

PRACTICAL 4

INTRODUCTION AND CONTRIBUTING TO WIKIPEDIA

a) What is Wikipedia?

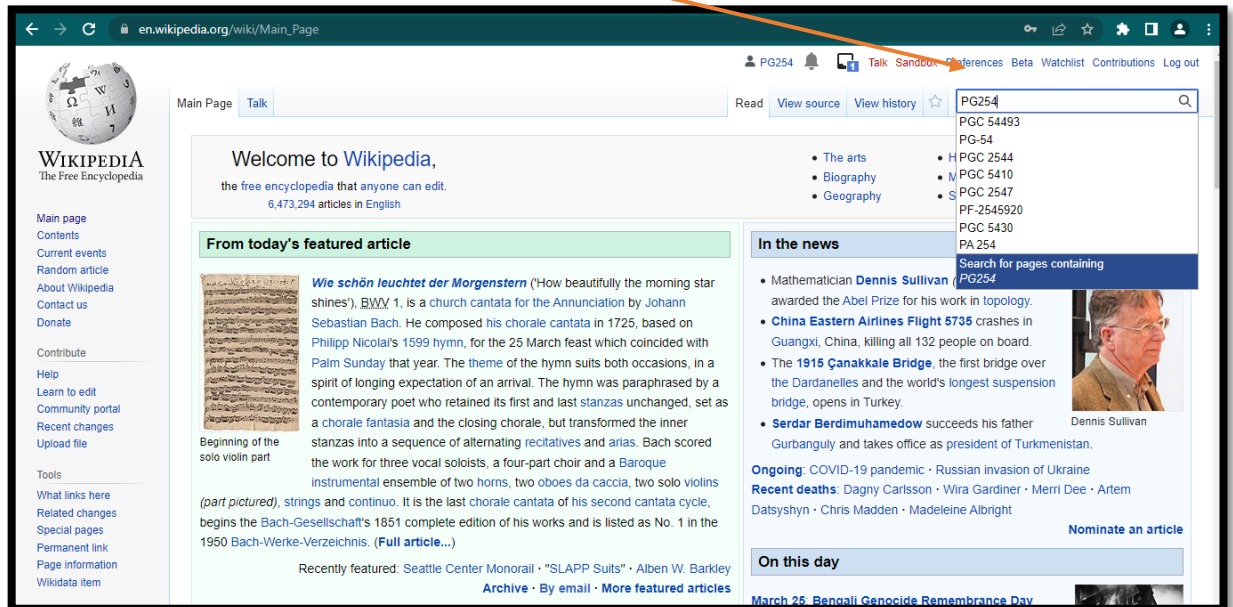
- i. Wikipedia is an online free content encyclopaedia project helping to create a world in which everyone can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.
- ii. The name "Wikipedia" is a blending of the words wiki (a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word wiki, meaning "quick") and encyclopaedia.
- iii. Wikipedia's articles provide links designed to guide the user to related pages with additional information.
- iv. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles, except in limited cases where editing is restricted to prevent further disruption or vandalism.
- v. Wikipedia offers a community hub where users can communicate and collaborate about shared interests, projects, and pages.
- vi. Wikipedia can function as a great starting point for research, providing users with general information that can be followed up with more legitimate and reliable sources outside of the site.

b) Steps to Create Account on Wikipedia:

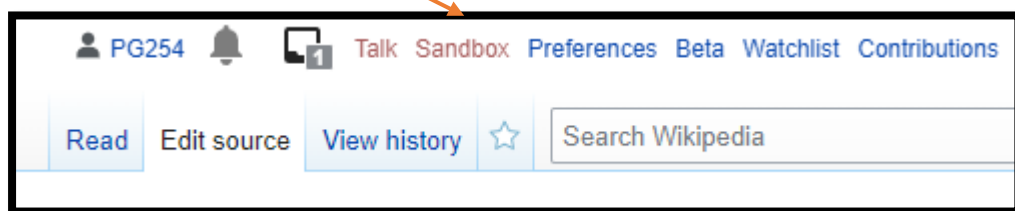
1. Visit www.wikipedia.org .
2. Click the "Sign in/create account" link in the upper right corner on the Wikipedia website.
3. Enter your desired user name in the "Username: box. (This will be the name of your account), Enter a password, Re-enter the same password as below in the "Confirm Password" and then Enter your e-mail address in the "E-mail" box.
4. Type the captcha and Click the "**Create account**" button.

C) Creating a page on Wikipedia:

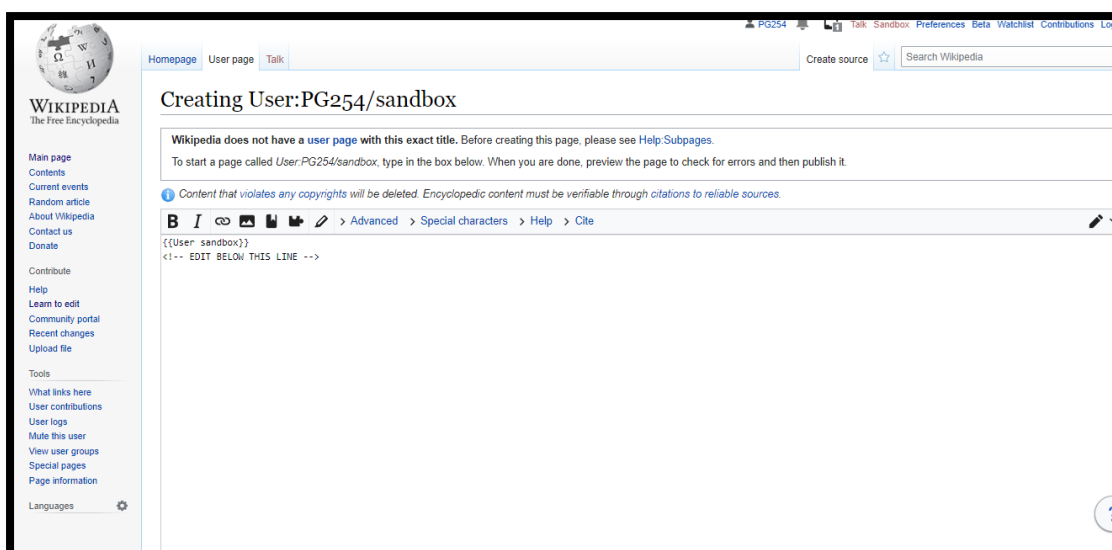
Step 1 : Search your name in search box.



Step 2: Click on “Sandbox”.



Step 3 : Type whatever you want to publish in sandbox.



Step 4: Click on “**Publish page**”.

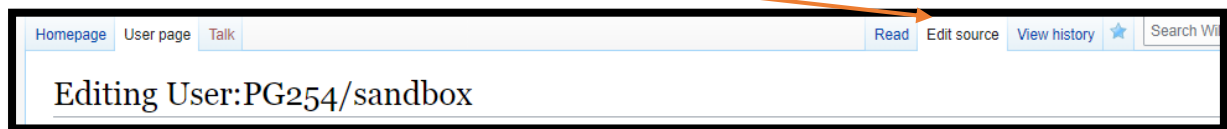
The screenshot shows the Wikipedia draft editor interface. At the top, there's a language selector and a toolbar with various editing tools. Below the toolbar is a text area for the draft. Underneath the text area is a section for editing summary, with a checkbox for 'Watch this page' and a dropdown for 'Permanent'. Below this is a disclaimer about the Creative Commons license. At the bottom of the editor, there are four buttons: 'Publish page' (highlighted with an orange arrow), 'Show preview', 'Show changes', and 'Cancel'.

Step 5: Your page created.

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia user page for 'User:PG254/sandbox'. The page title is 'User:PG254/sandbox' and it's described as 'From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia'. The main content area has a yellow background with the text 'Review waiting, please be patient.' and a list of instructions. Below this is a table with links to 'Where to get help', 'How to improve a draft', 'Improving your odds of a speedy review', 'Editor resources', and 'Reviewer tools'. At the bottom, there's a warning that the page should be moved to the Draft namespace, a text input field for the article name, and a 'Move to Draft space' button. The page also includes a sidebar with various Wikipedia links and a search bar at the top.

D) Edit Your Page:

Step 1: Click on “Edit Source” to edit the page.



Step 2: A page like below will appear and you can edit your content and republish it.

Step 3: Click on “Publish Change.”



Your Page is Updated

