

## Wiki Comments

### **Problem Statement:**

Link Aggregation sites are wonderful, but they can be toxic, distracting and a time sink. How can we extract some of the benefits related to the discovery of new ideas that these websites provide, without the drawbacks and distractions.

Wiki comments is a resource for sharing wikipedia articles and opinions. The idea is a more “pure” version of link aggregation websites such as [reddit.com](https://reddit.com), [news.ycombinator.com](https://news.ycombinator.com), [lobste.rs](https://lobste.rs) etc. Wiki comments is more streamlined in that it only hosts links from wikipedia. The idea is that we can assume that wikipedia has an article on most all topics, so you are sharing ideas more generally not just links to news sites with obnoxious ads, dubious facts, trendy shallow topics, etc.

Only Wikipedia links are allowed. This is enforced by having the link submission process obfuscated from the user. You can only search Wikipedia (using the Wikipedia API.) This might sound like a pain, but it’s actually fast and accurate enough to be easier than going to [wikipedia.org](https://wikipedia.org) and copying the url to share.

Users are kept fairly lightweight and can only delete past posts (the hope is that posts need not be deleted at all.) The idea is to keep a record.

I kept the styling pretty minimal and tried to make it feel Wikipedia-esq.

### **There are two types of users on Wiki Comments: Anons and Contributors.**

Anons simply browse the front page, looking for inspiration. This page provides a sort of front-end, to wikipedia. It could be a great place to start falling down a rabbit hole.

Contributors on the other hand will seek out and share content. As a reward for sharing content they also get to infuse some of their ideas into the link with a comment. This is the only commenting on Wiki comments currently. The idea is that this would lead to meaningful community contribution as well.