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Who's Behind Wikipedia?

From linux.conf.au, the free (software) conference

"The problem with Wikipedia is that it only works in practice. In theory, it can never work. "
—Unknown

"Who's Behind Wikipedia?" is a presentation at the LinuxChix miniconference of the 2008 Linux.conf.au conference.

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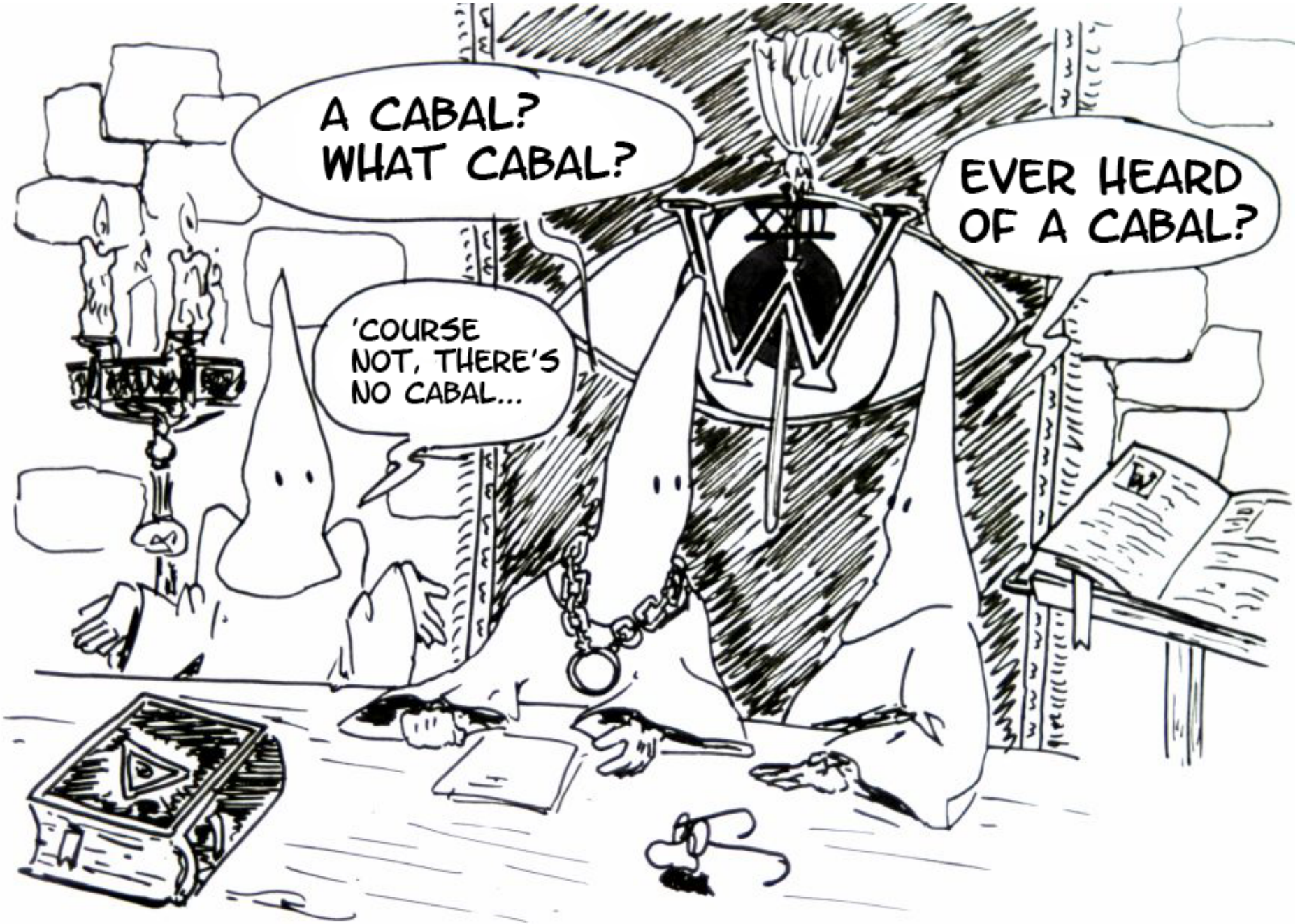

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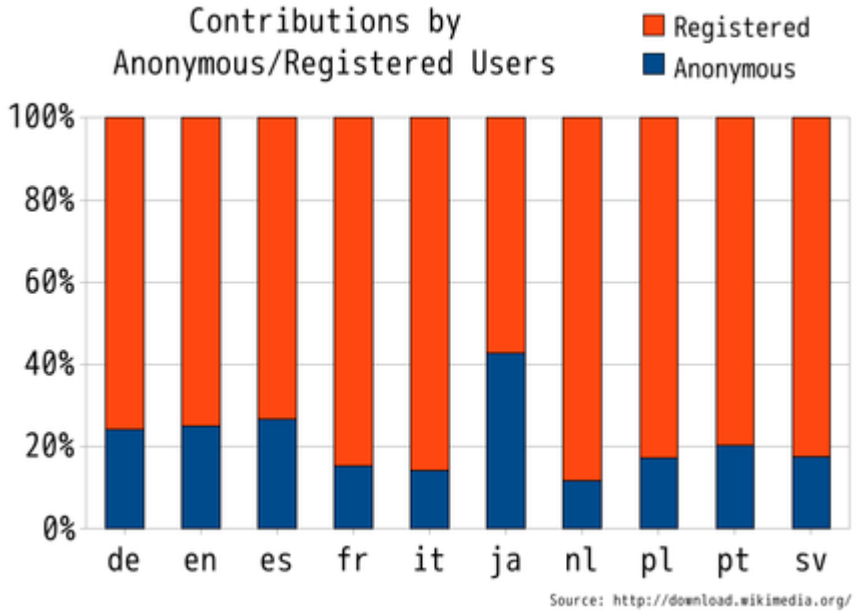
What is Wikipedia?

253 language editions (145 have > 1000 articles), > 8 million articles total. English is less than ¼ of total.

Project cultural differences:



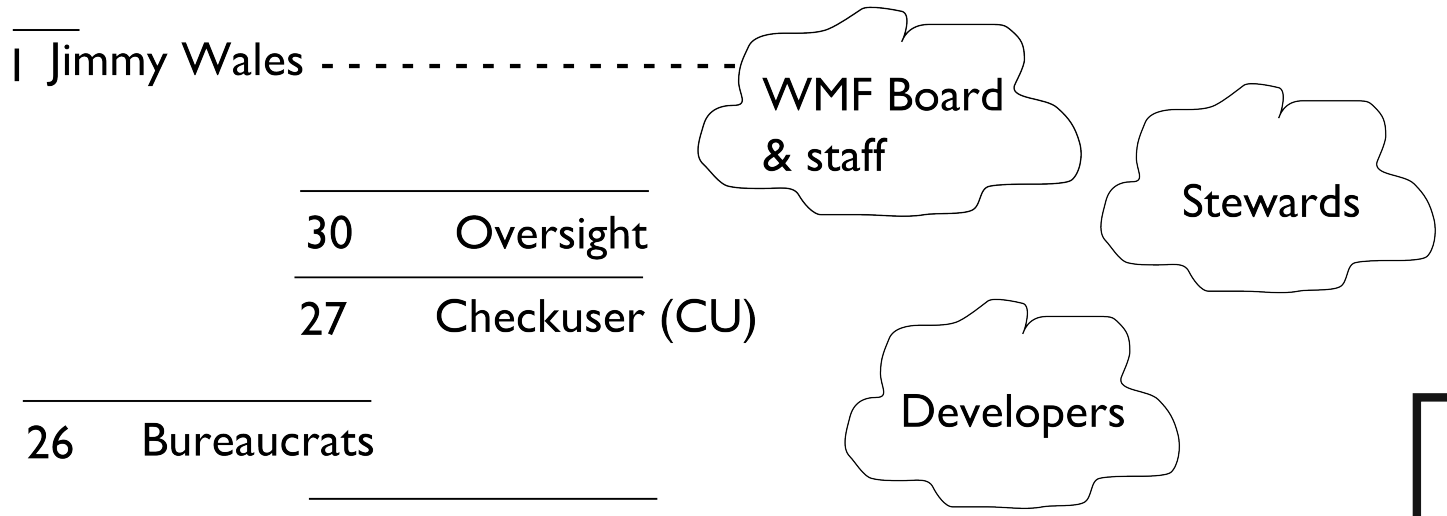


Diagram of user access levels [[WP:UAL]] of English Wikipedia c January 2008

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Wikimedia Foundation

Mission statement: The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under a free license or in the public domain, and to disseminate it effectively and globally...[T]he Foundation provides the essential infrastructure and an organizational framework for the support and development of multi-lingual wiki projects and other endeavors which serve this mission. The Foundation will make and keep useful information from its projects available on the Internet free of charge, in perpetuity.

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Wikimedia Foundation

- Meta wiki
- Foundation wiki
- Incubator
- Chapters: AR, FR,DE,IL,IT,NL, PL,RS,SV,CH, TW,UK (AU?)

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"Foundation issues"

- Anyone can edit (Assume Good Faith)
- Free content: copyleft
- Consensus decisions
- NPOV
- No ownership
- Incremental progress

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Policies...

- Ignore all rules
- Bots
- Civility
- Edit warring
- No personal attacks
- Sock puppetry
- 3RR
- Username
- Vandalism
- Wheel war
- BLP
- Naming conventions
- NPOV
- No original research
- Verifiability'
- WP:NOT
- Deletion
- Speedy deletion
- Office actions
- Oversight
- Proposed deletion
- Blocks
- Arbitration
- Bans
- Consensus
- Protection
- Resolving disputes
- Fair use
- Reuse

article discussion edit this page history
Sign in / create account
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… and guidelines

- Article size
- Be bold
- Linking
- Edit summary
- Autobiography
- Notability
- Disambiguation
- Cite sources
- Spoilers
- Talk pages
- Subpages
- WP:POINT
- WP:BITE
- User page

Manual of Style (over 100!)

- Lists
- Categories
- Series boxes (navboxes, infoboxes)
- Titles
- Sections
- Names
- Acronyms
- Punctuation
- Numbers
- Currency
- Spelling
- ……

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This page may meet Wikipedia's criteria for speedy deletion. The reason given is: *(Reason for deletion)*

If this page does not meet the criteria for speedy deletion, or you intend to fix it, please remove this notice, but **do not remove this notice from pages that you have created yourself.** If you created this page and you disagree with its proposed speedy deletion, please add:

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directly below this tag, and then explain why you believe this article should not be deleted on its talk page. This will alert administrators to permit you the time to write your explanation. See help writing your first article.

Administrators: check links, history (last), and logs before deletion.

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Feel free to edit the article, but the article must not be blanked, and this notice must not be removed, until the discussion is closed. For more information, particularly on merging or moving the article during the discussion, read the guide to deletion.

Steps to list an article for deletion: 1. {{subst:afd}} 2. Preloaded debate vote OR {{subst:afd 2|pg=Robert Bernardis|cat=|text=}} ~~~~ (categories) 3. {{subst:afd 3|pg=Robert Bernardis}} (add to top of list) 4. Please consider notifying the author(s) by placing {{subst:adw|Robert Bernardis}} ~~~~ on their talk page(s).

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Deletion process

Speedy: Admin deletes on sight, or another user tags for an admin to delete

Proposed: Anyone can add the tag. If anyone disagrees, they can remove the tag. If no one removes the tag in 5 days, it gets deleted.

Normal:
•[[Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Article name]]
•5 days discussion
•Admin closes according to consensus

Defend your article by improving it!

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Deletion review (undeletion)

•First, try resolving with deleting administrator

Use when:
•Inappropriate speedy
•Inappropriate close (against consensus)
•New information has come to light
•You just really want it back :)

Useful reading:
•[[User:GRBerry/DRVGuide]]
•[[WP:ATA]] Wikipedia:Arguments to avoid in deletion discussions

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Dispute resolution

- Bold, revert, discuss
- Talk pages
- [[WP:RFC]] Requests for comment
- [[WP:RFM]] Requests for mediation
- [[WP:RFAR]] Requests for arbitration

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How to get involved

- [[WP:AWNB]]
- WikiProjects
- Don't leap into controversy
- Start with what you know or like

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The future

- WYSIWYG editing? Templates, tables
- Stable versions
- Trust highlighting
- Splintered community
- Knol, Citizendium
- Probably more bureaucracy

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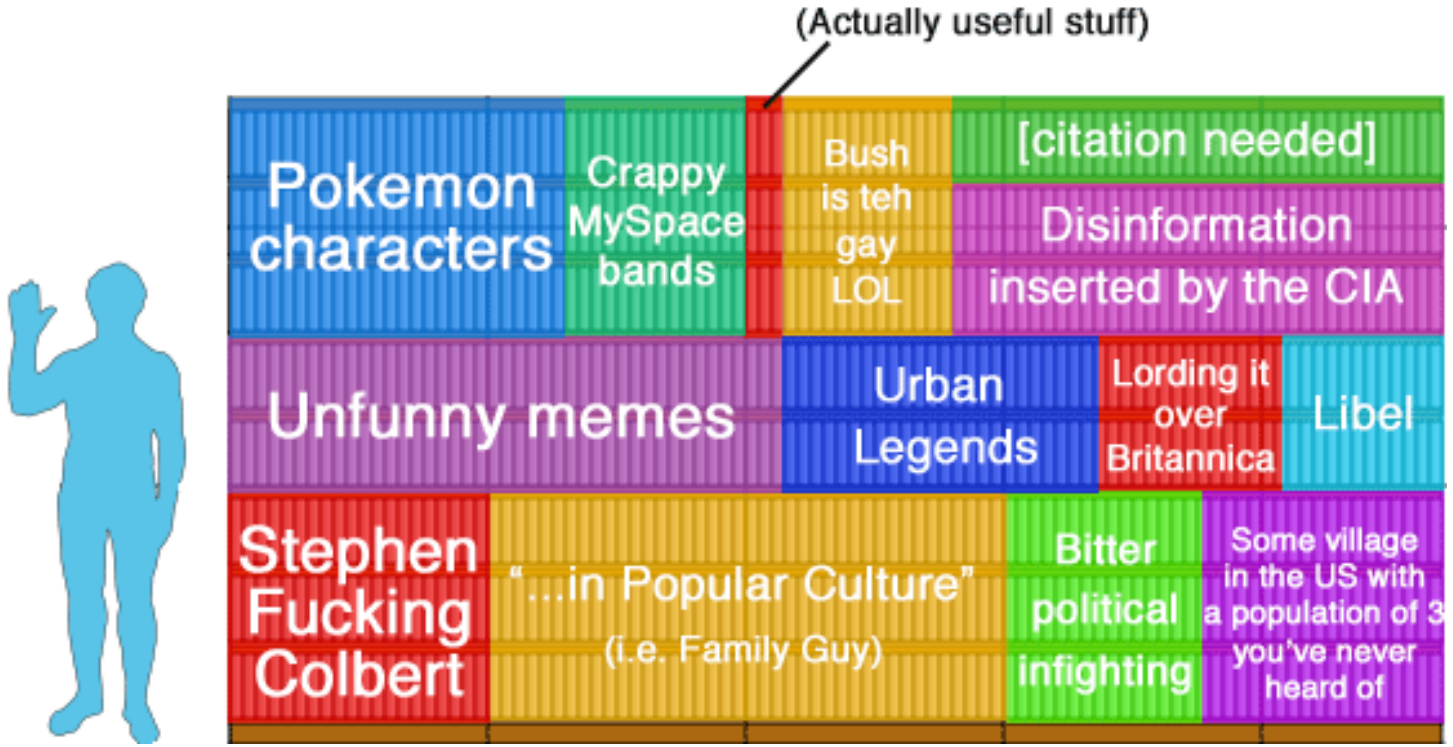

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