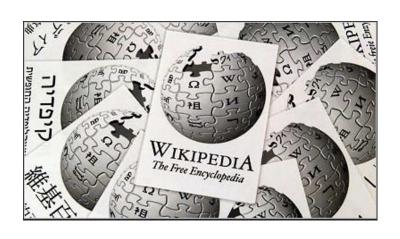
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What is Wikipedia?



Wikipedia's Goal:

To present all of human

knowledge

from a neutral point of view

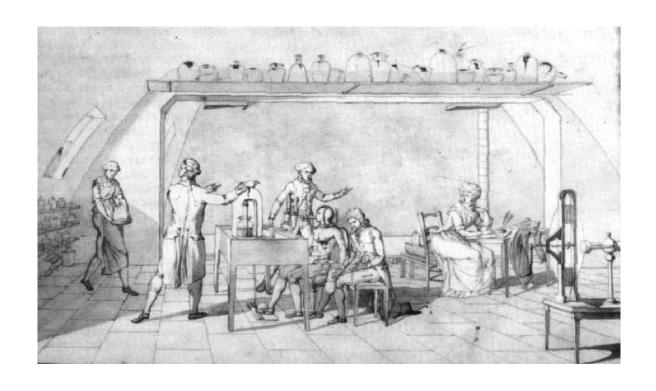
4,229,018 articles in English

A free encyclopedia that anyone can edit

An encyclopedia is a reference work summarizing factual information about things or concepts

A wiki is a website which allows its users to add, modify, or delete content via a web browser

What is Wikimedia Commons?



An online repository of <u>18,590,186</u> <u>freely usable</u> media files to which <u>anyone can contribute</u>: images, sound, video

Who contributes to Wikipedia? Anyone can create a page

Mildred Cohn

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mildred Cohn (July 12, 1913 – October 12, 2009)^{[1][2]} was an American biochemist who furthered understanding of biochemical processes through her study of chemical reactions within animal cells. She was a pioneer in the use of nuclear magnetic resonance for studying enzyme reactions, particularly in Adenosine triphosphate (ATP).^[3] She received the nation's highest science award, the National Medal of Science, in 1982.^[4]

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Life [edit]

Cohn's parents, childhood sweethearts Isidore Cohn and Bertha Klein



What topics can be in Wikipedia? WP doesn't want to be Facebook

The first paragraph in an article indicates why the subject is **Notable**.

Are there books about/by X?

Did X receive awards?

Is X referenced in secondary sources?

Is X mentioned in Who's Who, biographical dictionaries,

Obituaries?

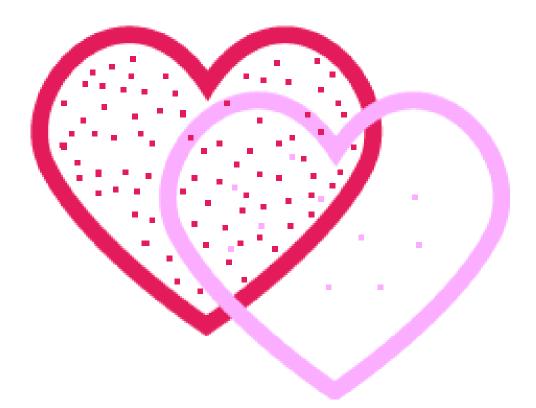
Is X newsworthy? Magazines, newspapers, etc.

Is lots of information known about X?

Negative form: Do I know about X?

Who decides notability?

Approximately 90% of Wikipedia editors are male



"We want to bring the sum of all human knowledge to everybody and we can't do that unless everybody's at the table." (Sue Gardner, 2012)

What is Wikipedian culture? It has its own structures

- In small groups/cultures people tend to know each other and have a sense of where they fit: in Wikipedia most people won't know who you are
- Academic, hierarchical organizations have mechanisms to screen content, provide feedback,
 & ensure quality: training, hiring practices,
 refereeing of journals, editing of books
- Wikipedia is large and non-hierarchical: because of that, it has different types of checks and balances, and different status markers

Best practices

Adapted from NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) Guidelines

- Present a neutral point of view in an impartial voice. You are writing an encyclopedia, not a press release or journal article.
- Accuracy and verifiability: Reference known facts using verifiable sources and fact-check references for accuracy.
- Wikipedia is not the place to present original research.
- Avoid Conflict of Interest: Editing articles about yourself, or an organization or person for whom you work, is a potential conflict of interest. Simple factual changes (maybe); more substantive changes (propose first on talk page)
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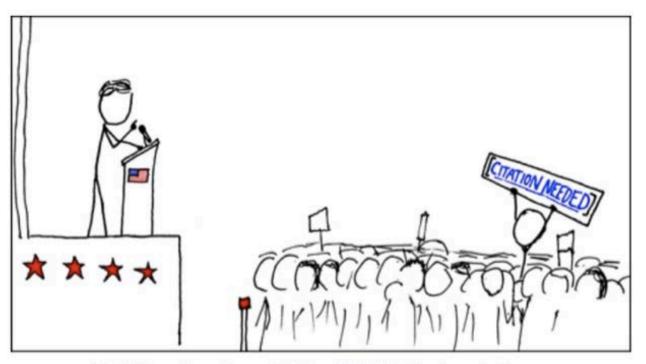
Let the facts tell the story

Neutral point of view (NPOV)

- Non-neutral point of view (bias, not testable)
 "Darwin's theory of natural selection is the best available explanation of the diversity of life we see today."
- Neutral point of view (evaluative, testable)
 "Darwin's theory of natural selection is the most widely accepted scientific explanation of the diversity of life we see today."
- NPOV does not imply Correctness!
 - The sentence has another problem: Darwin's theory of Natural Selection is *not* the same as the theory held by current mainstream science!

Verifiability (V) Reference, reference

Everything must be referenced



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Reference best practices: Inline citations

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prominent in ne histories of chemistry
and biology. [2] He named both oxygen

References

- 2. ^ a b Schwinger, Julian (1986). Einstein's Legacy. New York: Scientific American Library. p. 93. ISBN 0-7167-5011-2.

No original research (NOR): "Established knowledge, not truth"



Galileo would have been told that Wikipedia is not intended for original research.

Conflict of interest (COI)

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No Plagiarism

- Do not copy word for word from a published source, even if you wrote it.
- Read a few sentences, then close the source document and write the facts in your own words.
- Break it up, mix in other sources, rephrase it.
- Quotation can be acceptable if used sparingly: indicate the source in the text, and cite it. e.g.
 Her contributions were noted in the *Annual* Survey of American Chemistry (1930): "The preparation and purification of chlorides ..."

Wikipedians contribute in many ways

- Add new articles
- Add new information to existing articles
- Add images for use (Wikimedia Commons)
- Add references
- Clean up formatting
- Correct spelling mistakes
- Fact check information
- Link related articles and images
- Robots and people police community activities





How are decisions made?

Wikipedians Hate Arguments (Content should present a balanced point of view)

but

Wikipedians Love to Argue (Process)

Talk pages are used for discussion

article talk edit this page new section history move watch

Talk:Antoine Lavoisier ■ View reader feedback »

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Men in wigs [edit]

[4] Implication made the following deletion: "It was later discovered that the sculptor had not actually copied Lavoisier's head for the statue, but used a spare head of the Marquis de Condorcet, the Secretary of the Academy of Sciences during Lavoisier's last years. Lack of money prevented alterations being made and, in any case, the French argued pragmatically that all men in wigs looked alike anyway." I believe the deleted material was entirely accurate, but it was uncited. Does someone have a citation to restore it? - Jmabel I Talk 07:30, 27 August 2006 (UTC)

Dealing with disagreement

- Always be polite
- Take a deep breath. Take two.
- There is no idea so good that someone won't hate it
 - Don't take it personally
- Be willing to listen and reconsider your own position
- Be willing to argue in support of yourself and others
 - If one rule isn't working, try another
 - Make alliances with others
 - You will fight the same battle in different places

Establishing credibility

- Both knowledge and politeness are important
- Credibility is built through engagement,
 ongoing involvement over time, step by step
- "The community is what really drives
 Wikipedia ... the more you contribute to that
 community, the more people will believe what
 you put on there, the more respect you'll have
 in that community." Chanitra Bishop, 2013

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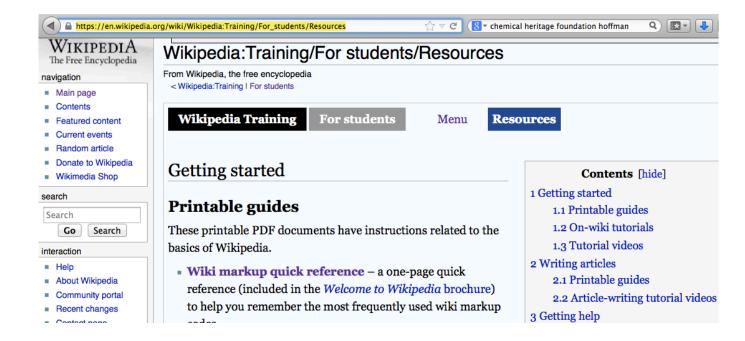


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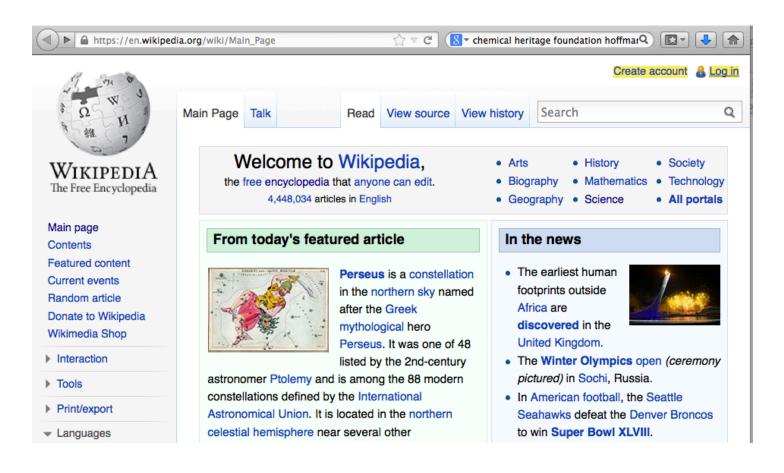
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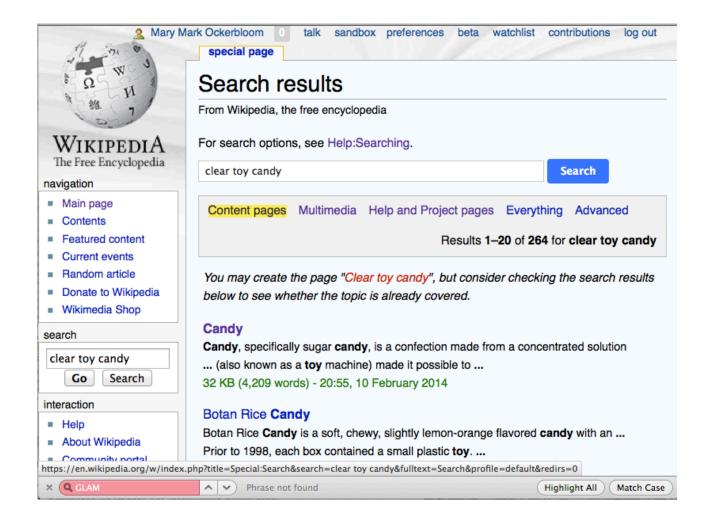




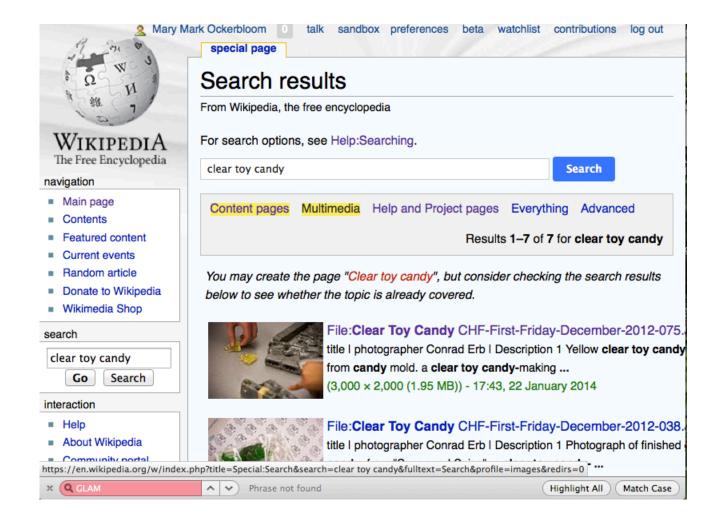
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- It assumes you want content
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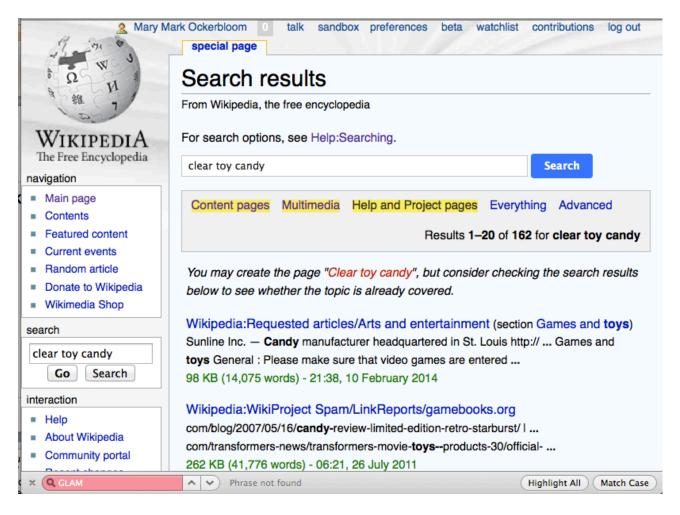
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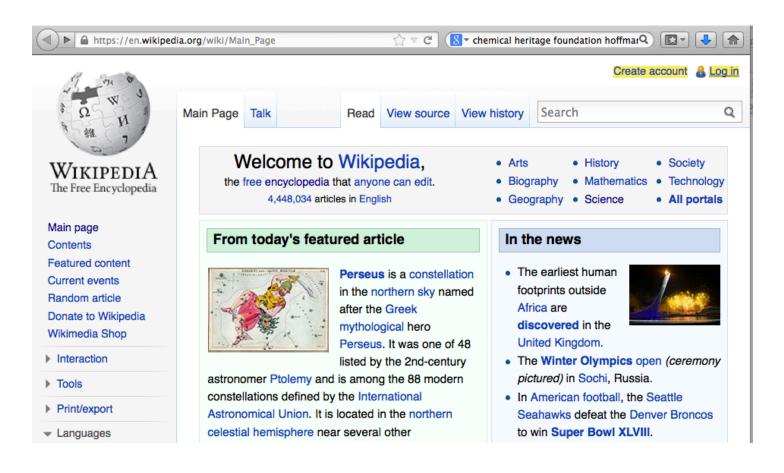
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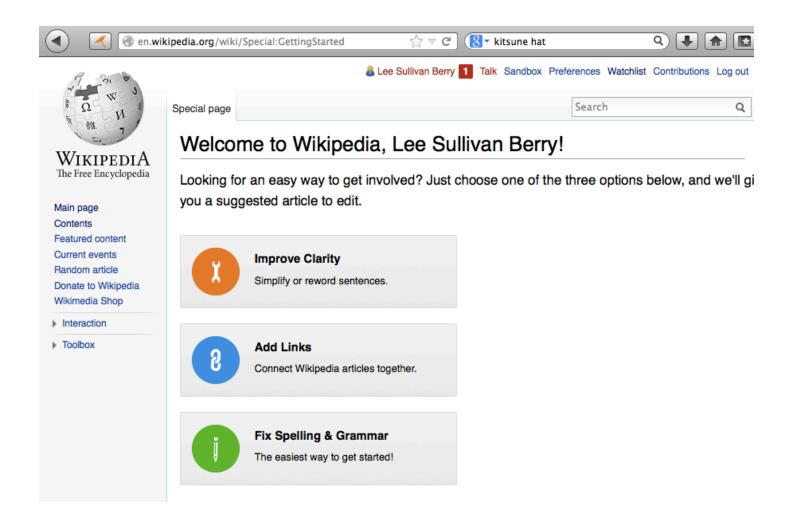
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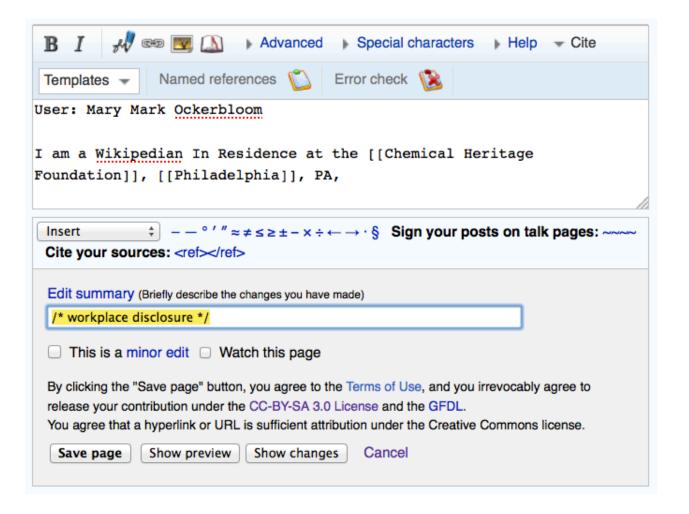
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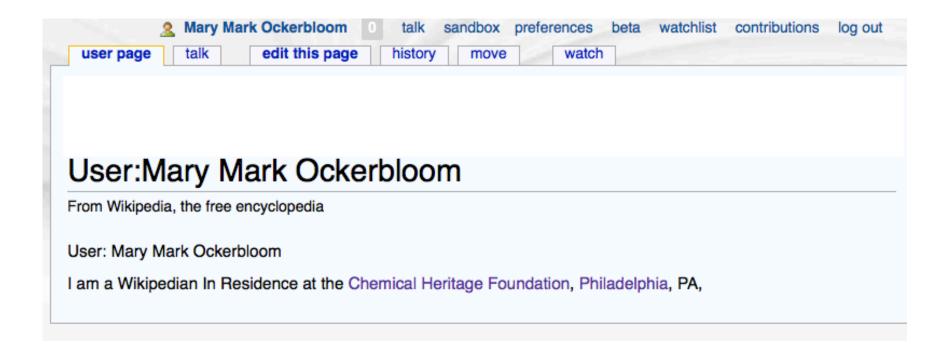


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User: Mary Mark Ockerbloom

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[[Chemical Heritage Foundation]]

Chemical Heritage Foundation

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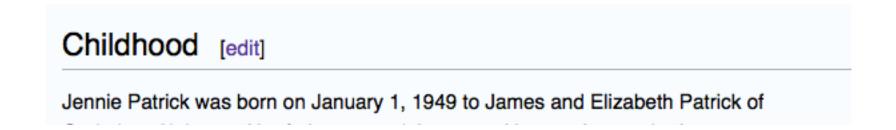
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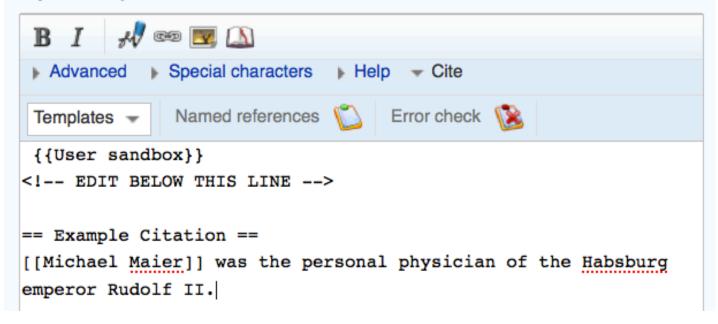


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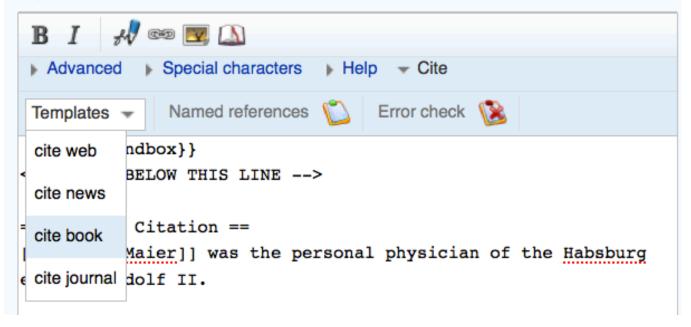


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A Good Article Should:

- Be neutral in tone
- Be a reasonable length
- Be well organized and readable
- Include inline citations supporting all information, for the article's {{reflist}}
- Link to other relevant topics on Wikipedia
- Be linked to by other relevant topics on Wikipedia
- Contain relevant images when possible

Tips for Creating New Articles

- Start in your Sandbox
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- The 'lead' or first paragraph must establish the significance of the topic of the article – why should this person/thing be in an encyclopedia
- If robots or people leave messages, ask yourself "How can I improve my article?"

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