

Wikimedia Family

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Here are the members of the Wikimedia family and formal presentations :

Wikipedia

Wikipedia, free encyclopedia

Wikipedia is online encyclopedia written collaboratively by volunteers, universal, multilingual, where everyone can work immediately and operate on the principle of the wiki.

Wikipedia aims to offer free content, objective and verifiable and that anyone can edit improve without the need to register.

All Wikipedia articles are “work in progress” and can be modified and improved by everyone.

Wikimedia

Wikimedia commons, the media library

Wikimedia Commons (often referred Commons) is an online library of images, sounds and other audio/visual media under a free license.

The “Wikimedia Commons” comes from the Wikimedia Foundation and commons, signifying the sharing of content between different language versions of different projects.

This multimedia database centralizes free media such as photographs, drawings, diagrams, music, written and spoken texts, animations and videos that have utility for at least one of the Wikimedia projects.

Wiktionnaire

wiktionary, the dictionary

Designed as the lexical companion to Wikipedia, the encyclopedia project, Wiktionary has grown beyond a standard dictionary and now includes a thesaurus, a rhyme guide, phrase books, language statistics and extensive appendices. We aim to include not only the definition of a word, but also enough information to really understand it. Thus etymologies, pronunciations, sample quotations, synonyms, antonyms and translations are included.

Wikiquote

Wikiquote, collection of quotations

Wikiquote is a free online compendium of sourced quotations from notable people and creative works in every language, translations of non-English quotes, and links to Wikipedia for further information.

Visit the help page or experiment in the sandbox to learn how you can edit nearly any page right now; or go to the Log in to start contributing to Wikiquote.

Wikisource

Wikisource, the library

Wikisource is an online library of free-content texts. Wikisource is maintained by a community of 1,258,001 registered users.

Documents placed on Wikisource must have already been published elsewhere, on paper (except for translation or official online publication).

Documents placed on Wikisource should be in the public domain or under a free license compatible with the license Creative Commons CC-by-sa (which replaces the GFDL formerly used)

Wikibooks

Wikibooks, Educational Book Store

Wikibooks is a collection of free educational texts collected in books, written in collaboration. This site is a wiki, meaning that anyone can, including you easily edit a book page by clicking the Edit link.

The project aims at developing educational books. One difference with Wikipedia is a book contains several pages, all starting with the same title as the book. Each page you can jump to other pages of the book through navigation models (list of chapters, links to next and previous chapters).

Wikijuniors

Wikijuniors, books for children

The aim of this project is to produce age-appropriate non-fiction books for children from birth to age 12. These books are richly illustrated with photographs, diagrams, sketches, and original drawings. Wikijunior books are produced by a worldwide community of writers, teachers, students, and young people all working together. The books present factual information that is verifiable. You are invited to join in and write, edit, and rewrite each module and book to improve its content. Our books are distributed free of charge under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License.

Vikidia

Vikidia, encyclopedia for 8 to 13 year olds

Vikidia is an online encyclopedic project in wiki, for 8-13 years as readers but also as participants. The site is independent of the Wikimedia Foundation, including Wikipedia depends. It was launched in November 2006.

Everyone. Children, pupils, students, teachers, other adults can be improved (both his encyclopedic articles its organization, "look", etc.).

the more participants it will be will the more quickly Vikidia become a great site with lots of good information.

Wikiversity

Wikiversity, the educational community

Wikiversity is a Wikimedia Foundation project devoted to learning resources, learning projects, and research for use in all levels, types, and styles of education from pre-school to university, including

professional training and informal learning. We invite teachers, students, and researchers to join us in creating open educational resources and collaborative learning communities.

Wikispecies

Wikispecies, directory of living species

The free species directory that anyone can edit. It covers Animalia, Plantae, Fungi, Bacteria, Archaea, Protista and all other forms of life. Wikispecies is free, because life is in the public domain!

Wikivoyage

Wikivoyage, free travel information

Wikivoyage is a project to create, update and reliable complete free world travel guide. It is written collaboratively by Wikitravellers worldwide.

Wikivoyage was built with the aim of sharing knowledge that make the trip enjoyable. When travelers meet, they exchange information on the places where they come from, and wondering where they are going. We want to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and allow others to share: our Copyleft license allows your data to be shared widely.

Wikinews

Wikinews, information source

Wikinews is a collection of news written entirely by its users reports . Wikinews is based on some fundamental values: Wikinews focuses on the news. Our articles deal with current events , it is not a history book or an encyclopedia. If a topic appears after a few days, several articles can then be written on this subject.

Wikinews is sharp. For reasons of clarity, the articles focus on a single event or phenomenon at a time.

Wikinews must be written in accordance with the neutral point of view. To the extent possible, all points of view should be presented on the same subject.

Wikinews is factual . Articles should relate the facts and their verifiable consequences. They must not have any conjecture or personal opinion of the author.

Wikinews is both global and local. Being global and online, the topics should be informative and interesting for an international audience.

Wikidata

Wikidata, the knowledge base

Wikidata is a collaboratively edited knowledge base operated by the Wikimedia Foundation. It is intended to provide a common source of certain data types (for example, birth dates) which can be used by Wikimedia projects such as Wikipedia. This is similar to the way Wikimedia Commons provides storage for media files and access to those files for all Wikimedia projects..

Wiki Meta-wiki

Wikimedia Meta-wiki, which coordinates all wikimedia projects

the global community site for the Wikimedia projects and the Wikimedia movement in general. Meta-Wiki's discussions range from coordination and documentation to planning and analysis of future Wikimedia activities.

Other meta-focused wikis such as Wikimedia Outreach are specialized projects that have their roots in Meta-Wiki. Related discussion also takes place on Wikimedia mailing lists (particularly [wikimedia-l](#), with its low-traffic equivalent [WikimediaAnnounce](#)), IRC channels on Freenode, individual wikis of Wikimedia affiliates, and other places. etc.

Wiki-incubator

Wikimedia incubator, new wikis for coming

where potential Wikimedia project wikis in new language versions of Wikipedia, Wikibooks, Wikinews, Wikiquote, Wiktionary and Wikivoyage can be arranged, written, tested and proven worthy of being hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation.

Although these test wikis do not yet have their own wiki, they can be used for real like any other Wikimedia project wiki.

New language versions of Wikiversity should go to Beta Wikiversity, and those of Wikisource to Old Wikisource. You cannot start a whole new project, you may only start a new language edition of an existing project.

MediaWiki

Mediawiki, the open source software upon which all Wikimedia projects

MediaWiki is a free software open source wiki package written in PHP, originally for use on Wikipedia. It is now also used by several other projects of the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation and by many other wikis, including this website, the home of MediaWiki.

— *initiated by sam7 on HandyLinux forum.*

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