



Introduction

QikWik is a website that allows users to post ephemeral questions and answers. Users can see and respond to active questions or post new questions of their own anonymously. Questions and answers will disappear after a set amount of time.

Home Page

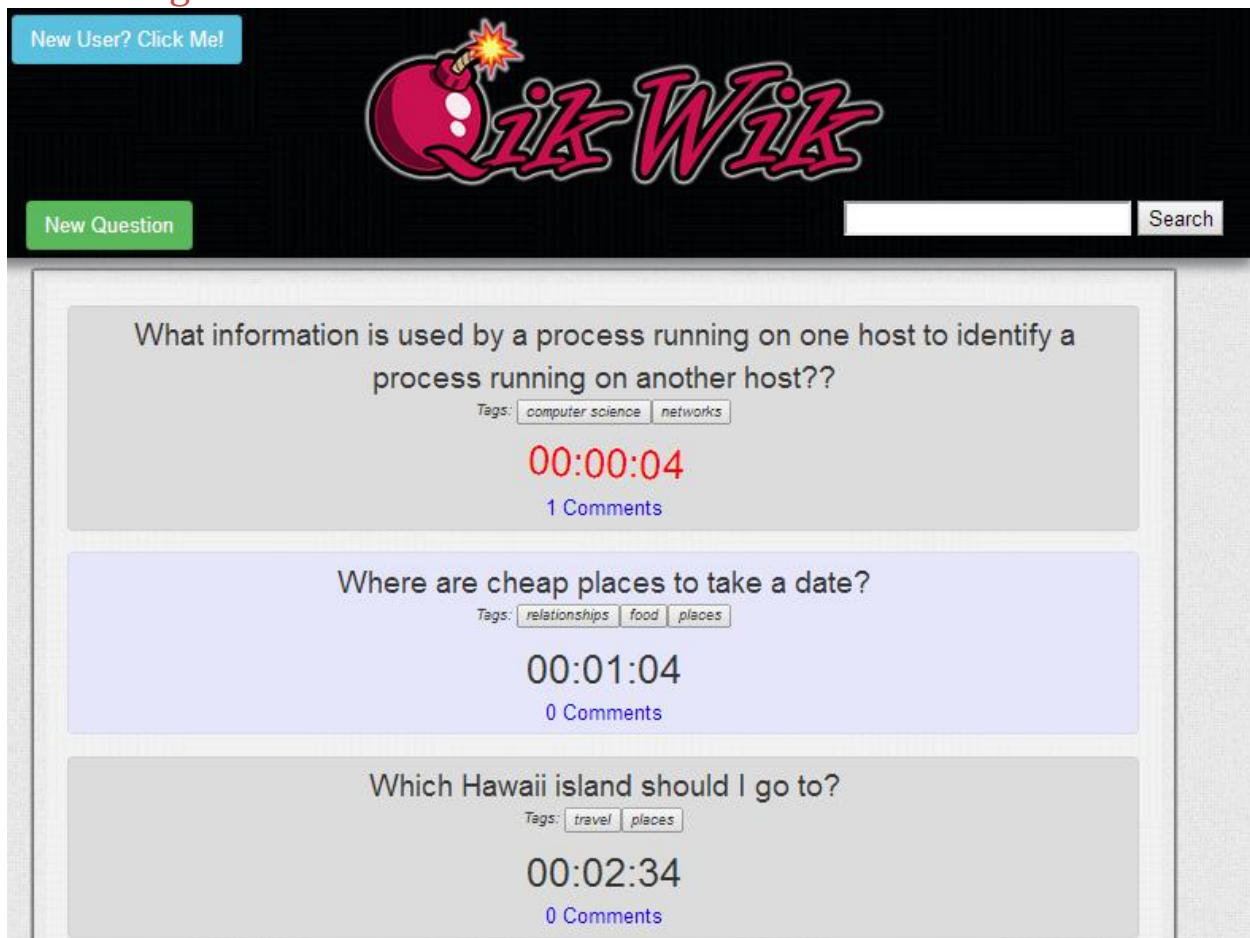


Figure 1: Homepage of QikWik, populated with some questions.

The first page that you will see contains a “New Question” button, a Search bar, and a list of all active questions. Each question post has user-submitted tags, a timer (representing how long the

question will remain), and a link to the question's comments. There is also a help button located at the top-left of the page that will redirect the user to this PDF.

Questions that expire will explode and be removed from the list. Questions that are about to expire will have their timers turn red and shake violently. Be quick to send your replies!

Post Question

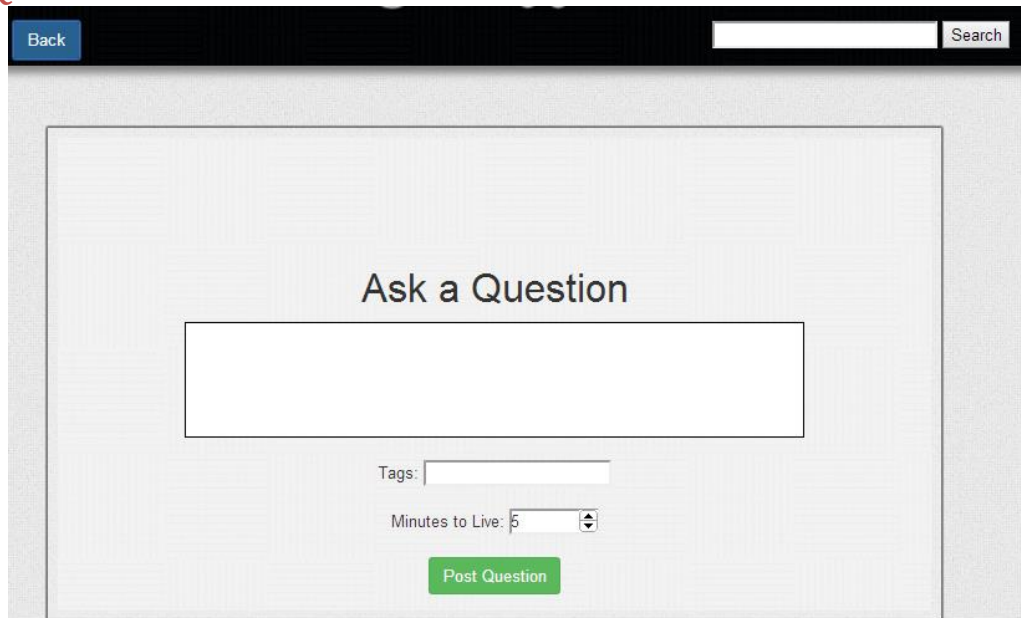
The screenshot shows a web interface for posting a question. At the top, there is a dark header bar with a blue 'Back' button on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. In the center, the text 'Ask a Question' is displayed above a large white text input field. Below the input field, there is a 'Tags:' label followed by a small text input field. Underneath that is a 'Minutes to Live:' label followed by a numeric input field set to '5'. At the bottom of the form is a green 'Post Question' button.

Figure 2: Separate page for inputting a question. Note the New Question button has changed to a Back button.

The “New Question” button will take you to the question form. You are required to submit a question with at least 12 characters and provide at least one tag. You can set the amount of time your question will exist between 5 to 720 minutes (12 hours). Conditions not met will prompt an appropriate error message.

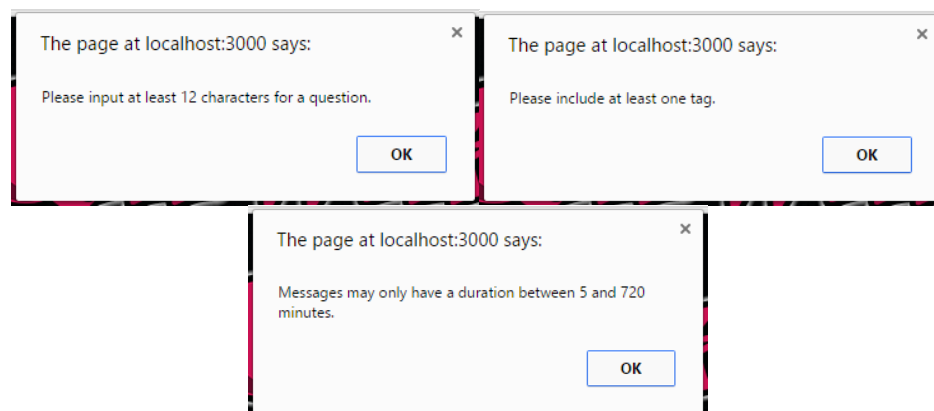
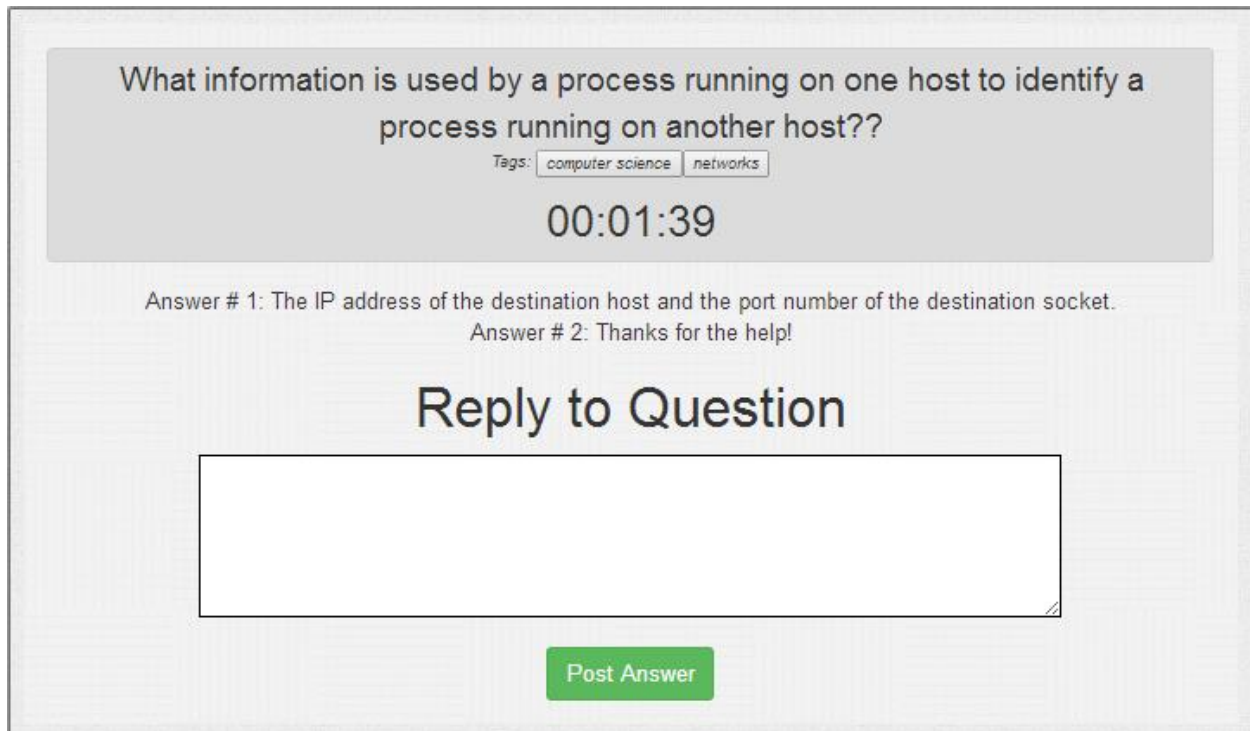


Figure 3: Error messages from not having a large enough question, no tags, and an invalid time limit.

When satisfied with your question, press the “Post Question” button to submit it to the website. You will be taken back to the Home Page and can find your new question appended at the bottom of the list. If you do not wish to submit a question, you can press the Back button to return to the homepage.

Post Answer



The screenshot shows a web interface for answering a question. At the top, the question is: "What information is used by a process running on one host to identify a process running on another host??" Below the question, there are tags: "computer science" and "networks". A timer shows "00:01:39". Below the timer, there are two previous answers: "Answer # 1: The IP address of the destination host and the port number of the destination socket." and "Answer # 2: Thanks for the help!". Below these, the text "Reply to Question" is displayed. Underneath is a large text input box. At the bottom, there is a green button labeled "Post Answer".

Figure 4: Answering the question.

Clicking on the comments link to a question will direct you to the answers page for that question. You can see answers other users have submitted as well as provide your own. The question, tags, and time duration are shown. Answering a question requires at least 12 characters.

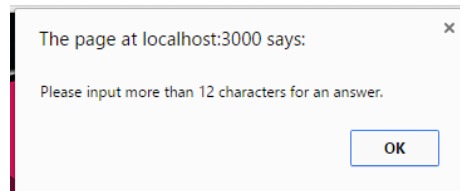


Figure 5: Error message for not inputting a large enough answer.

Clicking "Post Answer" after typing content into the text box will add 'Answer #', its corresponding number, and the content to the comments section. If the timer is down to its last minute, it will turn red and shake. Any answers submitted during this phase will reset the timer to one minute. When the question expires, no one can post answers as the button will become inactive. Be quick!

Search

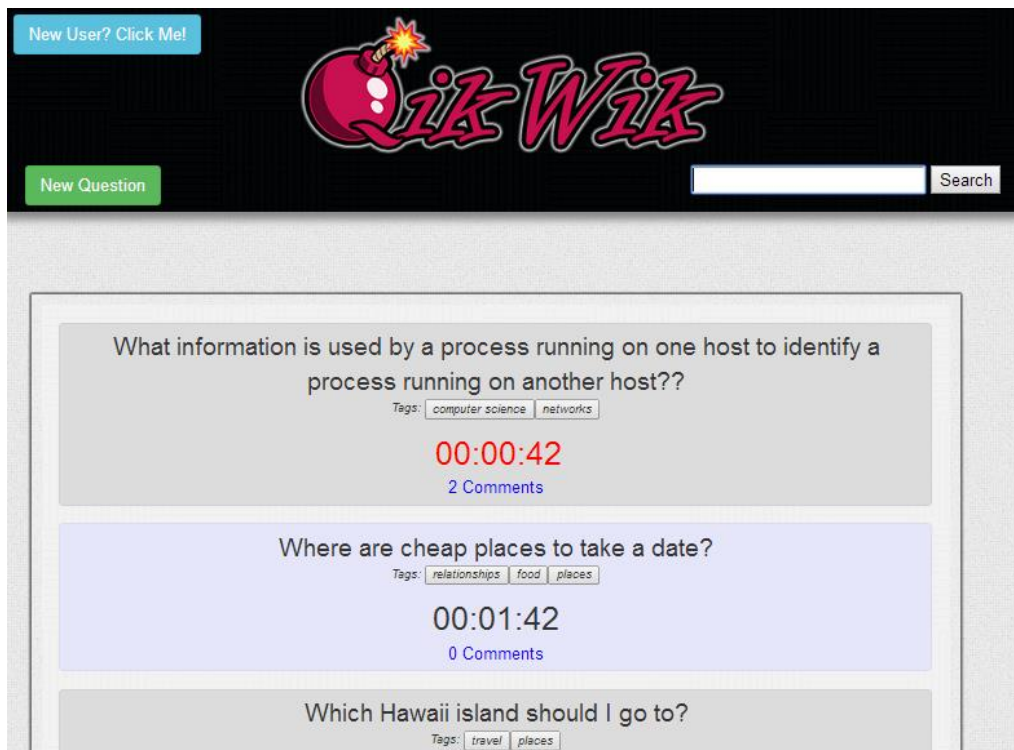


Figure 6: Homepage before searching for 'food' tag.

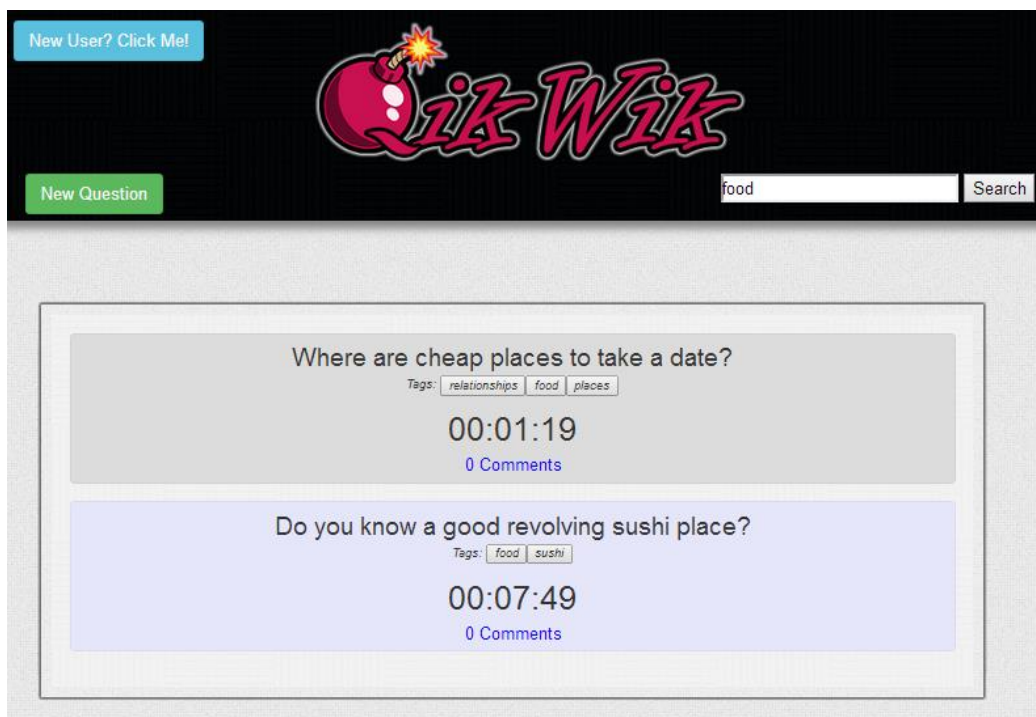


Figure 7: Homepage after searching for 'food' tag. Note that only questions with the 'food' tag are displayed.

Typing a tag in the search box and clicking the search button (or hitting enter/return) will display questions with the specified tag. Clicking a tag inside a question box will display all questions that share that tag.

If you no longer wish to search for a specific tag, you may refresh the page, clear out the search box and hit the search button, or click the QikWik logo.