GETTING SET UP

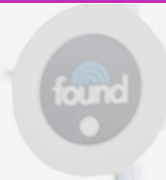**Getting Online**

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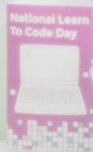
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Register an account on Wikipedia (if you haven't already):
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial/Registration

WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON

READ, WRITE AND BUILD A BETTER WEB

Thanks to our partners

AGENDA

➔ Welcome + Introductions

➔ Intro to Editing on Wikipedia

➔ Group Example Edit

➔ Open Edit Time

◆ Work individually or in small groups on your own edits

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WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

➔ Your Name

➔ Your 'day-job'

➔ What drew you to this event

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Why are we here?

➔ Less than 10% of editors on Wikipedia are women

➔ When we don't tell our stories or participate in the ways our history is preserved, it gets erased

➔ Amplify the voices of women online

➔ Promote Wikipedia as a site for preservation of information

LET'S GET STARTED!

WIKIPEDIA IS...

➔ An encyclopedia
  ◆ A tertiary source that provides a overview of information already the subject of publication
➔ The goal of a Wikipedia article is to create a comprehensive and neutrally written summary of existing mainstream knowledge about a topic
➔ Requires that information be verifiable in reliable sources

CORE CONTENT POLICIES

➔ Neutral point of view
➔ Verifiability
➔ No original research
➔ Notability
➔ Reliable sources

More about core policies here

EDITING BASICS

TWO WAYS TO EDIT

➔ Classic editing through wiki markup

➔ VisualEditor (must be logged in to use)

EDIT SUMMARY

➔ Good etiquette (or "Wikiquette") is to enter an explanation of your changes in the Edit summary box
➔ Short explanation is okay
➔ For example: "fixing a typo"

SHOW PREVIEW

➔ After you make a change use the 'Show Preview" button
➔ Lets you see what the page will look like after your edit before you save

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SAVE YOUR WORK

➔ Always, always, always remember to click 'save changes'

CREATING NEW ARTICLES

➔ An article must have already been the subject of publication in reliable sources, such as books published by major publishing houses before it can be its own article
➔ Information on Wikipedia must be verifiable; if no reliable third-party sources can be found on a topic, then it should not have a separate article
➔ An Article Wizard is available to help you create articles

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PROTECTED PAGES

➔ Some pages are protected from editing
➔ View source tab instead of an Edit tab
➔ You can edit these pages indirectly, by submitting an "edit request"
➔ You can submit a request by clicking on the View source tab on that page and using the "Submit an edit request" link at the bottom right

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GETTING REVERTED

➔ If you ever make a change that gets reverted by another editor, discuss the change on the talk page

➔ The BOLD, revert, discuss cycle is a popular method of reaching consensus, and may be useful for identifying objections, keeping discussion moving forward and helping to break deadlocks

GROUP EXERCISE (5 minutes)

Wikipedia's Sandbox

WIKIPEDIA SANDBOX

➔ Page allows you to practice edit

➔ Go to:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial/Editing/sandbox

FORMATTING

Intro to Markup Language

WHAT IS MARKUP?

➔ Simple language for formatting

➔ "Marking up the text" comes from print editing when the editors would annotate things like 'bold' this or 'italic' that

➔ Simplified alternative to HTML

➔ Easily converted to HTML for web browsers

BOLD AND *ITALICS*

➔ surrounding a word or phrase with multiple apostrophes ('):

You type
　　　　You get

''italic''   *italic*

'''bold'''   **bold**

'''''bold italic'''''   ***bold italic***

HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS

➔ Headings are a great way to organize an article
➔ Create headings surrounding the heading text with several '=' wiki tags. The more '=' symbols in the wiki tag, the more nested the heading is:

You type

You get

== Elizabeth II hats ==

Elizabeth II hats

=== Straw hats ===

Straw hats

SUBSCRIPT AND SUPERSCRIPT

➔ To use the subscript format you type an opening _{tag before the text and a closing} tag after it

➔ The tags for superscript are ^{and}. Example

HTML

➔ Formatting capabilities are limited
➔ If you want to have more control of the formatting, such as using colors, text and paragraph styles, and page layout you can use HTML
➔ HTML is the language used to format web pages in the Internet
➔ **Note:** we run full-day workshops on HTML & CSS if you want to learn more!

LINKS

➔ Linking Wikipedia articles together is very important to help readers jump to related information
➔ But, too many links can be distracting
➔ Link only the FIRST occurrence of a word or phrase and don't link common words
➔ Wiki links vs external links

WIKI LINKS

➔ To make a link to another Wikipedia page (called a wiki link), put it in double square brackets, like this:

[[Sandbox]]

➔ If you want to link to an article + display text add pipe "|" divider

[[Ladies Learning Code | LLC]]

In the finished article, the text will read 'LLC', and link to the article called 'Ladies Learning Code'

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EXTERNAL LINKS

➔ Link to websites with significant and reliable additional information on the article's topic
➔ Only a few per article are recommended
➔ To add a new external link, just type, inside a single set of brackets, the full URL for the link, followed by a space and the text that will be visible. For example:

[http://www.linkurl.com/]

CITING SOURCES

➔ **Very** important
➔ You must include references listing websites, newspapers, articles, books and other sources you have used to write or expand articles
➔ Based on reliable, third-party, published sources with a reputation for fact-checking and accuracy
➔ Sources should verify the information but you must not 'copy and paste' text you find anywhere

Note: Cite templates can be found here

FOOTNOTES

➔ References are typically added directly after the facts they support, at the end of the sentence
➔ Any citation system is allowed such as footnotes or parenthetical references ()

Wiki markup for Footnote → ref tags around your source

<ref>Your Source</ref>

Note: using the Visual Editor select **"Cite** option

MEDIA FILES

➔ Images, sounds and videos
➔ A file that is already hosted on Wikipedia or the Wikimedia Commons can be inserted with the basic code "[[File:FILENAME|thumb|DESCRIPTION]]"
➔ Only logged in users can upload files
  ◆ The first step in uploading a file is to determine its copyright status. The File Upload Wizard will guide you through the process of submitting media

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TALK PAGES

➔ Key feature of Wikipedia
➔ A place to discuss articles
➔ If you have a question/comment/suggestion for an article you can put it directly on the Talk Page for that article
➔ Click 'Talk' tab at the top of the article

More on Talk Pages [here](#)

OPEN EDIT TIME

Let's get editing!

HOT TIPS

➔ Just go for it!
➔ Wikipedia not only allows you to create, revise, and edit articles, but it wants you to!
➔ You can't break Wikipedia → it's a work in progress itself
➔ Collaborative editing means that incomplete or poorly written first drafts can evolve over time into excellent articles

EXAMPLE PAGES TO EDIT

Don't know where to start? Try these ideas:

1. Peruse #BecauseOfHer or #meToo hashtag to enhance women's pages
2. Add our Edit-a-thon to the Wikipedia listing: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_run_an_edit-a-thon
3. Update Ladies Learning Code's page with all the Chapters
4. Create a page for Canada Learning Code
5. Update your company's page
6. Update a page of someone you know

SHARE YOUR WORK

What pages did you edit? We want to know!

Share online and tag us @LearningCodeYYC or @NerdLabYYC

THANK YOU!