

## Design Notebook #6

### HCI Platform Chosen: Wikipedia

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Dancing with the Stars (U.S. TV series)". The page layout includes a left sidebar with navigation links, a top header with user status and search, and a main content area. A banner at the top of the article area states "This November is the Wikipedia Asian Month. Come join us." The article text describes the show's history, hosts, and format. A "Contents" table of contents is visible, listing "1 Cast". A metadata box on the right provides details about the show's genre, based on, directed by, and presented by.

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## Dancing with the Stars (U.S. TV series)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*For the current season, see [Dancing with the Stars \(U.S. season 27\)](#).*  
*For the concurrent spin-off series, see [Dancing with the Stars: Juniors](#).*

**Dancing with the Stars** is an American dance competition television series that premiered on June 1, 2005, on ABC. It is the US version of the UK series *Strictly Come Dancing*. The show is hosted by Tom Bergeron, alongside Erin Andrews, who became co-host in season eighteen.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Lisa Canning was co-host in the first season, Samantha Harris co-hosted seasons two through nine<sup>[4]</sup> and Brooke Burke-Charvet in seasons ten through seventeen.<sup>[5]</sup> The twenty-seventh season premiered on September 24, 2018, and its spin-off *Dancing with the Stars: Juniors* premiered on October 7, 2018.<sup>[6]</sup>

The format of the show consists of a celebrity paired with a professional dancer. Each couple performs predetermined dances and competes against the others for judges' points and audience votes. The couple receiving the lowest combined total of judges' points and audience votes is eliminated each week until only the champion dance pair remains.

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**Dancing with the Stars**

**Genre** Reality competition

**Based on** *Strictly Come Dancing*

**Directed by** Alex Rudzinski (2005–16)  
Phil Heyes (2016–)<sup>[1]</sup>

**Presented by** Tom Bergeron

Wikipedia is typically an information database which encompasses information associated with a variety of topics which basically includes popular public figures to simple animals. It is usually allowed to be edited by users themselves and is a good starting point for research figures most of the time, even though the accuracy is questioned couple of times. Wikipedia makes good use of signifiers especially when to show existence of affordances in terms of a Wikipedia page existing for the word in blue, i.e. if a word or set of words are in blue, it typically means that there exists a specific Wikipedia page associated with it. There is consistency maintained throughout the website and resultant pages in terms of color scheme, font etc. One is also able to view their search history, so it is easy to map back to our initial search and there isn't a great memory load for the user. Wikipedia has a rather minimalistic design like with the white throughout and every hyperlink is properly signified with a blue color. The page is often arranged chronologically, the index of which is also built with hyperlinks. Wikipedia leaves a lot of control in hands of the user, in terms of editing the page as well as selecting what goes where so the administrator has minimal control overall. I believe that Wikipedia is good example of good HCI, but it could improve on streamlining control between the administrator and users, as opposed to completely giving users ultimate control as that leads to the inaccuracy of data.