

PRACTICAL 4: Wikipedia, Account creating, creating page and editing it.

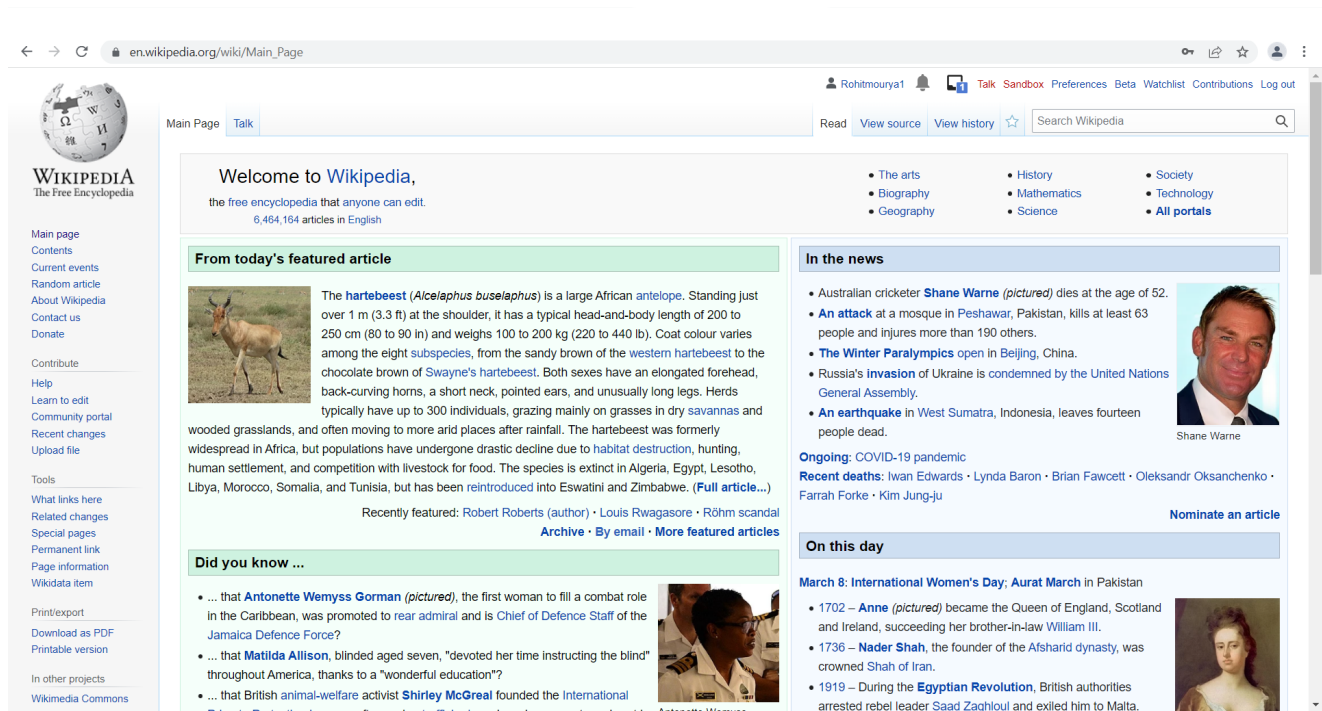
a) What is Wikipedia?

- Wikipedia is a free, open content online encyclopedia created through the collaborative effort of a community of users known as Wikipedia's. 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. As a result, 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. For instance, a Wikipedia article may introduce a reader to a particular concept or idea, leading to further exploration of the finer details and the veracity of the claims made. Criticisms of Wikipedia include assertions that its openness makes it unreliable and unattractive. 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, Wi iScanner, 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. 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.



b) Steps to create Wikipedia account:

- 1)Open a web browser to Wikipedia.org
- 2)Near the top there will be a Create account button, click on it.
- 3)Fill in the details asked in the form.
- 4)After your account is created you can see your username at the top of the ribbon.
And you are ready to use your account.

**c)Creating a page on Wikipedia:**

- 1)To start with creating a page remember to research your topic and gather resources.
- 2)Click on the **sandbox** and create an outline.
- 3)Write a draft of your Wikipedia page.
- 4)Submit your article for review.
- 5)Publish your changes.

This screenshot shows the Wikipedia interface for creating a new user sandbox page. The browser address bar displays the URL: `en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User:Rohitmourya1/sandbox&action=edit&redlink=1&preload=Template%3AUser+sandbox%2Fpreload`. The page title is "Creating User:Rohitmourya1/sandbox". A message states: "Wikipedia does not have a **user page** with this exact title. Before creating this page, please see [Help:Subpages](#). To start a page called *User:Rohitmourya1/sandbox*, type in the box below. When you are done, preview the page to check for errors and then publish it."

A warning box indicates: "Content that violates any copyrights will be deleted. Encyclopedic content must be verifiable through citations to reliable sources." Below this is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, link, unlink, image, table, and list. The editor contains the text: `{{User sandbox}}` and `<!-- EDIT BELOW THIS LINE -->`. The left sidebar includes links for Main page, Contents, Current events, Random article, About Wikipedia, Contact us, and Donate. The right sidebar has a search bar and a "Create source" button.

This screenshot shows the bottom section of the Wikipedia edit page, focusing on the "Edit summary" and publishing options. The browser address bar is the same as the previous screenshot. The "Edit summary" section has a text box for describing changes. Below it, there is a checkbox for "Watch this page" which is checked, and a dropdown menu set to "Permanent". A disclaimer states: "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 are four buttons: "Publish page", "Show preview", "Show changes", and "Cancel". The footer of the page includes links for Privacy policy, About Wikipedia, Disclaimers, Contact Wikipedia, Mobile view, Developers, Statistics, and Cookie statement. The Wikipedia logo and "Powered by MediaWiki" are also visible.

d)Editing Wikipedia document:

1)Select the edit option.

2)Edit your page.

3)Publish changes.

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia Robotics article in edit mode. The browser address bar displays 'en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Robotics&action=edit'. The page title is 'Editing Robotics'. A warning message states: 'Content that violates any copyrights will be deleted. Encyclopedic content must be verifiable through citations to reliable sources.' The editing toolbar includes options for Bold, Italic, Link, Unlink, Table, Template, and more. The article text is visible, starting with a short description: 'Design, construction, use, and application of robots'. The text includes various internal links and citations, such as '[[Shadow Hand|Shadow robot hand]] system' and '[[Autonomous robot|autonomously]] dates back to [[classical times]]'.

The screenshot shows the bottom section of the Wikipedia edit page. It includes the 'Edit summary' field, which is currently empty. Below the summary field are checkboxes for 'This is a minor edit' and 'Watch this page', and a 'Permanent' dropdown menu. A warning message states: '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.' The 'Publish changes' button is highlighted with a red arrow. Other buttons include 'Show preview', 'Show changes', and 'Cancel'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Wikidata entities used in this page', 'Pages transcluded onto the current version of this page (help)', and 'This page is a member of 4 hidden categories (help)'.