

Task : Different Search Engines and Citing your Sources

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WIKIPEDIA

The free encyclopedia



Wikipedia

A brief history about Wikipedia :

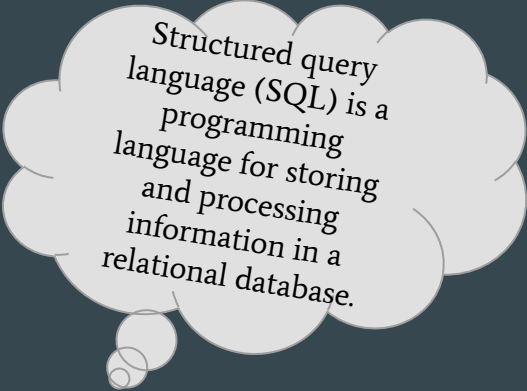
- Created on 15 January 2001
- Has about 495 million users
- Founders of Wikipedia are Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger
- The name wikipedia comes from the Hawaiian word “wiki” which means quick and pedia for encyclopedia
- Wikipedia's purpose is to benefit readers by presenting information on all branches of knowledge
- Wikipedia has more than 426 million articles

Is Wikipedia a search engine or a databases? :

- Wikipedia is a database not a search engine
- Majority of data for Wikipedia encyclopedia is stored in a SQL database
- All of Wikipedia's content is stored in a MariaDB databases

Strengths of Wikipedia :

- Free and always available
- Gives good reasoning for researching purposes
- Constantly updated with newest information
- All sources are cited



Structured query language (SQL) is a programming language for storing and processing information in a relational database.

Weakness of Wikipedia :

- Anyone can edit, create and delete Wikipedia articles
- Wikipedia articles are not considered scholarly or academic articles
- Wikipedia articles are considered work in progress, which means changes are constantly occurring to the information
- Wikipedia articles are considered controversial, vandalized and jokes

Fun/ Interesting facts about Wikipedia :

- Has over a billion edits done to their
- Wikipedia has a bot that suggests things for you based on past searches
- Wikipedia is in the top 10 most visited websites in the world



Founding – late
2001 (tentative)



Late 2001 – 12
October 2003



13 October 2003
– 13 May 2010



13 May 2010 –
present

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<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/ten-fun-facts-wikipedia>