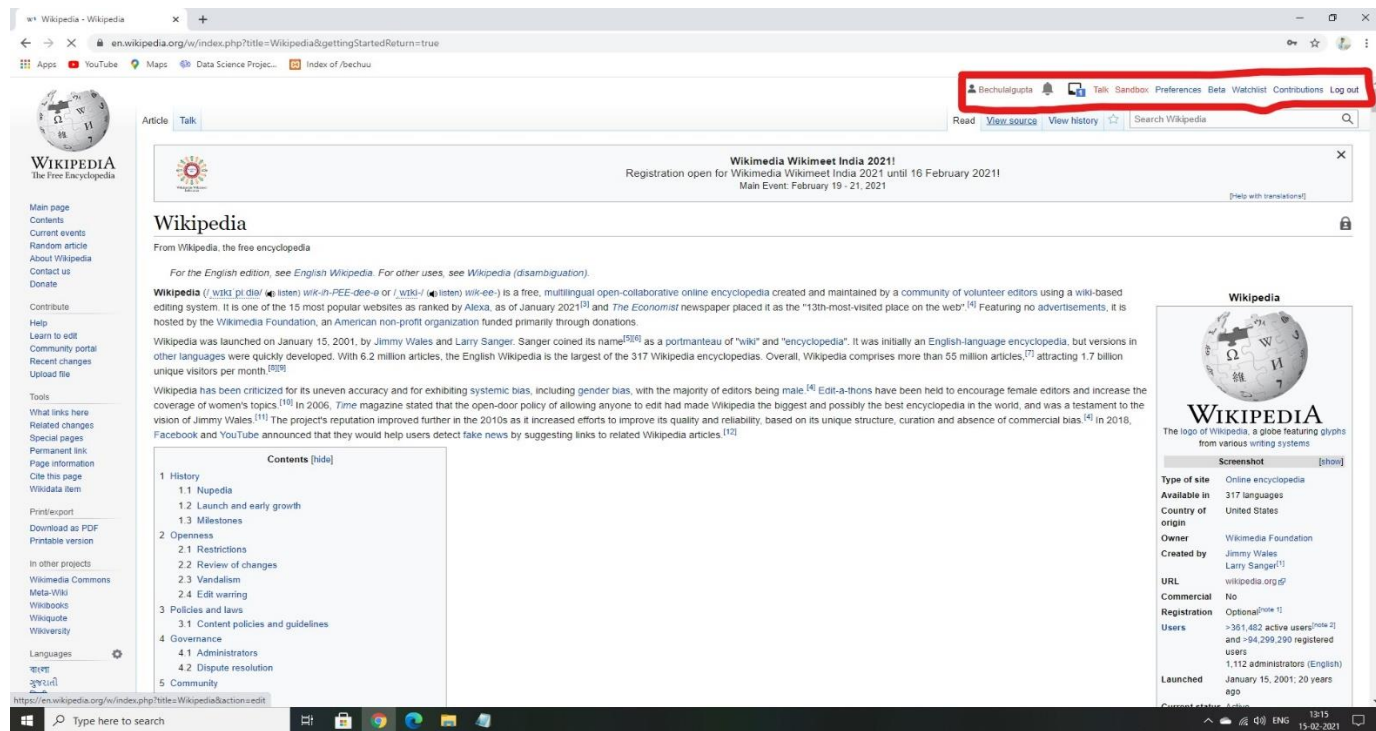
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Step 2: Fill in the required details and click on the “Create your account” button.

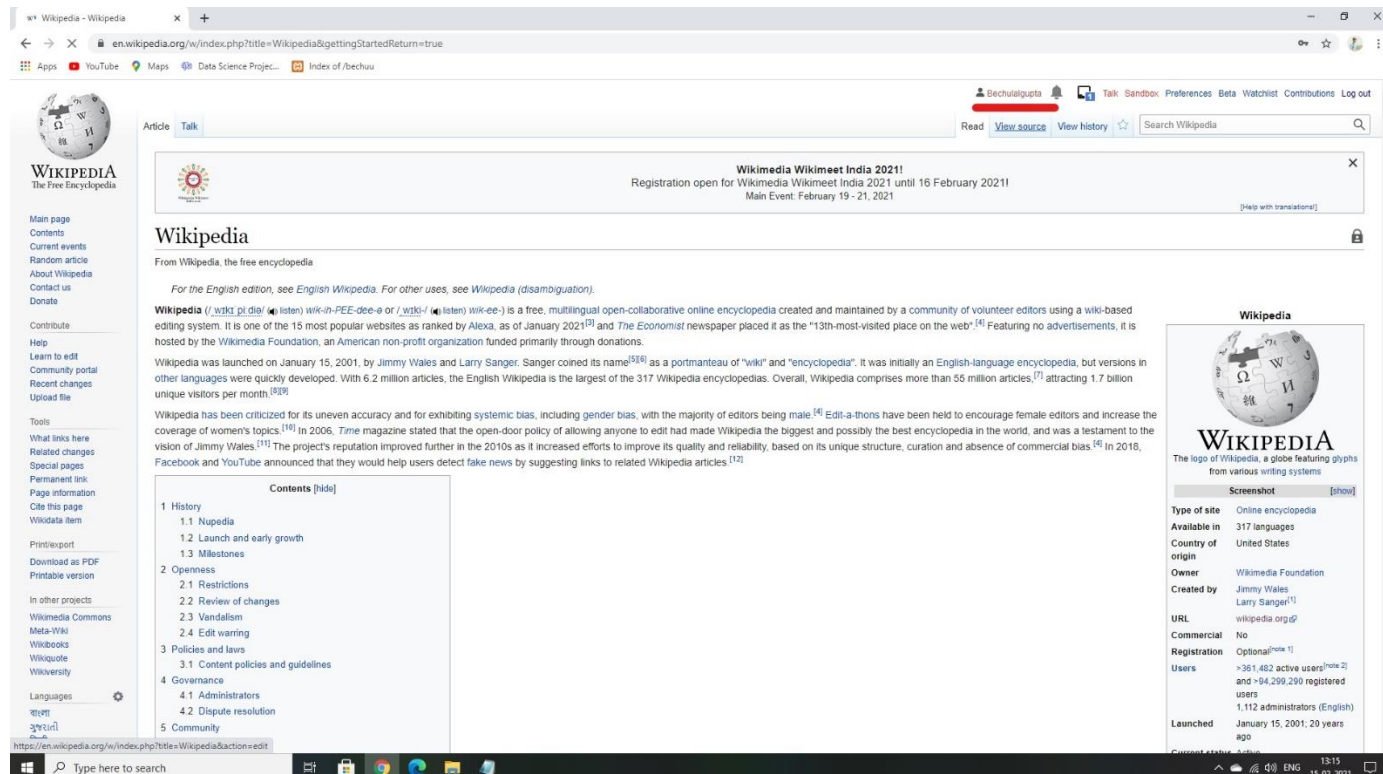


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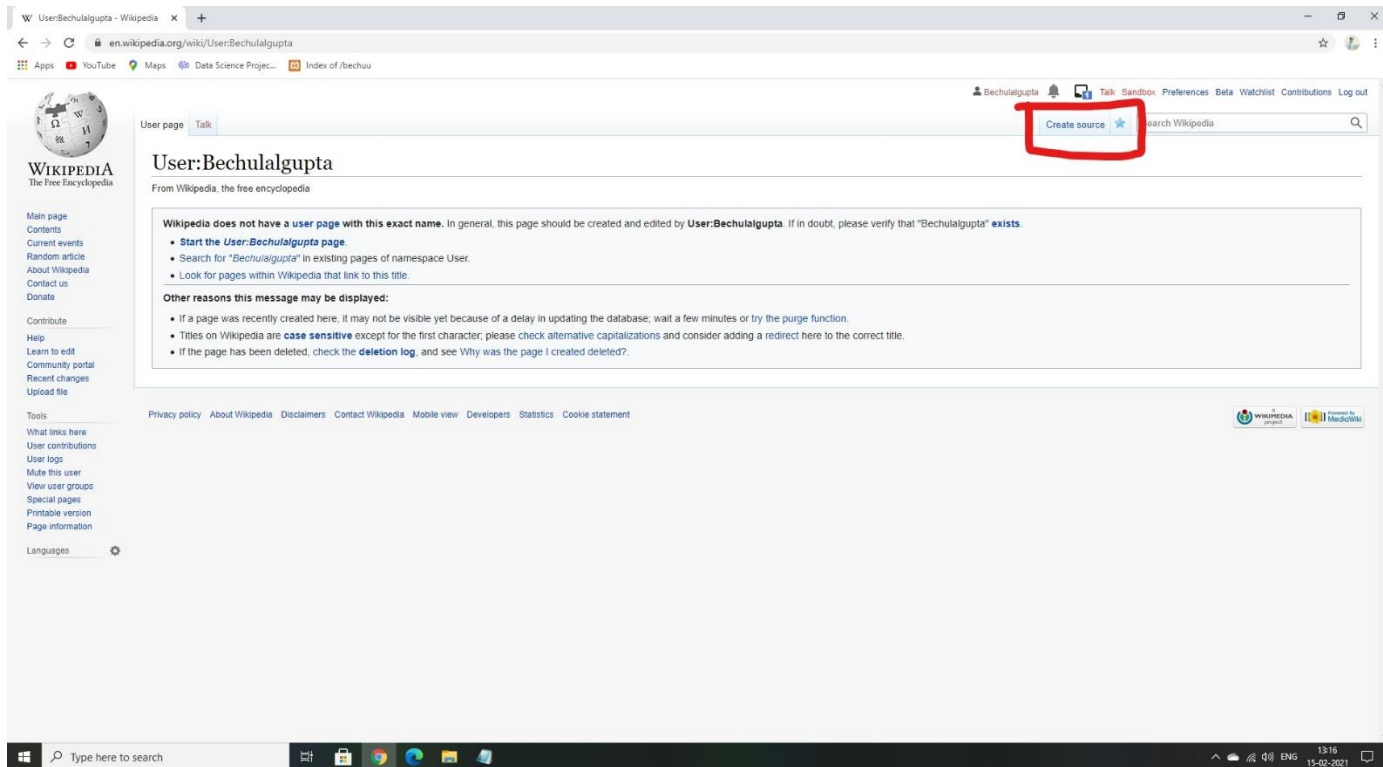


c) Creating your page on Wikipedia:

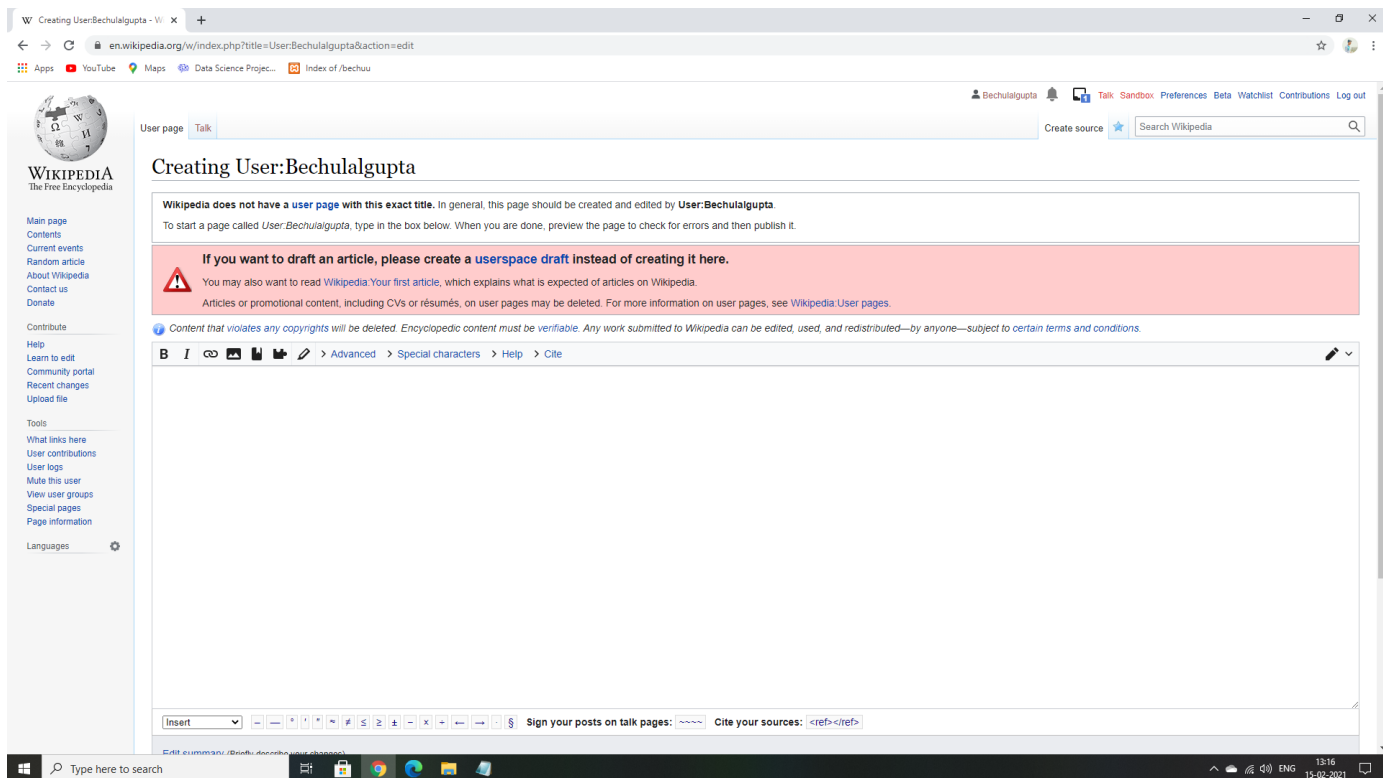
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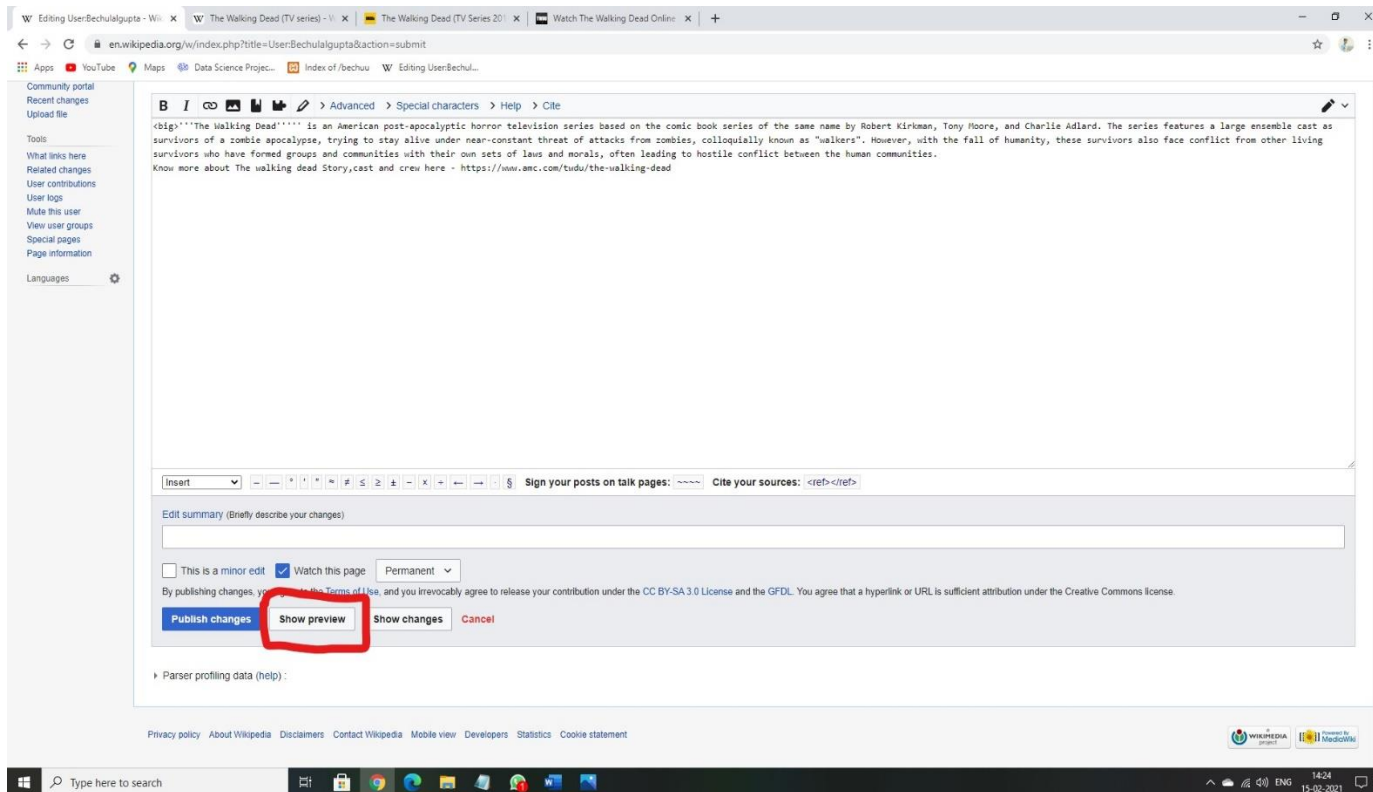
Step 2: Click on “create source” to start creating the page.



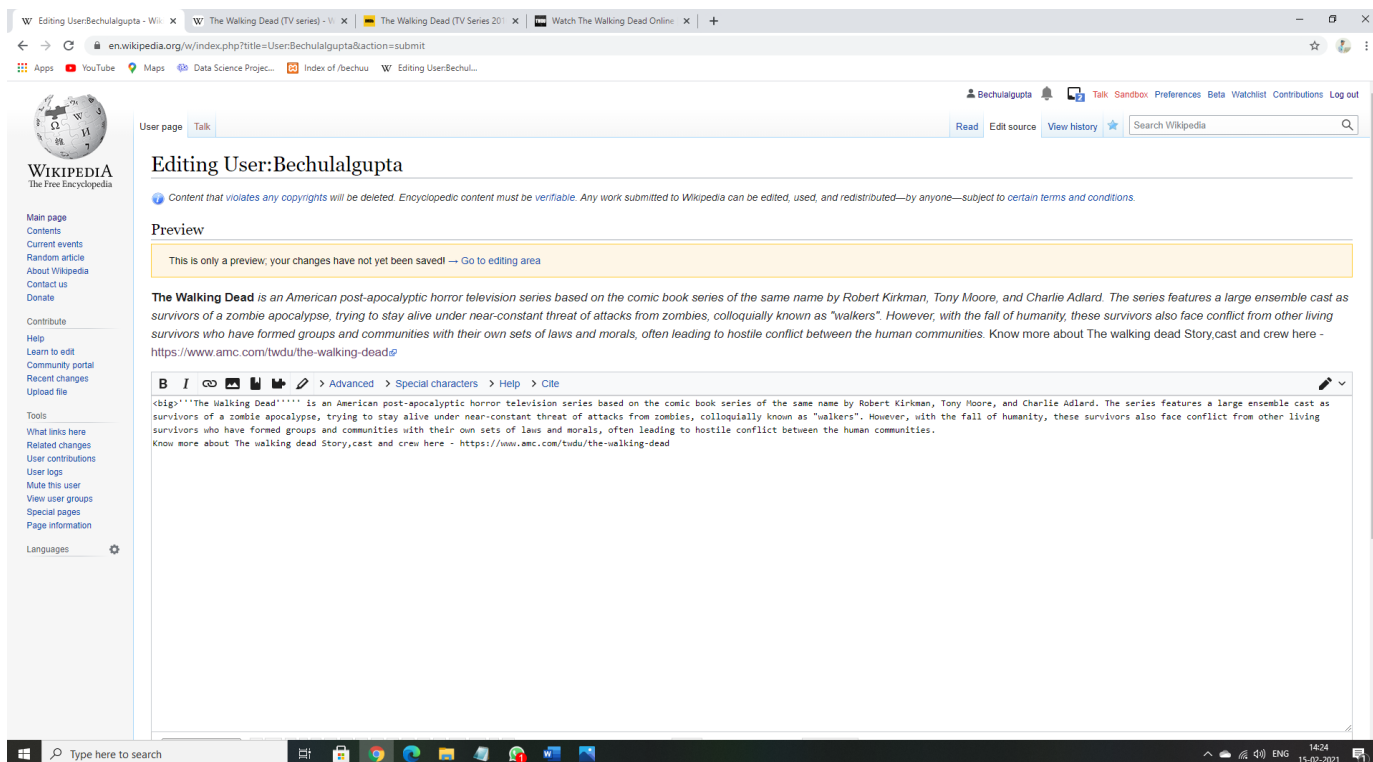
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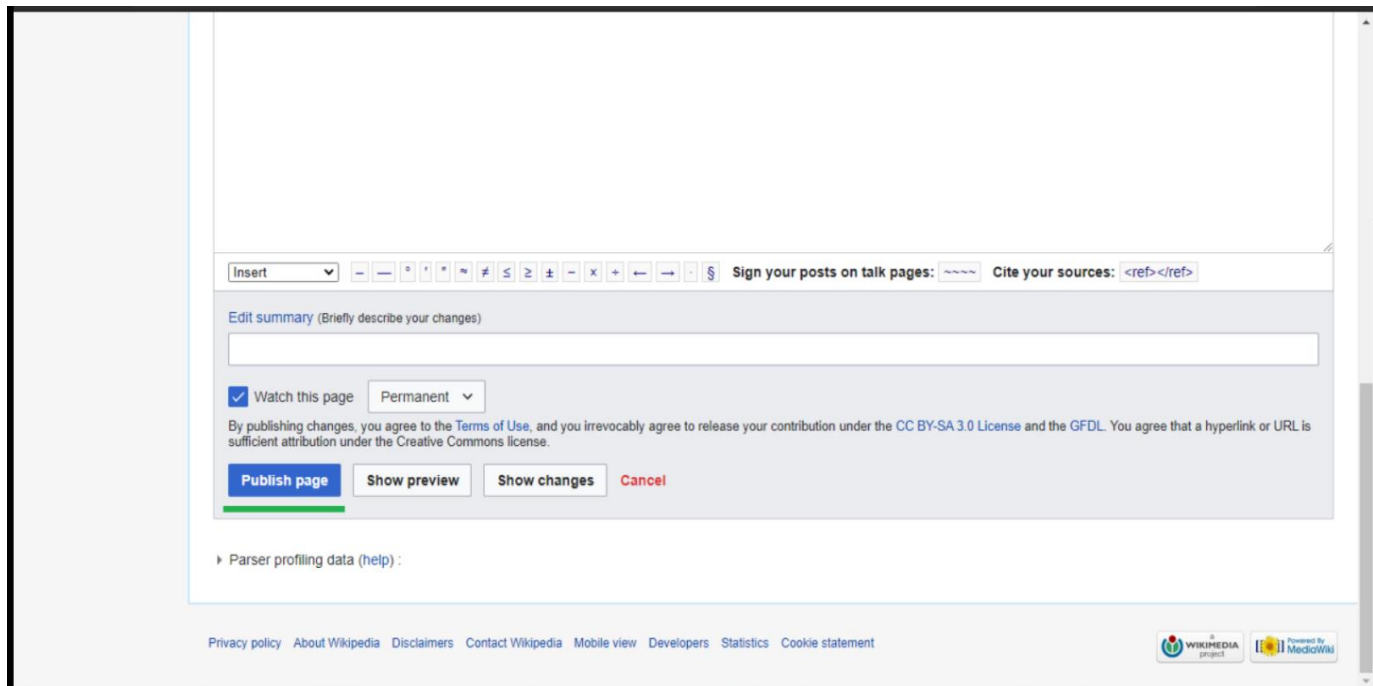
Step 4: Click on the “Show preview” button to see the preview of the page.



After clicking the button, page preview will be displayed.

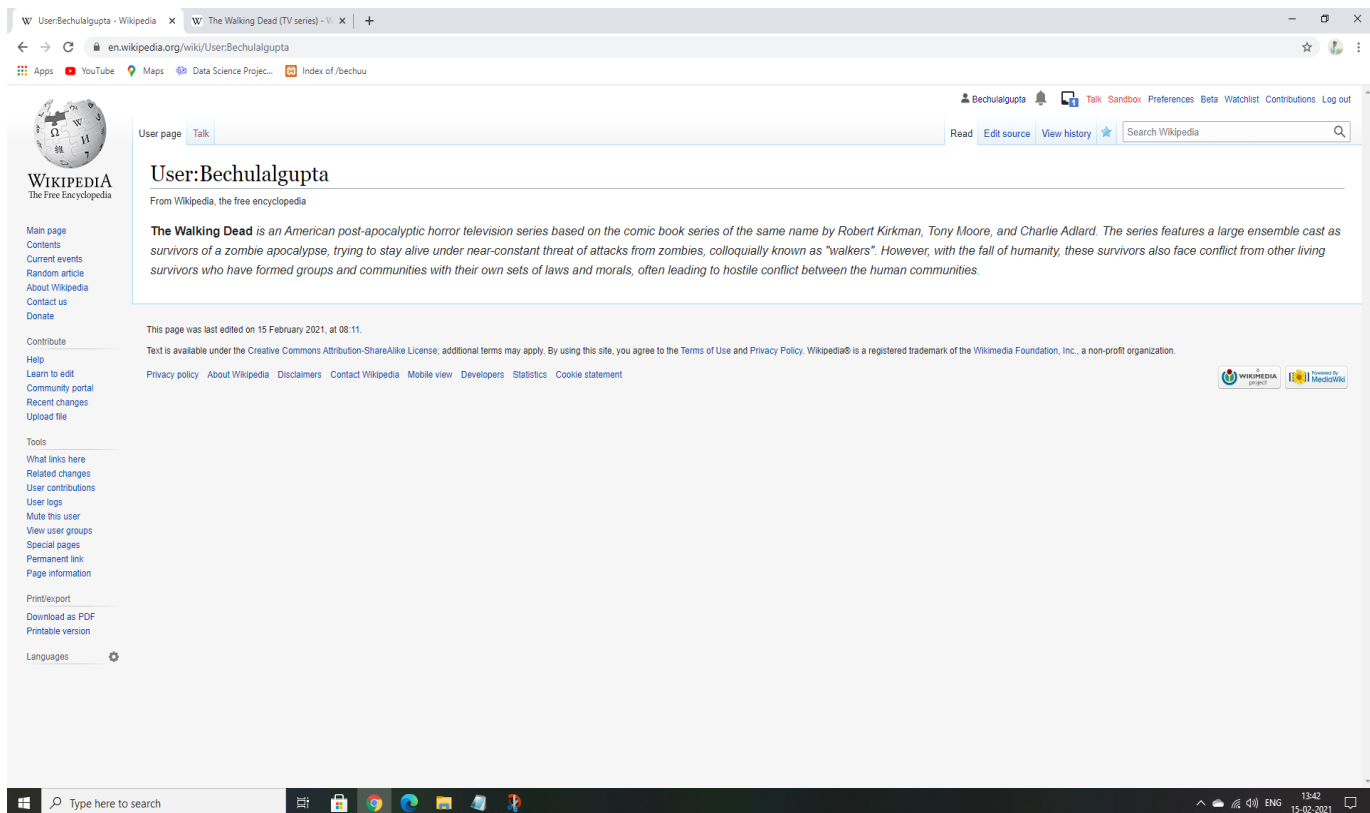


Step 5: Click on the “Publish page” button to publish or create the page.



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia edit summary form. At the top, there is a toolbar with various editing icons. Below the toolbar is a text area for the edit summary, with a placeholder text "Edit summary (Briefly describe your changes)". Below the text area, there is a checkbox labeled "Watch this page" which is checked, and a dropdown menu set to "Permanent". Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "By publishing changes, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#), and you irrevocably agree to release your contribution under the [CC BY-SA 3.0 License](#) and the [GFDL](#). You agree that a hyperlink or URL is sufficient attribution under the Creative Commons license." At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: "Publish page" (highlighted in green), "Show preview", "Show changes", and "Cancel". Below the form, there is a link to "Parser profiling data (help)". At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with links to "Privacy policy", "About Wikipedia", "Disclaimers", "Contact Wikipedia", "Mobile view", "Developers", "Statistics", and "Cookie statement", along with logos for the Wikimedia project and the Indian Medical Wiki project.

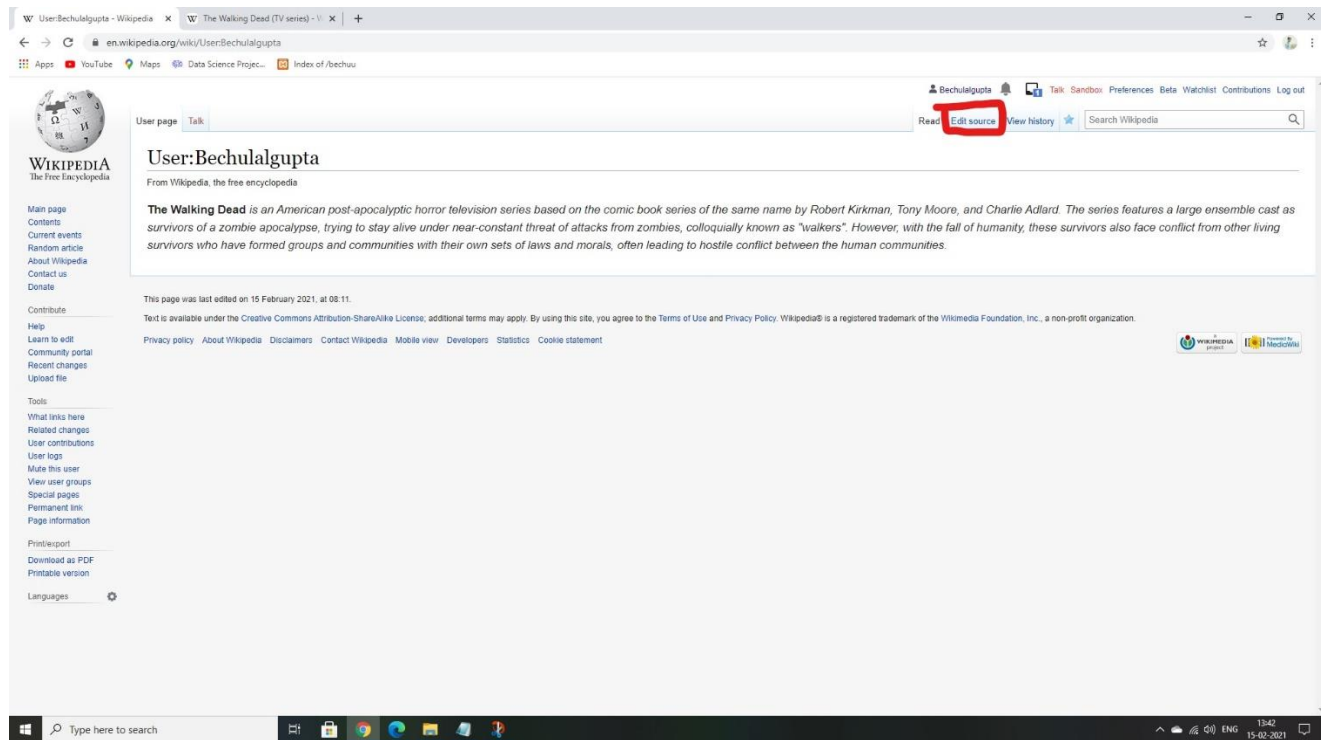
Your Wikipedia page will be created as shown below.



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia user page for "User:Bechulalgupta". The page is titled "User:Bechulalgupta" and has a subtitle "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "The Walking Dead is an American post-apocalyptic horror television series based on the comic book series of the same name by Robert Kirkman, Tony Moore, and Charlie Adlard. The series features a large ensemble cast as survivors of a zombie apocalypse, trying to stay alive under near-constant threat of attacks from zombies, colloquially known as "walkers". However, with the fall of humanity, these survivors also face conflict from other living survivors who have formed groups and communities with their own sets of laws and morals, often leading to hostile conflict between the human communities." Below the text, there is a note: "This page was last edited on 15 February 2021, at 08:11." Below the note, there is a paragraph of text: "Text is available under the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License](#); additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization." Below the text, there is a footer with links to "Privacy policy", "About Wikipedia", "Disclaimers", "Contact Wikipedia", "Mobile view", "Developers", "Statistics", and "Cookie statement", along with logos for the Wikimedia project and the Indian Medical Wiki project. The page also features a sidebar with links to "Main page", "Contents", "Current events", "Random article", "About Wikipedia", "Contact us", "Donate", "Contribute", "Help", "Learn to edit", "Community portal", "Recent changes", "Upload file", "Tools", "What links here", "Related changes", "User contributions", "User logs", "Mute this user", "View user groups", "Special pages", "Permanent link", "Page information", "Print/export", "Download as PDF", "Printable version", and "Languages".

d) Editing your page on Wikipedia:

Step 1: Click on “Edit source”.



Step 2: Make the required changes and click on the “Publish changes” button to finish the edit.

