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Practical 1 : Introduction and contribution to wikipedia

What is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is a free, multilingual open-collaborative online encyclopedia created and maintained by a community of volunteer editors using a wiki-based editing system.

☐ It is one of the 15 most popular websites as ranked by Alexa, as of January 2021. The domains wikipedia.com and wikipedia.org were registered on January 12, 2001, and January 13, 2001, respectively, and Wikipedia was launched on January 15, 2001, as a single English-language edition at www.wikipedia.com, and announced by Sanger on the Nupedia mailing list. Wikipedia's policy of "neutral point-of-view" was codified in its first few months. Otherwise, there were relatively few rules initially and Wikipedia operated independently of Nupedia Originally, Bomis intended to make Wikipedia a business for profit. Wikipedians often have disputes regarding content, which may result in repeatedly making opposite changes to an article, known as "edit warring". The process is widely seen as a resource-consuming scenario where no useful knowledge is added. This practice is also criticized as creating a competitive, conflict based editing culture associated with traditional masculine gender roles, which contributes to the gender bias on Wikipedia .

☐ Effectively navigating a Wikipedia article can provide students with an opportunity to learn about peer review, sourcing, footnotes, and internet research. It also teaches critical-thinking skills.

☐ Wikipedia is a great place to start your research, giving you background information on your topic and possible keywords to help you conduct more in-depth research elsewhere. Sources used in the articles are cited, allowing further investigation into any topic.

☐ Wikipedia's purpose is to benefit readers by acting as a free widely accessible encyclopedia; a comprehensive written compendium that contains information on all branches of knowledge.

➢ Basic features of a Wikipedia are :

☐ Create a page. To contribute to a Wikipedia, you'll start by creating a page.

☐ Edit a page. Published pages can be edited by anyone that reads them.

☐ Link between pages. Linking between Wikipedia pages makes it easier for readers to find secondary materials they may need, especially as your Wikipedia grows.
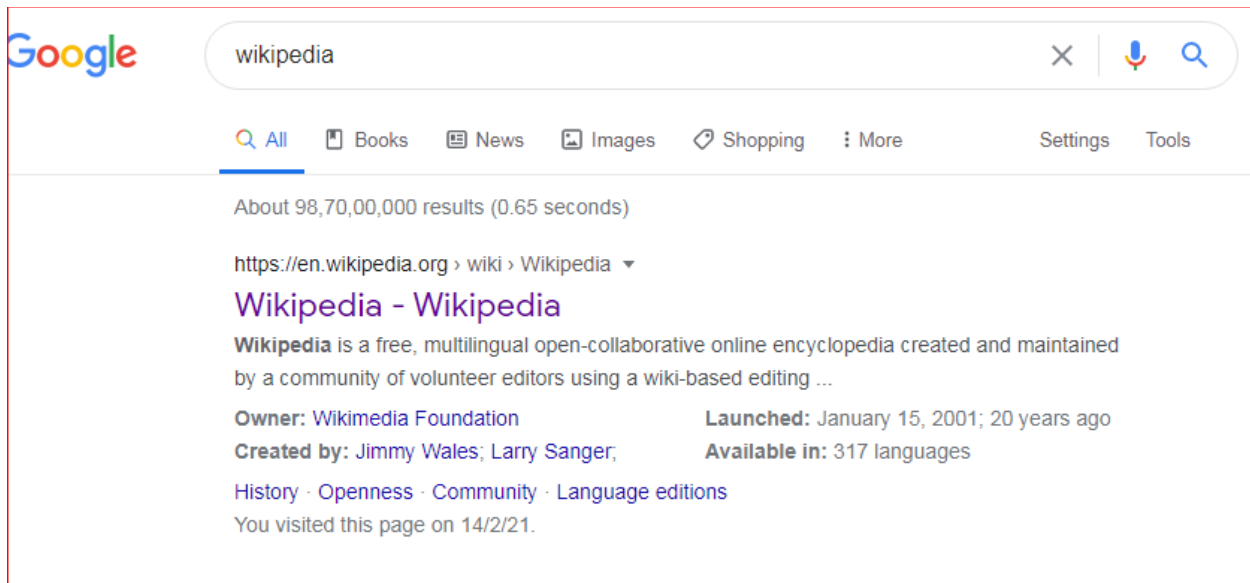
Advantages of Wikipedia :

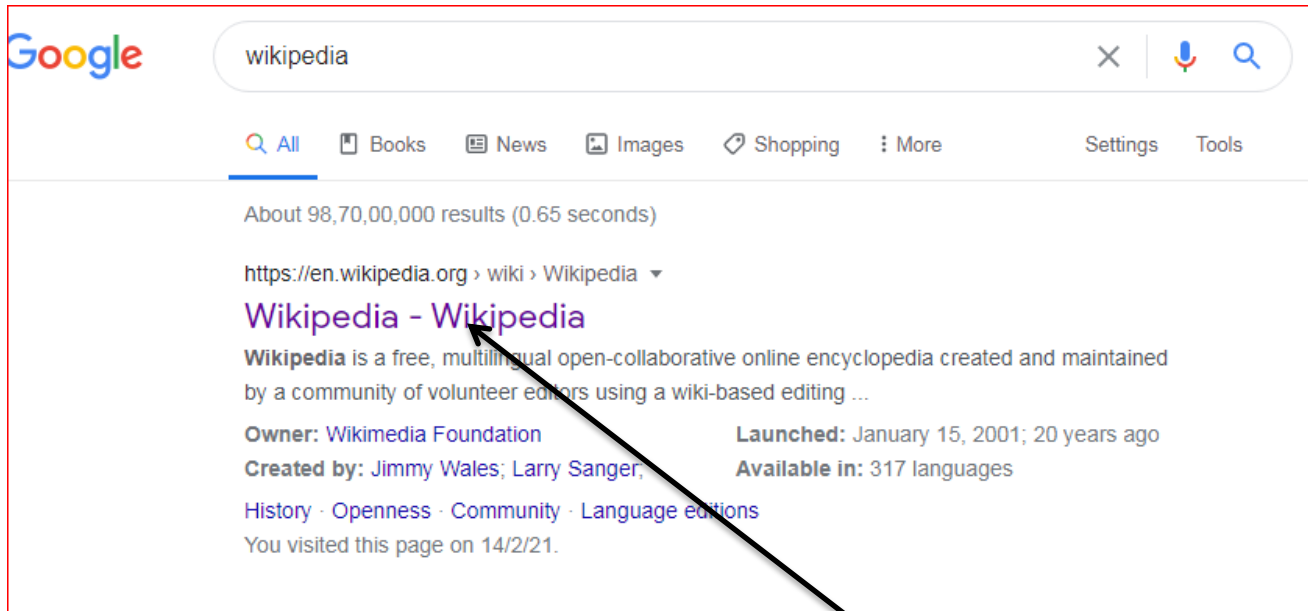- Anyone can edit
- Easy to use and learn

- Wikis are instantaneous so there is no need to wait for a publisher to create a new edition or update information
- People located in different parts of the world can work on the same document
- The wiki software keeps track of every edit made and it's a simple process to revert back to a previous version of an article
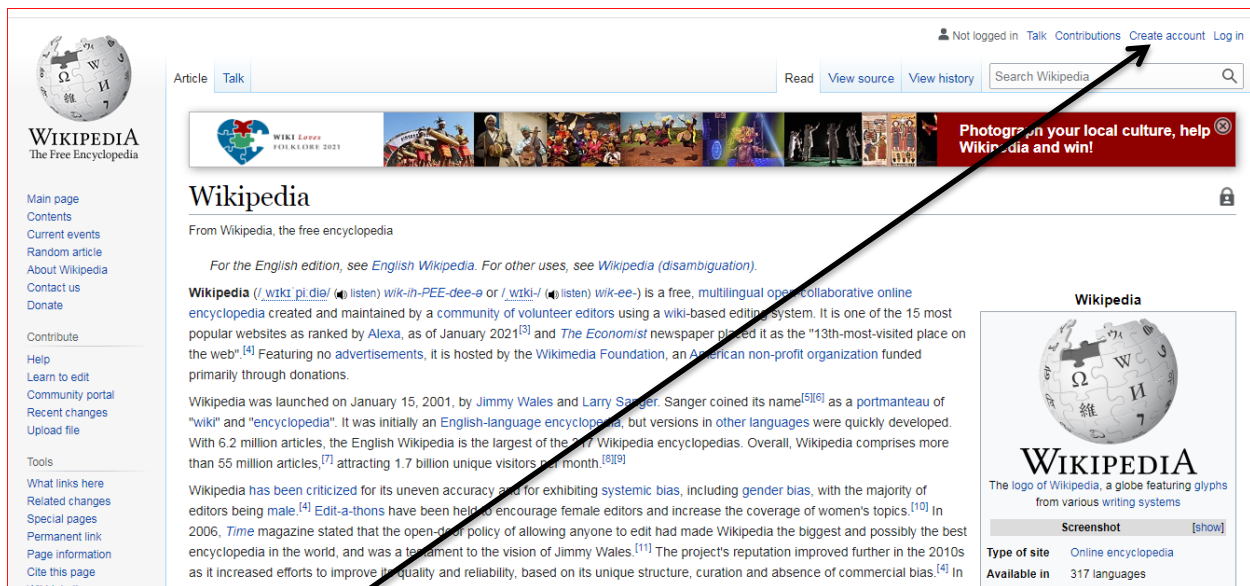
a) Steps to create account on Wikipedia :

Open google and search Wikipedia

Click on the first website

Click on create account :

b) Creating page on Wikipedia :

Click on the create source

After writing the cntent , click on publish page
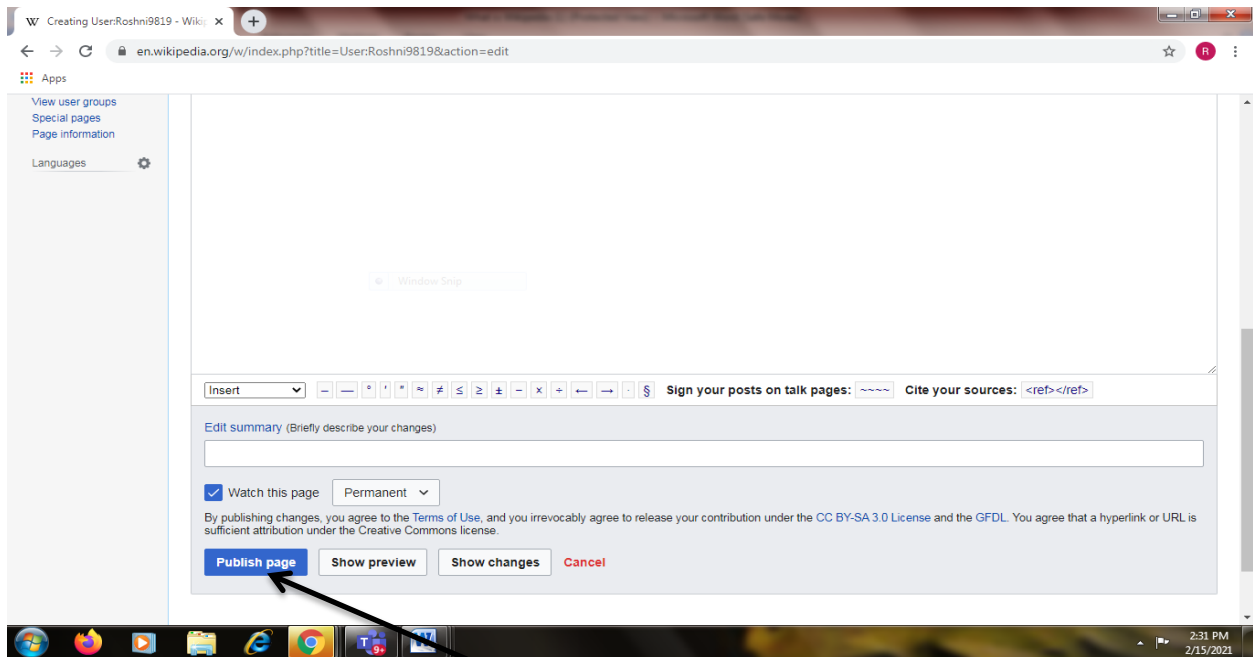
c) Editing content on Wikipedia :

Click on view source
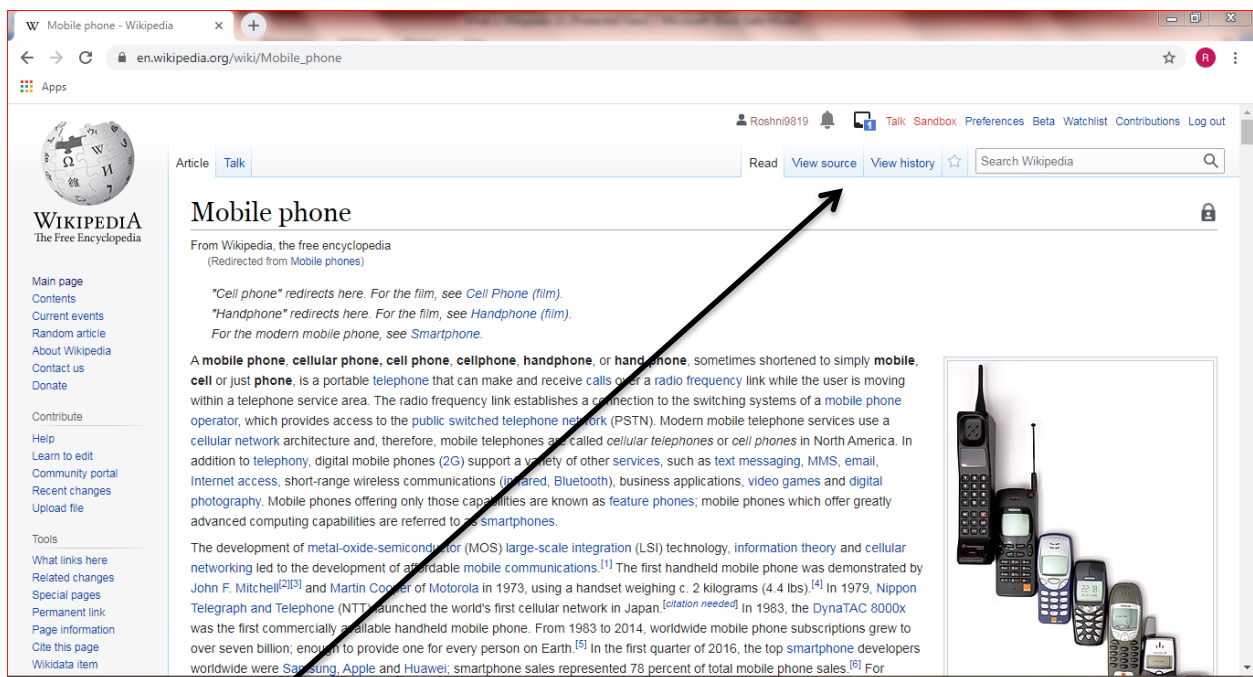
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