WikiGraph

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Description

WikiGraph is a graphical interface for visualizing the connections among Wikipedia articles via their links. This product will provide an easy to use search engine to target a specific article, which will become the central node. From the central node a directed graph will display how this article is connected to other Wikipedia articles.

The WikiGraph is ideal for Wikipedia enthusiasts. Enthusiasts are interested in digging deep into articles and their connections. WikiGraph provides a clean interface to visualize connections among Wikipedia articles. This could be

useful for any Wikipedia user by showing article relations via a directed graph. However, this product will exist outside of Wikipedia, so enthusiasts will be the target audience.

There are no known alternatives to this product. There is a similar, possibly identical, product being created in parallel. It remains uncertain how WikiGraph will distinguish itself.

WikiGraph will employ an inductive user interface design. Users will be able to use their intuition to get started. There will be help tips throughout the product to aide users in accomplishing advanced tasks. The inductive ui will rely on standard layouts to maximize user intuition. The goal is to make WikiGraph easy to learn and use.

WikiGraph is an extension for Wikipedia. It allows a specific relation among articles, specifically through in-article links, to be easily discovered via a graphical interface. It is easy to use and easy to learn.

WikiGraph is designed such that users will intuitively adapt to the UI based on standard layouts and simple flow. However, the home (splash) page will contain instructions on how to use WikiGraph. The home page is accessible via a link in the upper left corner of all pages in the flash client, thus allowing users to re-read the instructions at anytime with a single click.

The specifications for the XML response coming from the data services API will be kept up-to-date such that new clients may easily start making requests to the WikiGraph data API. These specs will be kept on the Google Code wiki so that developers may easily find them.

An administrator's guide to downloading the wikipedia database dumps, reorganizing tables with the WikiGraph scripts, and then updating the existing tables will be available. The dumps for Wikipedia occur about once a month, so documenting this process is important. There is a one step Makefile in the database module in the repo for complete this task.

Scope

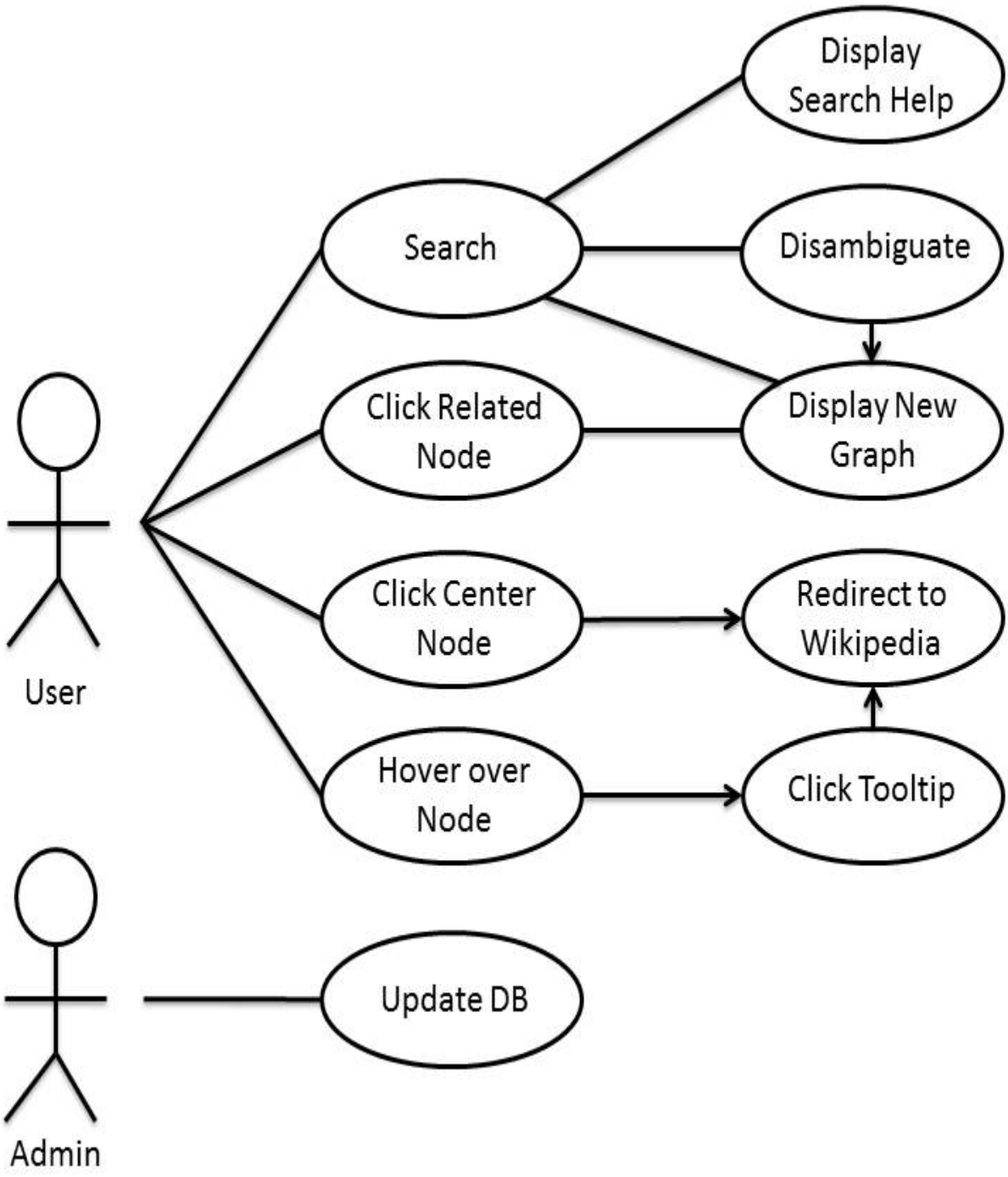
WikiGraph will only be a method for visualizing the connections between Wikipedia articles. It will not be a replacement for Wikipedia, and as such, it will not allow users to edit or comment on articles.

WikiGraph is a web application. The front-end will be a modern web browser with Internet connection, JavaScript enabled, and Adobe Shockwave Flashplayer plugin installed and enabled. The back-end will be a web server with a MySQL

database.

WikiGraph will on any web browser that supports playing shockwave flash files. We currently require flash player 10.0.0 and above.

Use Case Diagram



User functions: Users may enter a search, which will result in a help page if no matches were found, a disambiguation page if many matches were found, or a new graph if an exact match was found. Users may enter a new search from any stage during this process. Users may also click on any node in the graph. Clicking on a related node (leaf) will center the graph on that node. Clicking on the center node will redirect the page to the Wikipedia article. Users may hover over any node to display a popup (including article title and abstract), which may be clicked to redirect to the article.

Admin functions: The admin may make any changes to the database, such as ensuring that the DB is up to date with the current version of Wikipedia.

Formal Use Case #1

Project Team	WikiGraph
Goal	To find a wiki article
Level	User Goal
Primary Actor	User
Precondition	User is at home/instruction page
Success end condition	User finds a desired article
Failure end condition	User does not find a desired article
Trigger	User wants to know more about some article
Main success scenario	1. User enters a string related to an article in the search query text field, clicks search. 2. WikiGraph finds a relevant article from the search query and displays the article found as a center root node with related articles around it as leaf nodes. 3. User hovers over some node, bringing a popup with extra information on the article. 4. User finds the article desirable and wants to know more, user decides to click ‘go-to wikipage’ link in popup which opens a new tab/ window of the related Wikipedia article.
Extensions	2. a. User submits a different search query (return to success scenario step 2. 3. a. same as 2.a. 4. a. same as 2.a. 2. b. WikiGraph finds several relevant articles to query, displays such relevant articles to user as

	leaf nodes connected to a center node which displays some disambiguation information saying that multiple articles to the search were found. 2. c. Many articles are found (related to search query, or of the search query) which brings up a 'different page' option where user can specify a page of nodes to display.
Variations	2. a. WikiGraph does not find a relevant article, displays such results to user and asks for another query (back to success scenario step 1). 3. a. User takes advantage of double-click feature on a node, which immediately opens a new tab/ window of the nodes related Wikipedia article 4. a. User clicks on 'center node' feature for some leaf node (might be in popup) node is centered, with related articles as leaf nodes (continue to success scenario step 3)

Formal Use Case #2

Project Team	WikiGraph
Goal	User wishes to explore connections between two chosen, seemingly random topics
Level	User goal
Primary Actor	User
Precondition	User is at our instructional homepage
Success end condition	User finds a connection using links between articles
Failure end condition	User gives up on finding a connection
Trigger	User queries for one of the two articles
Main success scenario	1. User enters an article name 2. User views related articles and chooses most similar to desired article 3. GUI redraws graph around chosen article 4. User goes back to 2. until article is found

Extensions	1. a. Article does not exist 1. a.1. User is shown similar articles 1. a.2. User can choose to use a random page
Variations	1. a. Article is ambiguous 1. a.1. User is shown disambiguation page 1. a.2. User picks a displayed node

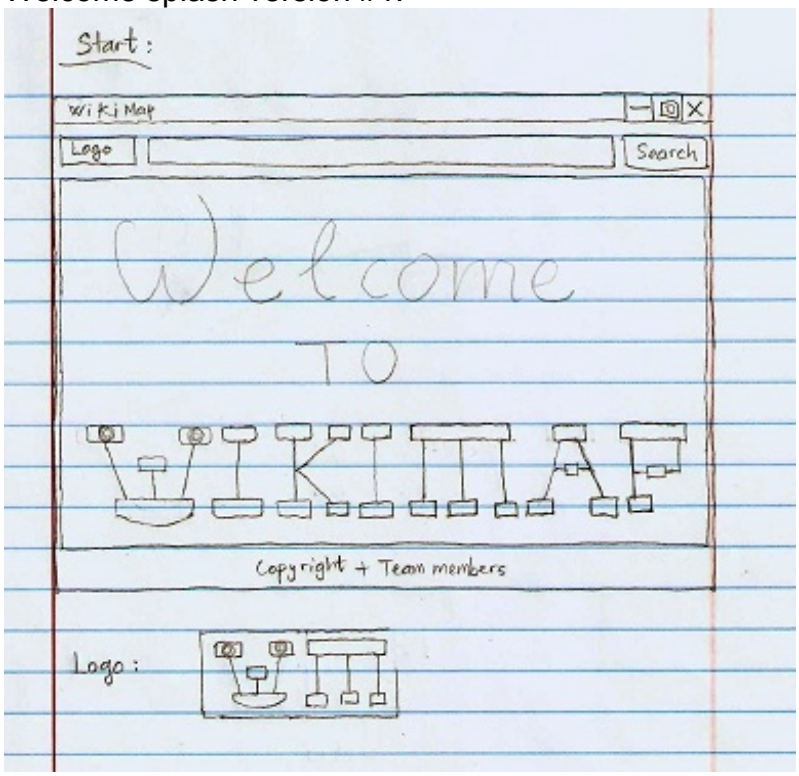
Feature List

Feature	**Target**
Map outbound links for an article	Alpha
Search for an article	Beta
Display article title in node	Beta
Provide link to Wikipedia page for node	Beta
Display article abstract in tooltip	Beta
Limit number of links to display	Beta
Autocomplete for search	Beta
Ability to navigate and expand map	Beta
Rank strength of links	Release
Provide search disambiguation	Release
Provide search-not-found resolution	Release
Search history and navigation	Release
Direct links to specific node maps	Release
Map inbound links for an article	Stretch
Animation for map navigation	Stretch
Ability to cycle through/view all links for a node	Stretch
Allow users to change display settings	Stretch

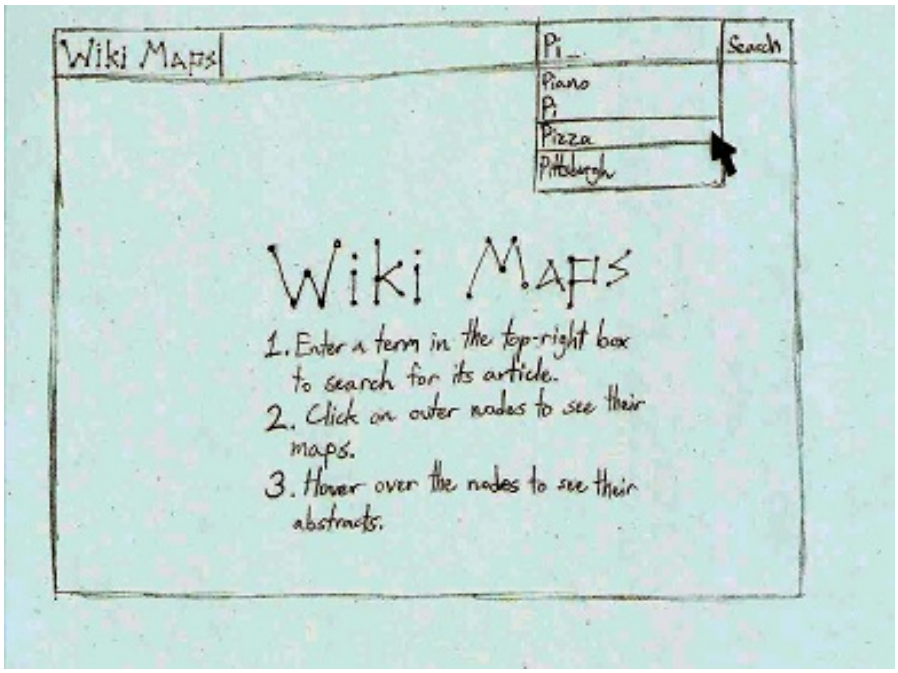
Display multiple nodes with common connections	Stretch

UI Diagrams

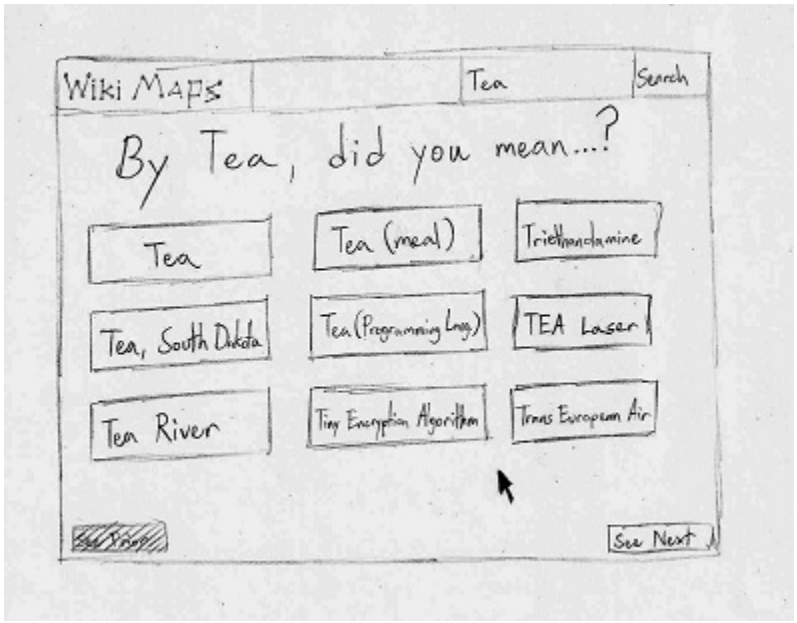
Welcome splash version #1:



Welcome splash version #2:

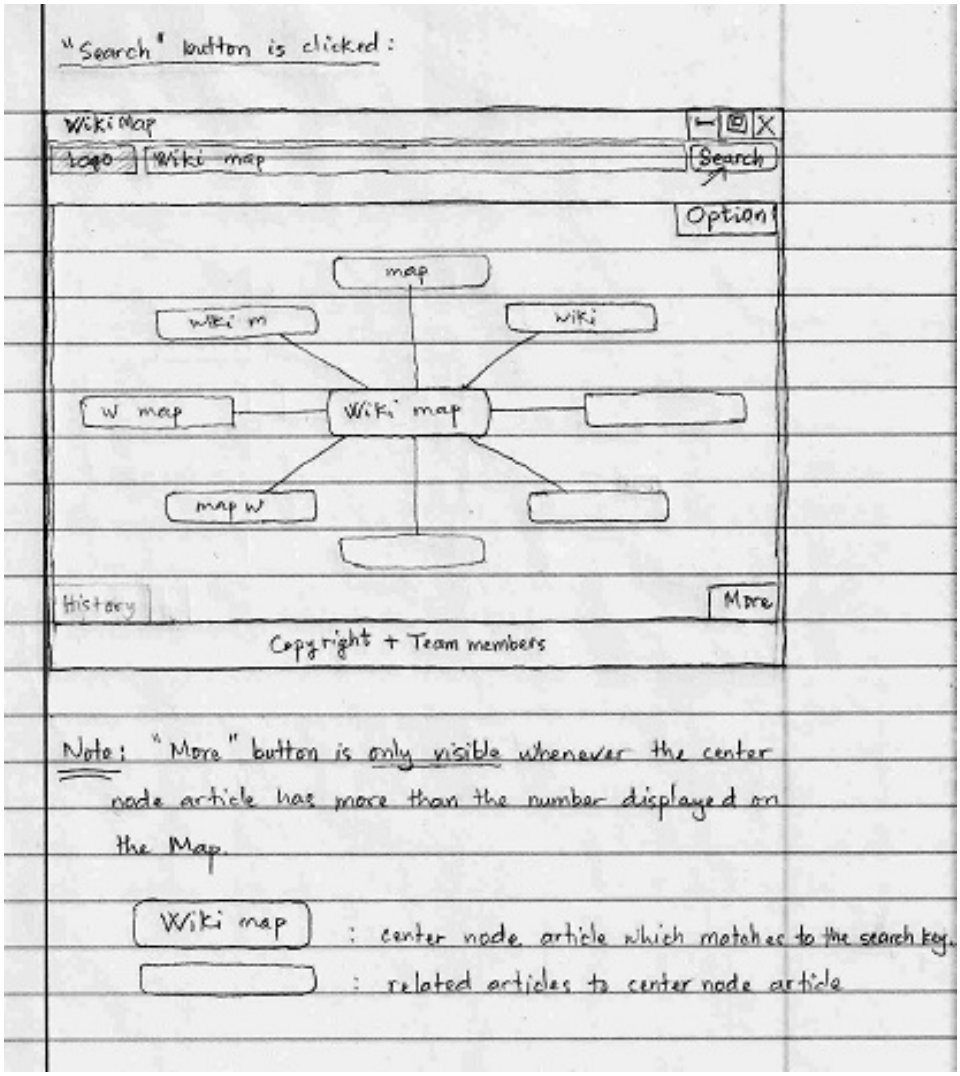


Search Result Not Found:



Search Result

Graph: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