

Wikipedia and Open Source Design

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What are wikis?

- First wiki: 1995, c2.com
- Openly editable websites
- Anyone can edit (almost) any page
- Simplified syntax for editing
- User actions are logged and reversible

Editing a wiki



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'''Postmodernism''' is a term applied to a variety of artistic, [[Architecture|architectural]],  
[[Philosophy|philosophical]], and [[cultural movement]]s that are said to arise as the result of, and  
in reaction to [[modernism]].
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{{Postmodernism}}
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==Introduction==
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The term and its use have a wide variety of different meanings in different disciplines, and the existence of post-modernism as a coherent set of ideas is often debated. The most commonly cited area of disagreement comes from disagreements over what the basis for knowledge and political philosophy should have.

Modernism is usually said to frame itself as the culmination of [[the Enlightenment]]'s quest for an authoritatively-rational [[aesthetics]], [[ethics]], and [[knowledge]]. In contrast postmodernism is usually held to be concerned with how the authority of those would-be-ideals, sometimes called [[metanarrative]]s, are subverted through fragmentation, [[consumerism]], and [[deconstruction]]. This dichotomy is somewhat problematic, since it ignores the strong emphasis on irrationalism and fragmentation within modernism. For this reason postmodernism can equally be seen as a development of aspects of modernism while rejecting others, in particular the emphasis on [[Authenticity (philosophy)|authenticity]]. [[Jean-François Lyotard]] famously described postmodernism as an "incredulity toward metanarratives" (Lyotard, 1984). Postmodernism attacks the notions of monolithic universals and encourages fractured, fluid and multiple perspectives and is marked by an increasing importance in the ideas from the [[Sociology of knowledge]].

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- Funded by donations
- Operates Wikipedia and its sister projects
 - Wiktionary
 - Wikibooks
 - Wikinews
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 - Wikiquote
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Wikipedia



- Volunteer created encyclopedia
- Started in January 2001
- 8000 articles in the first 8 months
- International
- Neutral point of view
- Freely licensed

Internationalisation

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ויקיפדיה היא מיזם **רב לשוני** לחיבור **אנציקלופדיה** שיתופית, חופשית ומהימנה, שכל אחד/ת יכול/ה לתרום ליצירתה ופיתוחה. ויקיפדיה בעברית החלה את דרכה ב-8 ביולי 2003 וכיום יש בה **13898 ערכים** (נכון ליום שלישי, 18 בינואר 2005).

כדי למצוא ערכים המעניינים אתכם, השתמשו במפתח הנושאים שבהמשך העמוד, או בתיבת החיפוש שבדף **ימין (ראו: טיפים לחיפוש)**. בקרו בדף **העזרה** ושחקו בארגז **החול** כדי לראות כיצד גם אתם יכולים לערוך ולחבר ערכים.

תנוצאה מגידול בלתי פוסק בפעילותנו נוצר עומס הגורם לזמני תגובה גרועים. אנו פועלים לשדרוג השרתים לשם שיפור השירות. עמכם הסליחה.



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קהילת ציון אמריקאית (American Zion Commonwealth). חברה **ציונית** מיישבת שנטלה חלק חשוב בהתיישבות היהודית בארץ ישראל בתקופת טרום המדינה.

למאמר המלא - המלצות קודמות

הידעת?



לפני שנרכשה מה**בריטים** היה על הגשר של **הצוללת אח"י דקר פסל** טוטם **אינדיאני**, שנאמר עליו שכל עוד לא ירד מגשר הצוללת לא יאונה לה כל רע. בשיפוצים שעשתה **ישראל** הורידו את הטוטם.

Hebrew Wikipedia, using right-to-left writing

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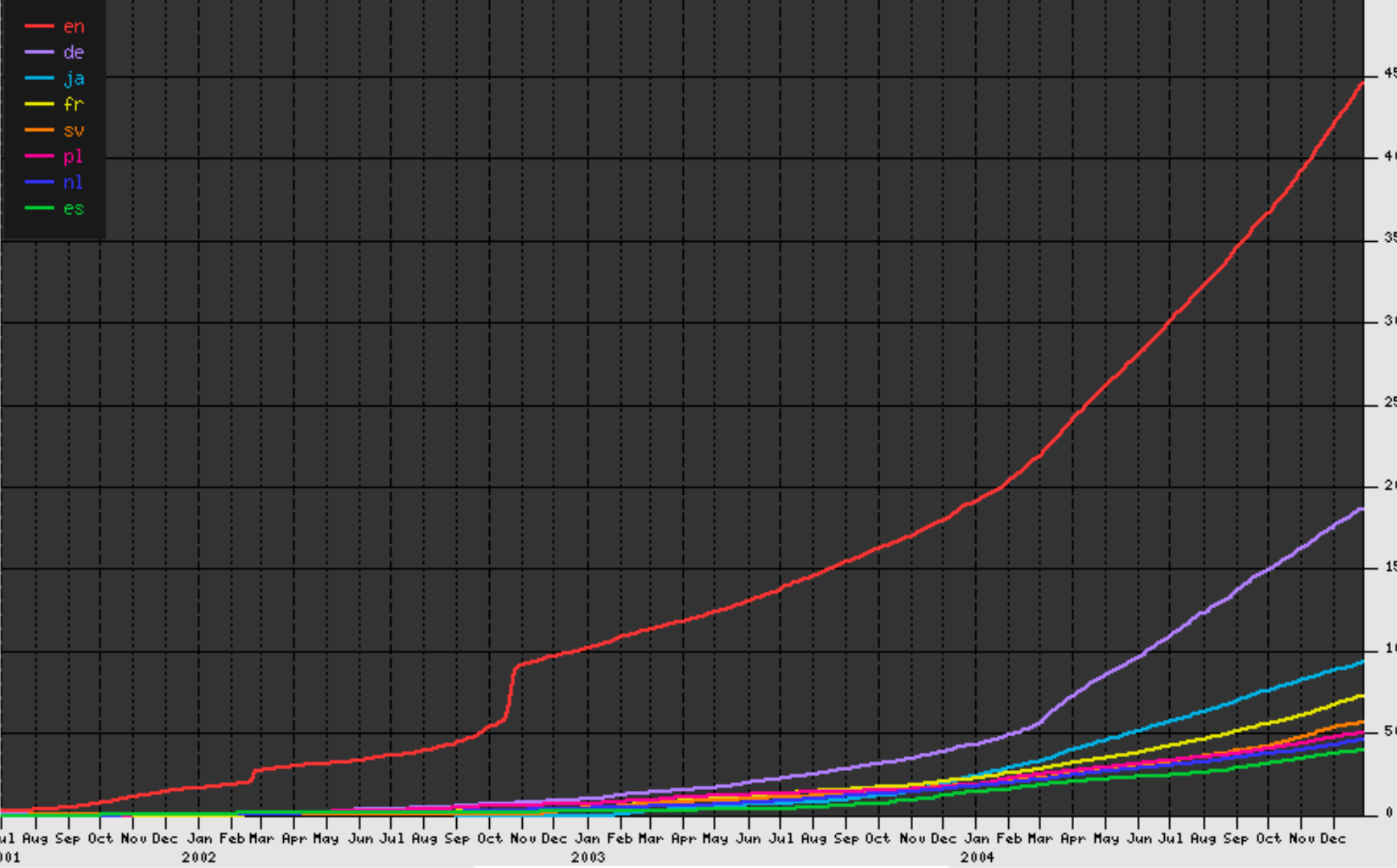
Wikipedia statistics

- 1.35 million articles in >100 languages
- English Wikipedia: 450,000 articles
 - <http://en.wikipedia.org/>
 - larger than Britannica and Encarta combined
- Dutch Wikipedia: 50,000 articles
 - <http://nl.wikipedia.org/>
- Among top 100 websites according to Alexa.com

1: en - es

Article count (official)

1000 x
500



Technical and social rules

- Technical constraints are the framework of social interaction
 - protected pages, user blocks, etc.
- Emergence of policies from consensus-based processes
- Contributors construct their own rulespace
 - „Ignore all rules“
- Norms can be enforced by overwhelming majorities or community leaders

Can the content be trusted?

- Review processes
- Partly post-moderation, partly reactive moderation
- Linking to particular revisions
- Development of a stable version
- Free license allows you to modify it

MediaWiki

- One of over 100 wiki engines
- Collaborative software
- Primarily developed for Wikipedia
 - in 2001, Wikipedia used UseModWiki
 - rewritten in PHP from 2002 onwards
 - known as „MediaWiki“ since August 2003
- Today used by many non-Wikimedia websites

MediaWiki functionality

- Quality control
 - versioning, watchlists
- Organisation
 - namespaces, categories
- Administrative
 - Page protection by sysops
 - Blocking of users or IP addresses
- Extensions: Timeline, Math, Hieroglyphics
- Translated into 30+ languages

Comparing versions

Flat Earth

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.
(Difference between revisions)

Revision as of 22:40, 12 Feb 2003

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okay, I'm done. Comments?

Line 1:

The "flat earth" theory is the idea that the earth is flat, as opposed to the view of modern science that the earth is spherical.

People from antiquity generally believed the world was flat, as that is how it looks even from a high mountain. Some ancient Greek philosophers began to discuss the idea of a spherical earth, notably Eratosthenes and Ptolemy.

During the period between the fall of the Roman Empire and the [[renaissance]] of science several centuries later, some Christian writers questioned and even opposed the earth's sphericity, although it is not clearly known how influential their views were. Before the Renaissance began, the flat earth theory had pretty much died out, yielding by the 900s or 1100s to the idea that the earth is a globe.

Some Christians in England and America tried to revive Flat Earth thinking in the 19th century, and a few diehards hold out to this day (see [[Flat Earth Society]]).

== Flat Earth theories of Antiquity ==

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People from early antiquity generally believed the world was flat, as that is how it looks even from a high mountain; by the time of [[Pliny the Elder]], however, its spherical shape was generally acknowledged. [[Ptolemy]] derived his maps from a curved globe and developed the system of [[latitude]] and [[longitude]].

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Community self-regulation

- **Quality control features:** recent changes, watchlists, related changes, page histories, user contributions lists
- **Community features:** talk pages, user profiles, access levels, user-to-user email, message notification.

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Design in Wikimedia sites

■ Developers

- create the skin framework
- provide default skins
- create extensions and tools

■ Users

- format site content
 - articles, books, news stories etc.
- create user stylesheets
- edit the interface
- create skins (rare)

User-created skins

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Bearbeiten von Cheops-Pyramide

aus Wikipedia, der freien Enzyklopädie

Vorschau

Hinweis: Dies ist nur eine Vorschau, der Artikel wurde noch nicht gespeichert!


Höhe (ursprünglich): 146m
Seitenlänge: 230m
Neigungswinkel: 51° 50' 35

Die **Cheops-Pyramide** diente als Grabmal für den ägyptischen **Pharao Khufu** aus der 4. Dynastie, auch bekannt als Cheops (sein griechischer Name). Die **Pyramide** bildet zusammen mit ihren Schwestern der **Chephren-Pyramide** und der **Mykerinos-Pyramide** zugleich das älteste und das letzte noch existierende **Weltwunder** der Antike.

Das Datum der Fertigstellung wird auf **2680 v. Chr.** (zur Zeit der **altägyptischen Hochkultur**) geschätzt. Sie ist die früheste und größte der drei großen **Pyramiden von Gizeh**.

Die Cheops-Pyramide ist die größte der vielen Pyramiden in Ägypten. Ursprünglich war sie 147 m hoch. Doch heute ist sie durch teilweise Abtragung an ihrer Spitze 137 m. Für fast 4000 Jahre war sie damit das **höchste Bauwerk ihrer Zeit**. Sie wurde erst **1439 vom Straßburger Münster** (143 m) übertroffen. Ihre Grundfläche beträgt 5,5 ha.

Die Pyramide besteht aus Blöcken von **Kalkstein**, **Basalt** oder **Granit** mit einem Gewicht von zwei bis vier Tonnen pro Block.



Cheops-Pyramide

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 - da:Wikipedia
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3  '''Wikipedia''' ist ein Projekt zur Erstellung einer [[Enzyklopädie]]. Es ist gleichzeitig der Name für im Rahmen dieses
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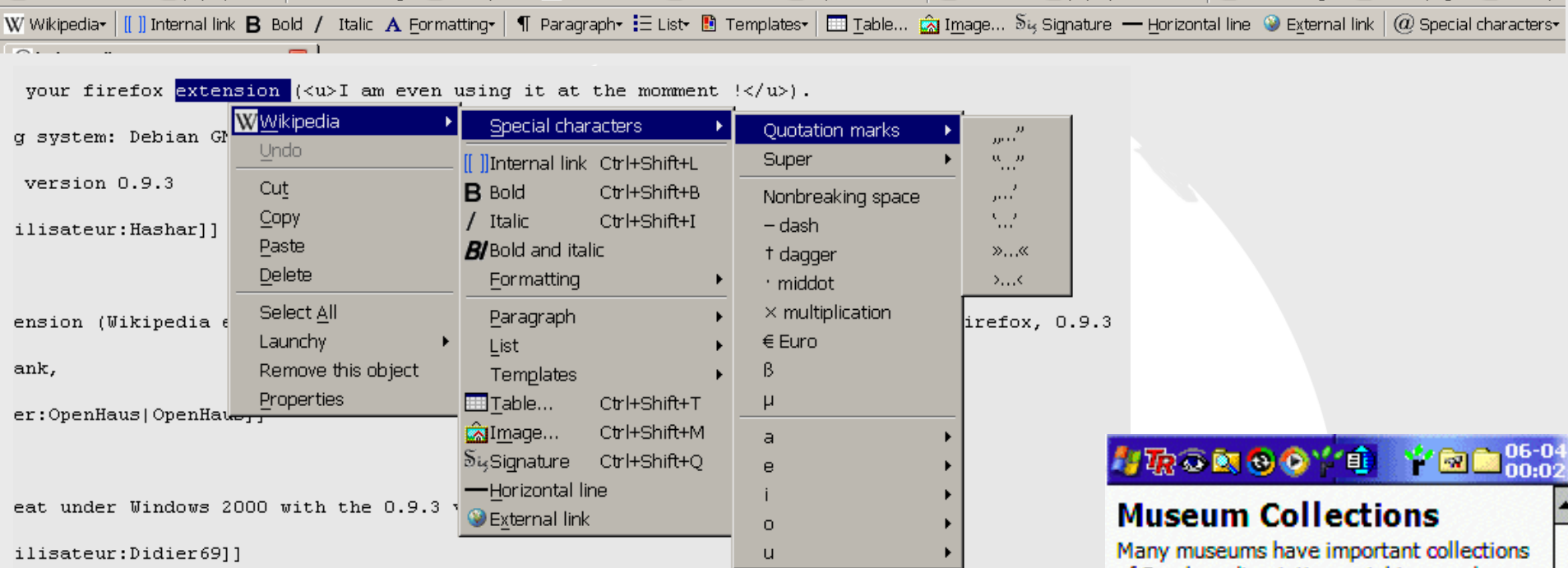
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History of Wikipedia design

- From content-centric to user-centric
- Tendency towards
 - more dynamic information
 - more visual elements, colour
 - separation of editors and readers
- Templates help in organizing content
- Feedback to developers about software-embedded structures
 - Bugzilla, mailing lists, Meta, direct contact

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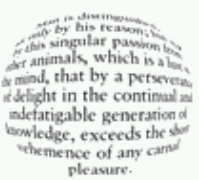
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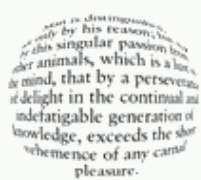
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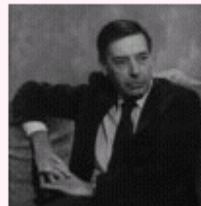
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Western analytic philosophers had explored since the [Greeks](#), preferring instead to focus on the issue of [moral obligation](#). For Williams, moral obligation, insofar as the phrase had any meaning, had to be compatible with the pursuit of [self-interest](#) and the good life. As Knightsbridge Professor of Philosophy at the [University of Cambridge](#) for over a decade, and the Provost of [King's College, Cambridge](#) for almost as long, Williams became known internationally for his attempt to return the study of moral philosophy to its foundations: to [history](#) and [culture](#), [politics](#) and [psychology](#) and, in particular, to the Greeks. He saw himself as a [synthesist](#), drawing together ideas from fields that seemed no longer to know how to communicate with one another.

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