

Wikiconference India 2011

Community Growth

2012

2011

2010

2009

2008

2007

2006

2005

2004

2003

2002

2001

Great Opportunity in Indian Languages

Editors > 5

- English: 35907 to 35844
- German: 6992 to 6725
- French: 4709 to 4845
- Summary: for largest Wikipedias, slight declines but generally stable for last year or two

Editors > 5

- Hebrew: 740 to 765
- Hindi: 52 to 51
- Drumroll please....
- Kazakh: 15 to.... 231!

I don't care about
contributor
numbers (directly)

I care a lot about
contributor
numbers
(indirectly)

Quality of
experience for the
reader

What factors?

3 categories

3 categories

- One we can't change
- One the Foundation can change (with our help)
- One that's up to us in the editing community

[Wikipedia 10K Redux](#) by Reagle from Starling archive. Bugs abound!!!

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William_Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a playwright and actor in [[England]]. He predominantly wrote between 1485 and 1510. For how well respected he is today, remarkably little is actually known of his life. This fact accounts for the many theories on who, other than the actor William Shakespeare, wrote the works. However, Shakespeare's reputation--as a poet and dramaturgist--has ebbed and flowed over the past five centuries.

His dramatic work has been categorized in the following divisions:

- :[[Shakespearean Tragedies]]
- :[[Shakespearean Comedies]]
- :[[Shakespearean Histories]]
- :[[Shakespearean Romances]]

His other literary works include:

- :[[Shakespearean Sonnets]]
- :[[Shakespearean Long Poetry]]

William Shakespeare



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This article is about the poet and playwright. For other persons of the same name, see [William Shakespeare \(disambiguation\)](#). For other uses of "Shakespeare", see [Shakespeare \(disambiguation\)](#).

William Shakespeare ([baptised](#) 26 April 1564; died 23 April 1616)^[nb 1] was an [English poet](#) and [playwright](#), widely regarded as the greatest writer in the [English language](#) and the world's pre-eminent dramatist.^[1] He is often called England's [national poet](#) and the "Bard of Avon".^{[2][nb 2]} His surviving works, including some [collaborations](#), consist of about 38 [plays](#),^[nb 3] 154 [sonnets](#), two long [narrative poems](#), and several other poems. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.^[3]

Shakespeare was born and raised in [Stratford-upon-Avon](#). At the age of 18, he married [Anne Hathaway](#), with whom he had three children: [Susanna](#), and twins [Hamnet](#) and [Judith](#). Between 1585 and 1592, he began a successful career in [London](#) as an actor, writer, and part owner of a [playing company](#) called the [Lord Chamberlain's Men](#), later known as the [King's Men](#). He appears to have retired to Stratford around 1613, where he died three years later. Few records of Shakespeare's private life survive, and there has been considerable speculation about such matters as [his physical appearance](#), [sexuality](#), [religious beliefs](#), and whether the works attributed to him were [written by others](#).^[4]

Shakespeare produced most of his known work between 1589 and 1613.^{[5][nb 4]} His early plays were mainly [comedies](#) and [histories](#), genres he raised to the peak of

William Shakespeare



The [Chandos portrait](#), artist and authenticity

What we can't change

- Wikipedia is already quite mature in the largest languages
- In the past, I could have easily helped out with the Shakespeare entry
- Today, I am unqualified to help
- THIS IS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Indian languages

- In many languages, and for many entries, the situation is more like 2001 than 2011
- It's still easy and fun to contribute!
- Every little thing helps

One the Foundation can change: software

- By separating this out, I don't mean to imply that we can't help
- And I also don't mean to imply that the community's part in things doesn't interact with the Foundation's part
- I just mean, we can't wish for software to appear, we have to ask for it and wait for it (or help write it!)

Automating tasks

- A lot of the procedures and processes that I think need to be abandoned or revamped do serve some useful purposes - but the cost is too high when we have to do things manually

Indian languages

- I understand from speaking to many people that keyboard entry methods are a challenge
- The Foundation can and should support the best and most convenient solutions

What we can
change

3 Categories

- Procedures that serve some purpose but are so convoluted and difficult that it isn't worth it
- Rules that make no actual sense but serve to discourage people from their 2nd through 99th edit
- Template warnings too easy; praise too hard

1. Convoluted procedures

- I do have a little bit of Wiki editing experience
- I wanted to move a page - but I wanted to do it the *right* way

[[John Hutton (British Labour politician)]]

to

[[John Hutton, Baron Hutton of Furness]]

[[John Hutton, Baron Hutton of Furness]]

[[John Hutton, Baron Hutton of Furness]]



Wikipedia:Requested moves

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"WP:RM" redirects here. For requested mergers, see [Wikipedia:Proposed mergers](#). For removals, see [Wikipedia:Guide to deletion](#). For page history mergers, see [Wikipedia:Cut and paste move repair holding pen](#). See also [Category:Requests to move a userspace draft](#).

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This page has a **backlog** that requires the attention of one or more administrators.
This notice is automatically updated by [RM bot \(talk\)](#) and will no longer be displayed when the backlog is cleared

Requested moves is a place for requesting the retitling of an article, a template, or a page in the Wikipedia namespace. Any [autoconfirmed](#) users can use the **[move]** tab located at the top of each page to perform simple moves (see [Wikipedia:Moving a page](#)). Unregistered users and users not yet confirmed may request moves here. Administrator help is required in some situations. Such moves can also be listed here.

Shortcuts:

[WP:RM](#)

[WP:REQMOVE](#)

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Current requests

[\[edit\]](#)

- [1000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die](#) → [1,000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die](#) ([move](#) ↗) – Actual book title includes the comma -- see cover image [\[1\]](#) ↗ [Walor](#) ([talk](#)) 04:33, 6 August 2011 (UTC)
- [HMAS Albatross \(disambiguation\)](#) → [HMAS Albatross](#) ([move](#) ↗) – Both subjects of this name are likely search topics, so the dab page should be at the 'top level' -- [saberwyn](#) 05:53, 6 August 2011 (UTC)

Contested requests

[\[edit\]](#)

Current discussions

[\[edit\]](#)

This section lists all requests filed or identified as potentially controversial which are currently under discussion.

Visit the main page

[Discussion](#)

[Read](#)

Edit

[View history](#)



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Preview

Remember that this is only a preview; your changes have not yet been saved!

ne discussions aren't here - some crazy template

So I scroll down
the page, find the
section, click edit
there

My fatal error - overlooked this bit!

Editing Wikipedia:Requested moves/Current discussions (section)

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[Page notice](#)



Attention! This page is automatically maintained by a [bot](#). **Your edits will be overwritten.**

- To add a page to the list, follow the instructions [here](#).
- To delist a page, **go to the article's talk page** and remove the `{{movereq}}` template.

Preview

===August 6, 2011===

* ''([[Talk:Marth#|Discuss]])'' - ''[[Marth]] → {{noredirect|1=Marth_(Thuringia)}}'' - Hi, I'm new to this, so I hope I do this correctly... (there's a lot to learn at once, so please forgive me if I'm mistaken). The page actually named "Marth" refers to a stub article about a german town of 350 people, while the page Marth_(Fire_Emblem) refers to a long and complete page about a well known video game character, Marth, hero of 4 Fire Emblem games, and present in 2 Super Smash Bros. games. I suggest we'd rename the page about the german town "Marth_(Thuringia)" after its german state, and that we rename the page about the video game character "Marth". I would then suggest we add a link to the Marth disambiguation page on the video game character page, since it currently has none. Thank you! [[User:Ceksie|Ceksie]]

([[User talk:Ceksie|talk]]) 03:25, 6 August 2011 (UTC)

** [[Marth_(Fire_Emblem)]] → {{noredirect|1=Marth}}

* ''([[Talk:Constance Markiewicz#Requested move |Discuss]])'' - ''[:Constance Markiewicz]] → {{noredirect|1=Constance Markievicz}}'' - "Constance markievicz" returns 45400 results on google, "constance markiewicz" returns 32500 results. While I have no doubt that her husband was born adn was known by Markiewicz, Constance herself was known generally by Markievicz, as can be seen in the names of places named after her (see prior discussion of her name a few sections up). [[Special:Contributions/79.97.144.17|79.97.144.17]] ([[User talk:79.97.144.17|talk]]) 03:23, 6 August 2011 (UTC)

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(Updating requested pagemoves list) ([del/undel](#))

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Line 1:

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===March 9, 2011===
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[Jimbo Wales](#) ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#))

(→March 9, 2011) ([del/undel](#))

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===March 9, 2011===
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*"([[Talk:John Hutton (British Labour politician)|Discuss]])" - "[[John Hutton (British Labour politician)]] → {{noredirect|1=John Hutton, Baron Hutton of Furness}}. Per [[WP:NCPEER]], "Members of the British Peerage, whether hereditary peers or life peers, usually have their articles titled "Personal name, Ordinal (if appropriate) Peerage title". Also, per [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Peerage_and_Baronetage#Location]], the use of the peerage for disambiguation is always preferred to + parenthetical disambiguation. Additionally, in this case, the current
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What happened next?



A robot ate my homework!

What happened next?



Sad puppy is sad

What is the purpose?

- The whole process seems to serve no actual practical purpose of any kind
- If I am an inexperienced editor, I don't even know the right way to propose that a page be renamed
- “Not so much WYSIWYG as WTF? -- Dweller (talk)”

Design principles

- Don't allow users to do something they are not allowed to do
- But the wiki solution is to allow users to do things that are useful, and get the system out of their way

2. Discouraging rules

- Second example this time told to me at Wikimania

A deletion discussion of Daphne Leef

[[משתמש:Orit ko|Orit ko]] - [[שיחת משתמש:Orit ko|שיחה]] אני מתנגדת בגלל שאין לה כל ערך אינציקלופדי, ולמרות שהיא מפורסמת כיום בגלל הקשר שלה למחאה, עדיין אין לנו מספיק מידע בכדי לכתוב ביוגרפיה של ממש לגביה. 21:33, 5 באוגוסט 2011 (IDT)

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שלום,

תודה לך על השתתפותך בהצבעה שבדף ויקיפדיה:רשימת מועמדים למחיקה/:דפני לוי. עם זאת, נאלצתי להסיר את הצבעתך כיוון שלפי המדיניות הקיימת, רק משתמש רשום עם ותק של לפחות 30 ימים ועם 100 עריכות לפחות במרחבי התוכן (דהיינו, מרחב הערכים ודומיו, אבל לא דפי שיחה או המזנון, לדוגמה) ב-90 הימים שקדמו לתחילת ההצבעה. לפי בדיקתי, לפחות אחת מהדרישות האלו לא מולאה על ידך.

באפשרותך לבדוק האם יש לך זכות הצבעה באמצעות תוסף (סקריפט) בהעדפות. תחת הלשונית "סקריפטים", תחת הפסקה "ניטור", יש לבחור באפשרות "סקריפט לבדיקת זכות הצבעה". לאחר השמירה, יש לרענן את הדף באמצעות CTRL + F5. לאחר מכן יש להגיע לדף המשתמש האישי, ושם ללחוץ על הקישור "בדוק זכות הצבעה" שבתיבת הכלים. לאחר הזנת התאריך המתאים (תאריך תחילת ההצבעה), יש ללחוץ על הקישור "בצע בדיקה" ולחכות להצגת התוצאה. למידע טכני נוסף ראו כאן.

אם מבדיקתך עולה כי בעת פתיחת ההצבעה כן הייתה לך זכות הצבעה, אנא פנה אלי ואבדוק את הנושא בשנית.

בברכה, Itzuvit • שיחה • המיזם המקורי! 21:37, 5 באוגוסט 2011 (IDT)

Wikipedia: List of candidates for deletion /: Daphne Leaf



Hello,

Thank you for participating in the vote on the page [Wikipedia: List of candidates for deletion /: Daphne Leaf](#) . However, I had to remove your vote because, according to the policy exists, only a [registered user](#) with a history of at least 30 days and 100 edits at least the vast content (ie, [space values](#) and the like, but not [pages of conversation](#) or the [buffet](#) , for example) in the 90 days that **preceding the start of voting**. By testing, at least one of these requirements is not fulfilled by you.

You can check whether you have the right to vote through the plug (script) in [Preferences](#) . Tab under "scripts" under paragraph "monitoring", you'll choose "Script to check the vote." After saving, refresh the page by using CTRL + F5. Then come to [the personal user page](#) , there click on the link "Check for the right to vote" in the toolbox.

entering the appropriate date (date of the vote), just click the link "Test" and wait to display the result. For technical information see [here](#) .

your review indicates that when you open a yes vote would you vote, please contact me and I'll check the issue again.

rely, Itzuvit • [Talk](#) • [The original project!](#) 21:37, 5 August 2011 (UTC)

אותנו. שבת שלום -- Assayas • שיחה • 5 באוגוסט 2011 (IDT)

40. עמרי • שיחה 5 באוגוסט 2011 (IDT)

~~Orit ko - שיחה אני מתנגדת בגלל שאין לה כל ערך אינציקלופדי, ולמרות שהיא מפורסמת כיום בגלל הקשר שלה למחאה, עדיין אין לנו מספיק מידע בכדי לכתוב ביוגרפיה של ממש לגביה. 5,21:33~~

~~באוגוסט 2011 (IDT) אין ז"ה Itzuvit • שיחה • המיזם המקורי!~~

i so sad



hosted on: [InnocentEnglish.com](http://www.InnocentEnglish.com)

What is the purpose?

- We don't like stacked votes (called by blogs)
- We don't like votes that make no sense
- But this example shows that current policy is not working - and costs us good contributors

Alternatives

- Administrator judgment can be discreet
- Thank the user for their vote
- Count the vote if it is rational, no matter who makes it!
- Make smart good people feel involved, not rejected

Indian languages

- English Wikipedia has over 3 million entries, many of them very well written
- Large community needs a lot of rules
- Don't copy those rules in a small group!
- Just talk to people! It is more fun!

Intermission

- One of the great things about Wiki conferences for me is that I get to learn more about our host country's culture and politics
- What are the protests all about?

captions.illmeyer.com

We demand
Free
Encyclopedia
for all!

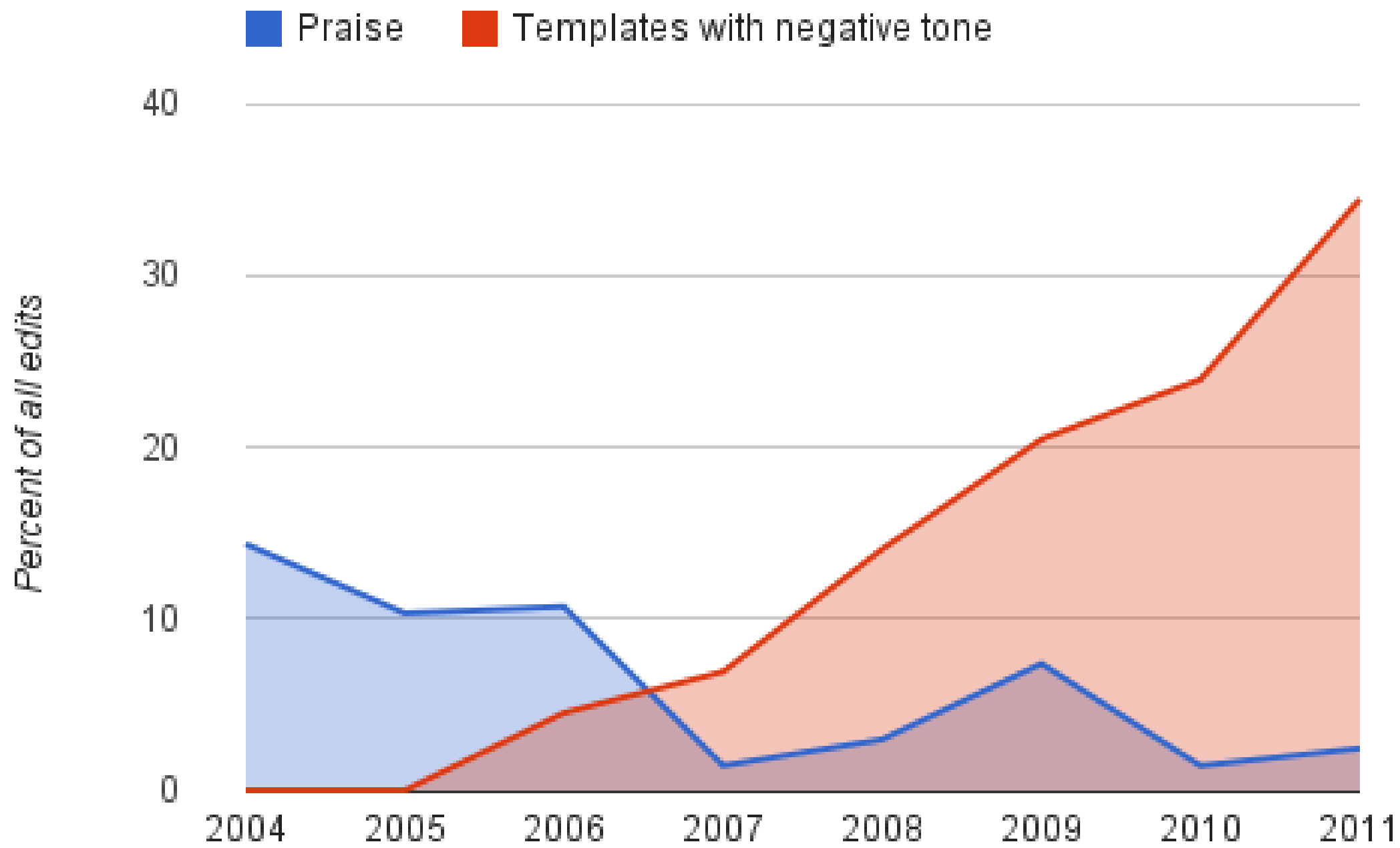


NPOV and Peace

- Knowledge is the path to peace
- To solve our problems, we must understand our problems
- We must study what our opponents believe, too
- Even if they draw their maps differently!

3. Warning too easy

- <http://blog.wikimedia.org/2011/05/02/neweditorwarnings/>
- Wikimedia Blog post on the rise in warnings



Why might this be?

- Are new users not as good as in the past? (Evidence says no. Ratio of good new user contributions better than 2 years ago)
- Are we intentionally closed to newcomers now, too “clubby?” (My talks with Wikipedians suggests not.)
- Are our tools pushing us to bad behavior?
- (

One example

- Like thousands of Wikipedians, I use twinkle
- Let's take a look at what it encourages me to do to other users

Twinkle

- Report user for vandalism
- Warn user
- Welcome
- Talkback template
- Tag their user page for speedy deletion
- Or for a deletion debate

Twinkle

- Protect their page
- Delete files found on their page

Most of these are negative actions!

- But even some that seem neutral aren't that friendly
- Consider for example talkback



Hello, Talkback. You have new messages at [Example's talk page](#).

You can [remove this notice](#) at any time by removing the `{{Talkback}}` or `{{Tb}}` template.

I have an easy one-click way to do something that asks a newbie to do something baffling!

Example of need for modern UI

Think about Facebook wall

What I am asking for

- Let's evaluate all of our procedures from the viewpoint of the sincere eager newcomer with a handful of good faith efforts
- Simplify
- Eliminate
- Automate



In Closing

- Annual (probably) Award
- Global Wikipedian of the Year
- This year...

The Winner is...

- Rauan Kenzhekhanuly of kk.wikipedia.org

The prize is...

- \$5000 from me personally to Wikibilibim to cover travel expenses for next year's planned regional Wikiconference
- Presentation of award in presence of Prime Minister in December (pending scheduling)

Which Indian
language will grow
the most?