

IT Tools Practical - 4.

Introduction and Contributing to wikipedia.

(a) What is Wikipedia?

⇒ Wikipedia, free Internet-based encyclopedia, started in 2001, that operates under an open source management style. It is overseen by the non-profit wikipedia foundation. Wikipedia uses a Collaborative Software known as Wiki that facilitates the creation and development of articles. Wikipedia launched in 15 January 2001 and available in 325 languages. Wikipedia's purpose is to benefit readers by acting as a widely accessible and free encyclopedia.

(b) Steps to create account on Wikipedia.

- ⇒ 1. Click the "Sign in / create account link in the upper right corner on the wikipedia website.
2. Click the link "Create one" in the boxes. (After filling all boxes).
3. Type the captcha. wikipedia now presents people with a simple captcha to solve to prevent against computer activated programs signing up.

4. Read the text which given in all boxes.
5. Enter your desired user name in the "Username".
This will be the name of your account.
6. Enter a "Password". Make sure that you can remember your password.
7. Re-enter the same password as above in the "Confirm password".
8. Enter your e-mail address in the "E-mail" box if you want to.
9. After that click the big "Create account" button.
10. Now, You are now a registered user in wikipedia.

(c) CREATING PAGE ON WIKIPEDIA.

- STEPS ⇒
1. After Creating account Contribute to Existing Accounts.
(You can do this by editing existing entries regularly for clarity, faculty, and reliability.
 2. Verify a page Doesn't already Exist.
 3. Check your Topic's Notability.

4. Research your topic and Gather Resources.
5. Create an outline.
6. Write a draft of your Wikipedia page.
7. Add citations (Incorporating citations into your wikipedia page is vital to your page's success).
8. Submit Your Article for Review.
9. Continue making improvement. (Once you've completed your page and gained an approval.

(d) EDITING ON YOUR PAGE.

⇒ To edit the whole page at once, click the "edit the page" tab at the top. To edit just one section, click the "edit" link to the right of the section heading. To edit on wikipedia, you type in a special markup language called wikitext.