

The Wikipedia Model


Massive knowledge creation through global collaboration  

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A photograph of Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia, standing on a city street. He is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and has his arms crossed. The background is a busy street with buildings, a white van, and other people. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

“Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge ...

That’s what we’re doing.”

Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia

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La enciclopedia libre

Die freie Enzyklopädie

L'encyclopédie libre

Свободная энциклопедия

Wikipedia is the largest encyclopedia in history

2 billion+ words

L'enciclopedia libera

14 million+ articles

5.7 million+ images

De vrije encyclopedie

Roughly 4,500 new articles a day

250+ languages, independently authored

Approaching 1,000,000,000 edits (all projects)

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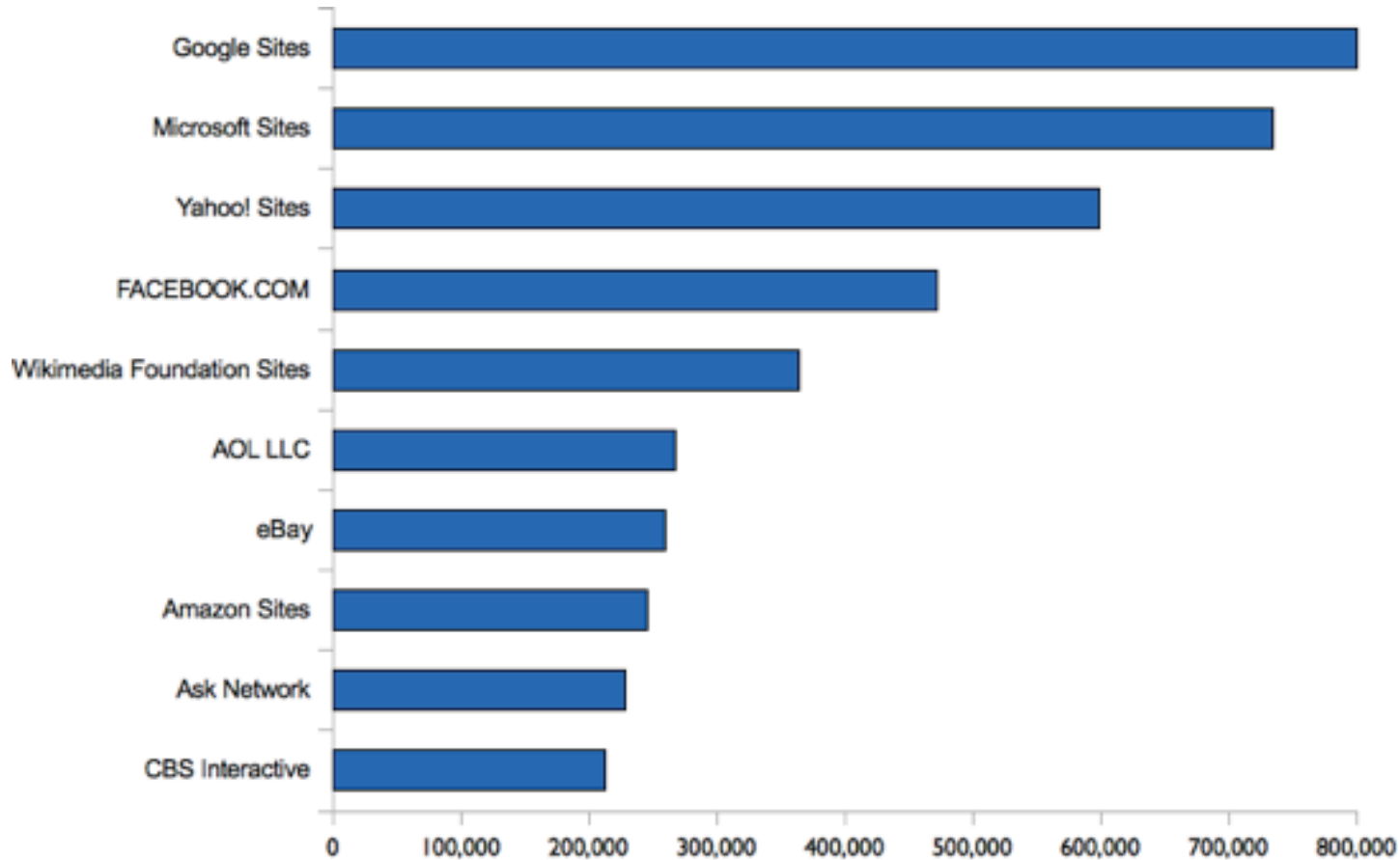


The Free Encyclopedia



■ 5th most popular website **world-wide**

■ 364 million unique visitors monthly

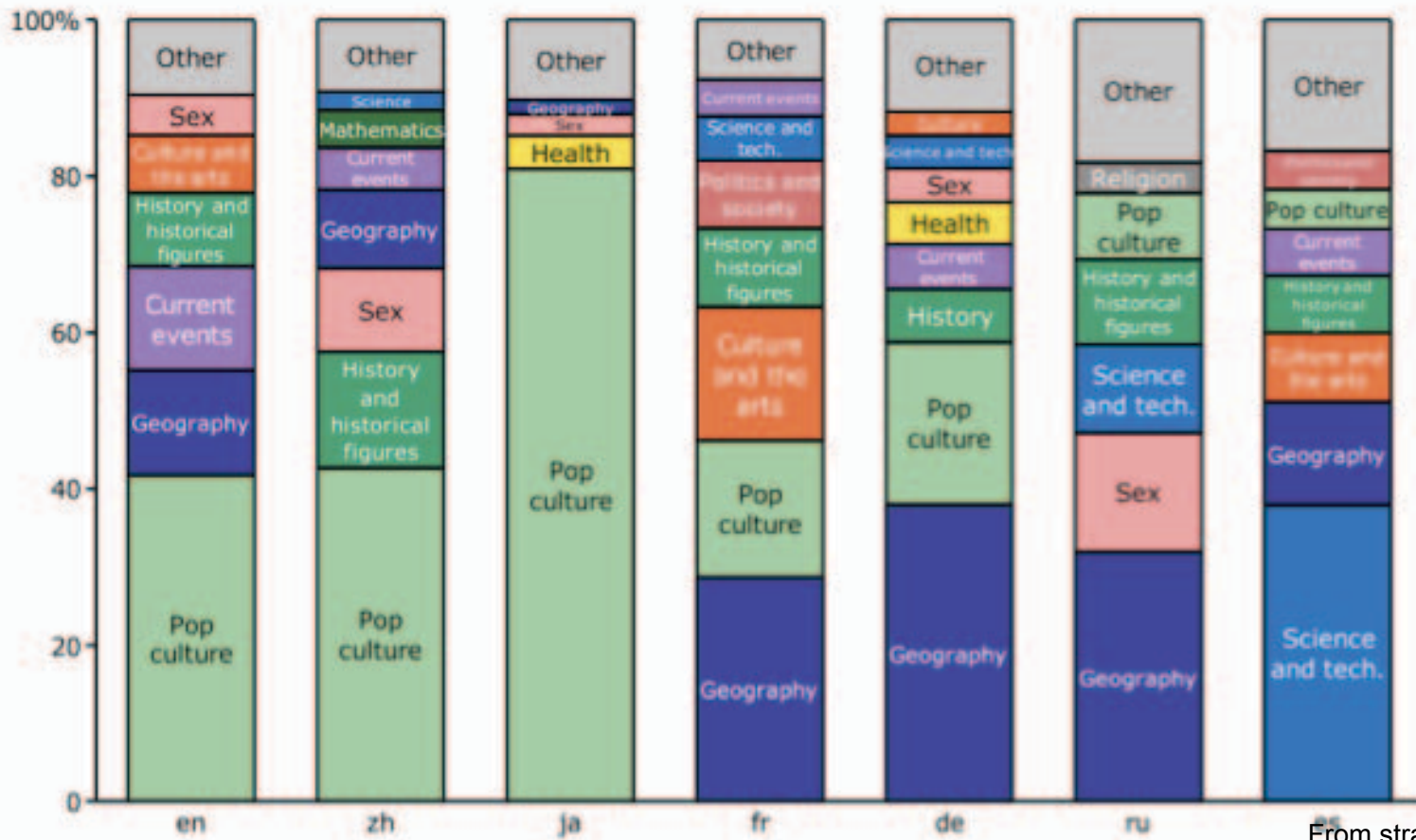


Source: comScore, Media Metrix, Jan 2010

Some Wikipedias may already be shifting from encyclopedic core to more topical and current events content

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% of page hits for top 100 pages



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Source: Bridgespan analysis of data found at <http://wikistats.falsikon.de/> (pulled August 2009)



Wikipedia



Wikimania



Wikibooks

Wikimedia Commons



Meta-wiki

Wikisource



Wikiquote

Wikinews



WIKIMEDIA



Wikispecies

Wiktionary



Media-wiki

Wikiversity



Wikimedia Incubator



Wikipédia Português

Started June 2001

The 5th Wikipedia

560,000+ Articles

9th Largest Wikipedia





What is the Wikimedia Foundation?

A not-for-profit charity based in San Francisco, California

A global, mission-focused organization:

“Spread free knowledge throughout the world.”

Reach

Participation

Quality

Facilitators, not editors. No one at the Foundation actively edits Wikipedia or other projects as staff.



34 staff

100,000 + volunteer force

360,000,000 + readers per month

2009/2010 planned spending:

\$9.4 million

Wikimedia Foundation Headquarters
San Francisco, California





Foundation structure

Board of Trustees

**Fundraising
Programs / Outreach
Administration
Technology
Usability**

Advisory Board

**International
volunteer chapters**

**Over 100,000
active volunteers**



Global Chapters

Chapters launched in 2008-09

Wikimedia Brasil
Wikimedia Danmark
Wikimedia Suomi (Finland)
Wikimédia Magyarország (Hungary)
Wikimedia Indonesia
Викимедија Македонија (Macedonia)
Wikimedia Norge/Noreg/Norga (Norway)
★ Wikimedia Portugal
Викимедиа РУ (Russia)
Вікімедіа Україна (Ukraine)
Wikimedia United Kingdom
Wikimedia New York City

Pre-existing chapters

Wikimedia Argentina
Wikimedia Australia
Wikimedia Österreich (Austria)
Wikimedia Česká republika (Czech Republic)
Wikimédia France
Wikimedia Deutschland (Germany)
香港維基媒體協會 (Hong Kong)
Wikimedia Israel
Wikimedia Italia (Italy)
Wikimedia Nederland (Netherlands)
Wikimedia Polska (Poland)
Wikimedia Србије (Serbia)
Wikimedia Sverige (Sweden)
Wikimedia CH (Switzerland)
中華民國維基媒體協會 (Taiwan)

27 volunteer-run Wikimedia Chapters support the Foundation's mission around the world.



People

Wikimedia considers any person who **supports** our mission or **edits** on our projects to be a volunteer.

On our projects we consider an active editor to be anyone who has edited at least five times in a month.

In December 2009 over **95,849** people edited a Wikimedia project at least five times. **11,764** of those made 100+ edits in the same month

Since the creation of Wikipedia **nearly 1,000,000,000** individual edits have been made to Wikimedia projects.



People

Wikimedia volunteers created Wikipedia without any payment or compensation.

Beyond editing, they give time in other ways.

- Public outreach and communications
- Software development and systems administration
- Taking photos, making maps, creating video and audio
- Organizing meet-ups
- Building relationships with cultural institutions
- Fundraising



Who edits?

Editors come from virtually every part of the world

Typically male, early to late 20's, single

Academics, "smart geeks," technologically inclined

Often multi-lingual

Anecdotal evidence suggests this is true world-wide

Driven by Wikipedia's core values:

Neutral point of view

Verifiability

Notability

Proven facts/research only

Wikipedia is free



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Passion for fact is universal.

Sometimes you must meet.

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Language borders, not geopolitical borders.



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2008 Mumbai attacks

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **2008 Mumbai attacks** were more than ten coordinated shooting and bombing attacks on the Indian city, by Muslim^[6] terrorists. The attacks, which drew widespread condemnation, took place on 26 November 2008 and lasted for three days, resulting in the deaths of 173 people and wounding a further 309.

Eight of the attacks occurred at the Shivaji Terminus, the Oberoi Trident,^[8] the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower,^[9] Leopold Cafe (a restaurant and hospital),^[9] the Orthodox Metro Cinema,^[11] and St. Xavier's College in Mazagaon, in Mumbai.

By the early morning of 28 November, all sites except for the Taj hotel had been secured by Mumbai Police and security forces. An action by India's National Security Agency on 29 November (the action is officially named Operation Tornado) resulted in the deaths of all the attackers at the Taj hotel, ending all fighting in the attacks.^[13]

Ajmal Kasab,^[14] the only attacker who was captured alive, disclosed that the attackers were members of Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based militant organization, considered a terrorist organization by India, the United States, and the United Kingdom, among others.^[15] The Indian Government said that the attackers

- Over 43,000 words
- 142 references
- 34 language versions
- Over 4,500 edits

Created 60 mins after the attacks, updated Feb 19, 2010

Hundreds of editors from around the world.

2008 Mumbai Attacks

Map of the 2008 Mumbai attacks

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Date | 26 November 2008 – 29 November 2008 (IST, UTC +5:30) |
| Attack type | Bombings, shootings, hostage crisis ^[1] |
| Death(s) | 175 (166 civilians and security personnel and 9 attackers) ^{[2][3]} |



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Gdańsk

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For alternative meanings of Gdańsk and Danzig, see [Gdańsk \(disambiguation\)](#) and [Danzig \(disambiguation\)](#)

Gdańsk, also known by its German name **Danzig** (see *Names* below), is a city on the [Baltic](#) coast in northern [Poland](#), at the centre of the country's fourth-largest [metropolitan area](#).^[1]

Gdańsk is Poland's principal [seaport](#) as well as the capital of the [Pomeranian Voivodeship](#). It is also historically the largest city of the [Kashubian region](#). The city is close to the former boundary between [West Slavic](#) and [Germanic](#) lands and it has a complex [political history](#) with periods of Polish rule, periods of [German](#) rule, and two spells as a [free city](#). It has been part of modern Poland since 1945.

The city lies on the southern edge of [Gdańsk Bay](#) (of the [Baltic Sea](#)), in a [conurbation](#) with the [spa town](#) of [Sopot](#), the city of [Gdynia](#) and suburban communities, which together form a metropolitan area called the [Tricity](#) (*Trójmiasto*), with a population of over 800,000.^[1] Gdańsk itself has a population of 455,830 (June 2009), making it the largest city in the [Pomerania](#) region of Northern Poland.

Gdańsk is situated at the mouth of the [Motława River](#), connected to the [Leniwka](#), a branch in the delta of the nearby [Vistula River](#), whose waterway system supplies 60% of the area of Poland and connects Gdańsk to the [national capital](#) in [Warsaw](#). This gives the city a unique advantage as the centre of Poland's sea trade. Together with the nearby port of [Gdynia](#), Gdańsk is also an important industrial centre. Historically an important seaport and shipbuilding centre, Gdańsk was a member of the [Hanseatic League](#).

Gdańsk





Talk:Gdańsk

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**This page is affected by the [Gdańsk \(Danzig\) Vote](#).
The following rules apply in the case of disputes:**

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- For [Gdańsk](#), use the name *Danzig* between 1308 and 1945
- For [Gdańsk](#), use the name *Gdańsk* before 1308 and after 1945
- In biographies of clearly German persons, the name should be used in the form *Danzig* (*Gdańsk*) and later *Danzig* exclusively
- In biographies of clearly Polish persons, the name should be used in the form *Gdańsk* (*Danzig*) and later *Gdańsk* exclusively.
- For Gdansk and other locations that share a history between Germany and Poland, the first reference of one name in an article should also include a reference to other names, e.g. *Danzig* (*now Gdańsk, Poland*) or *Gdańsk* (*Danzig*). An English language reference that primarily uses this name should be provided on the talk page if a dispute arises.
- Reverts to conform with community consensus are excluded from the [three-revert rule](#) (3RR). Only the place names can be reverted exempt from the 3RR according to the outcome of this vote, additional changes fall again under the 3RR. Please use descriptive edit summaries.
- Persistent reverts against community consensus despite multiple warnings may be dealt with according to the rules in [Wikipedia:Dealing with vandalism](#). In case of doubt, [assume good faith](#) and [do not bite newcomers](#).

The detailed vote results and the vote itself can be found on [Talk:Gdansk/Vote](#). This vote has ended; please do not vote anymore. Comments and discussions can be added to [Talk:Gdansk/Vote/discussion](#) anytime. This template `{{Template:Gdansk-Vote-Notice}}` can be added on the talk page of affected articles if necessary.



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Wikipedia languages

This Wikipedia is written in [English](#). Started in 2001, it currently contains [3,201,760](#) articles. Many other Wikipedias are available, and the largest are listed below.

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Articles

Growth per Wikipedia wiki

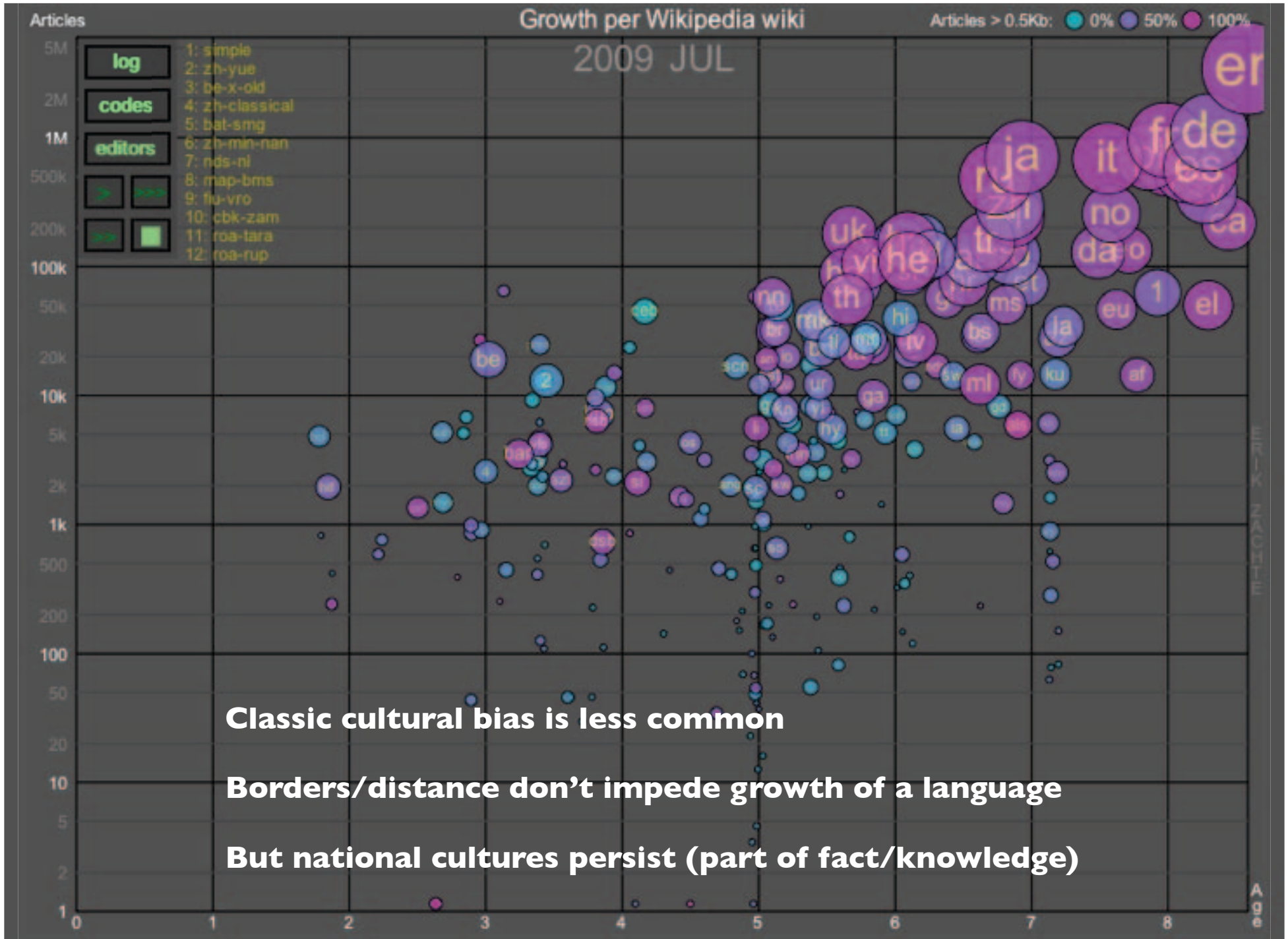
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Observations

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Trust is universal

Boldness is universal



Our next steps

Five-year business plan

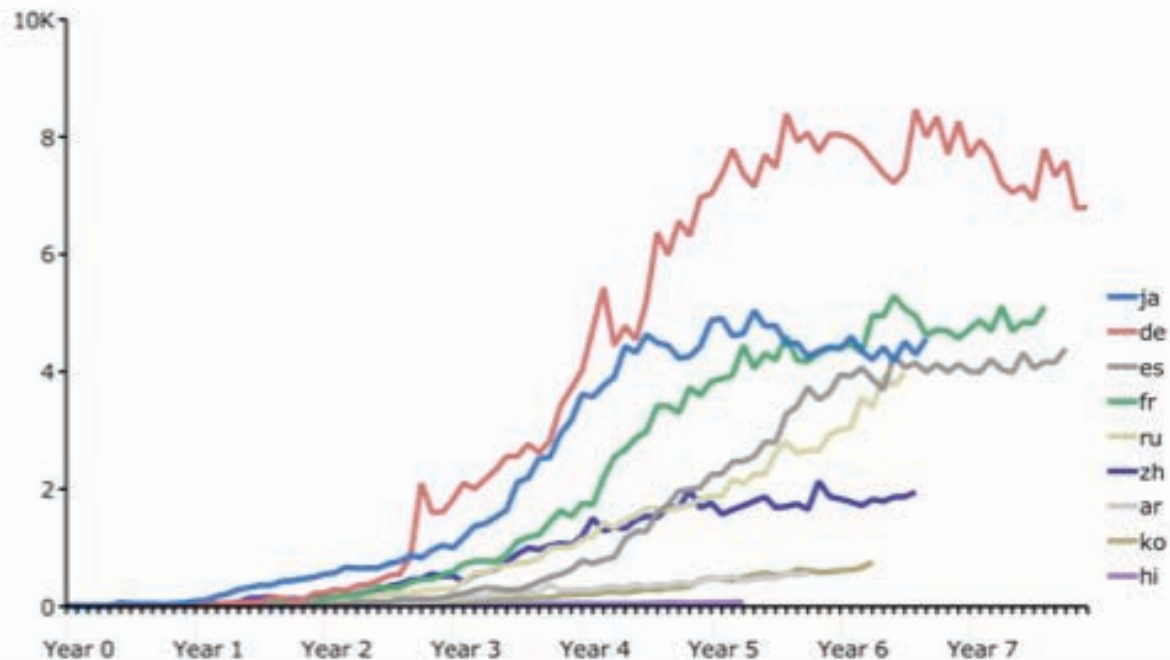
Global contributors for open strategy planning

Priorities

- Build the platform
- Strengthen the editing community
- Invest in key geographic areas, mobile development, and innovation

Number of active contributors appears to plateau as Wikipedias mature: Is this a threat to future health and growth?

Number of contributors making 5+ edits in a month



- As active contributors level off, the pace of article creation is slowing, and more "maintenance" activities are occurring as a proportion of all edits (e.g. edits on talk pages and on "Wikipedia" pages, which concern governance and rules).
- Research shows that if active contributors continue to decrease, there may not be a large enough cohort to "look after" Wikipedia.

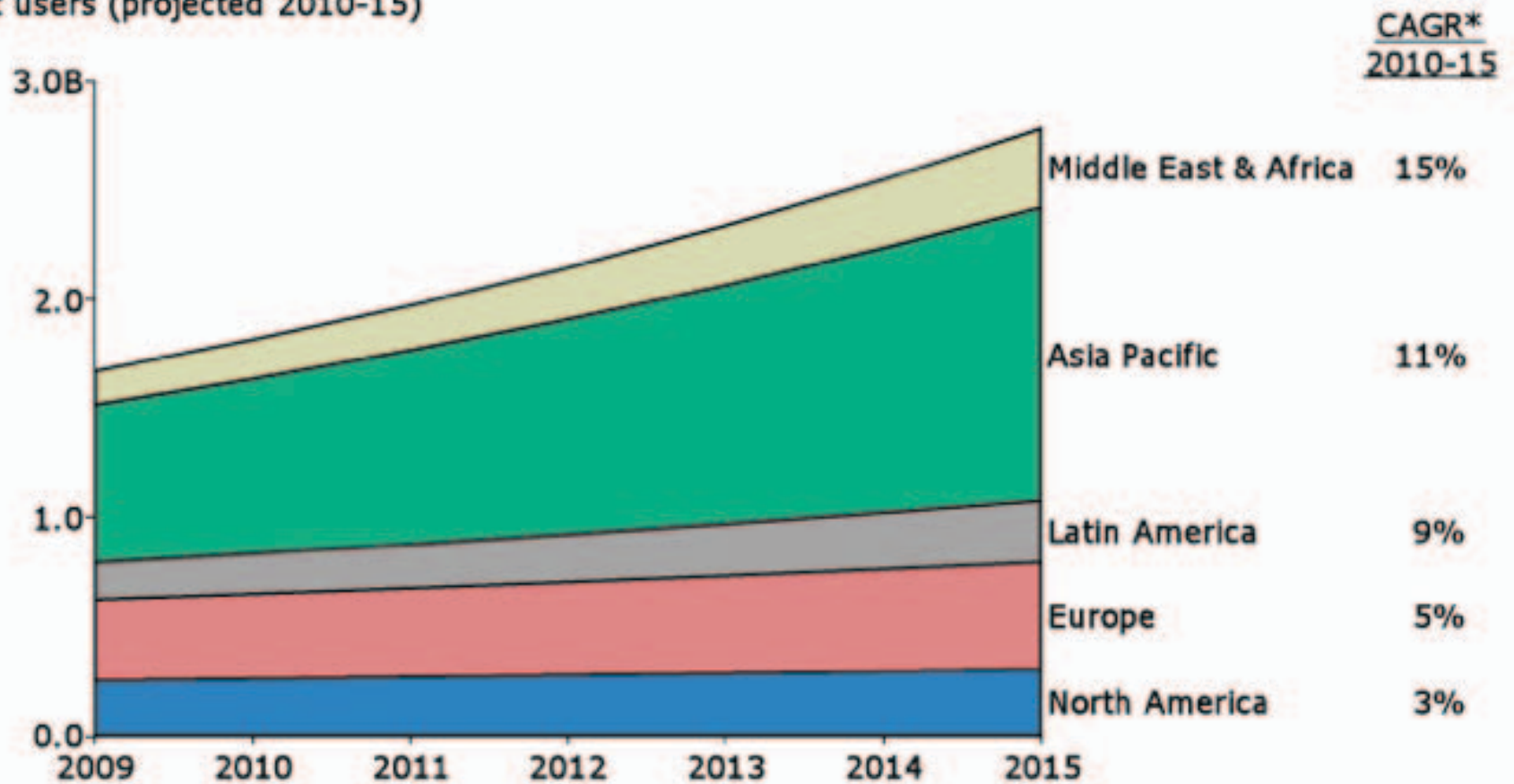
Note: Year 0 defined as first year in which a contributor made 5+ edits in a month. English excluded because of scale; follows similar pattern as German with slightly more pronounced drop-off.

Source: WikiStats; "Wikipedia: A quantitative analysis," Jose Felipe Ortega Soto, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, 2000

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Fastest growth in Internet users in Middle East/Africa and Asia Pacific

Internet users (projected 2010-15)

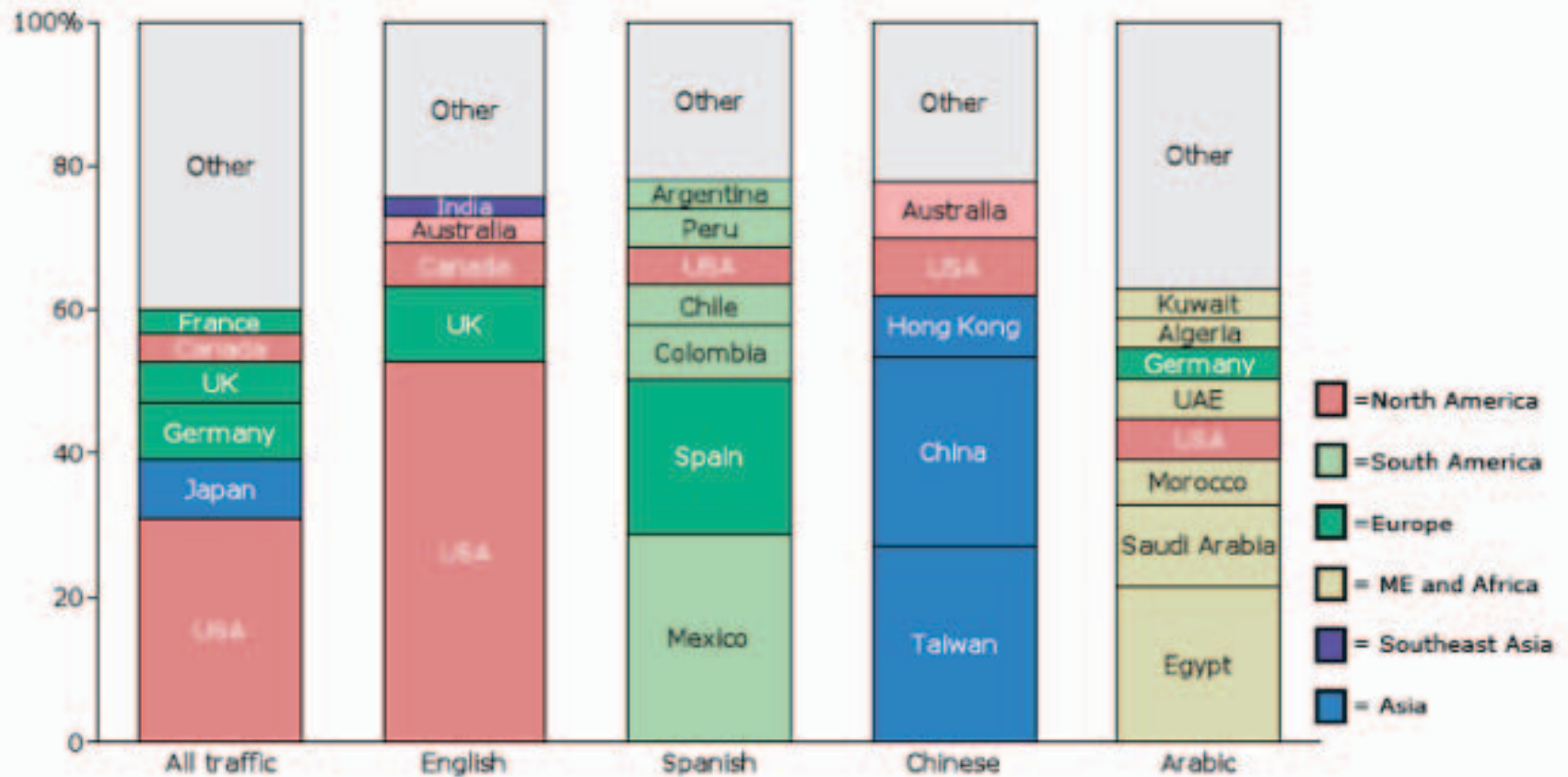


* CAGR is the compound annual growth rate

Source: Bridgespan analysis; market share data from comScore; data on the number of Internet users by region from The International Telecommunications Union; data on projected regional growth rates of Internet use from Forrester; Bridgespan analysis

Most Wikimedia traffic is from North America and Europe, but visitors are from all over the world

Traffic to Wikipedia language projects, by country





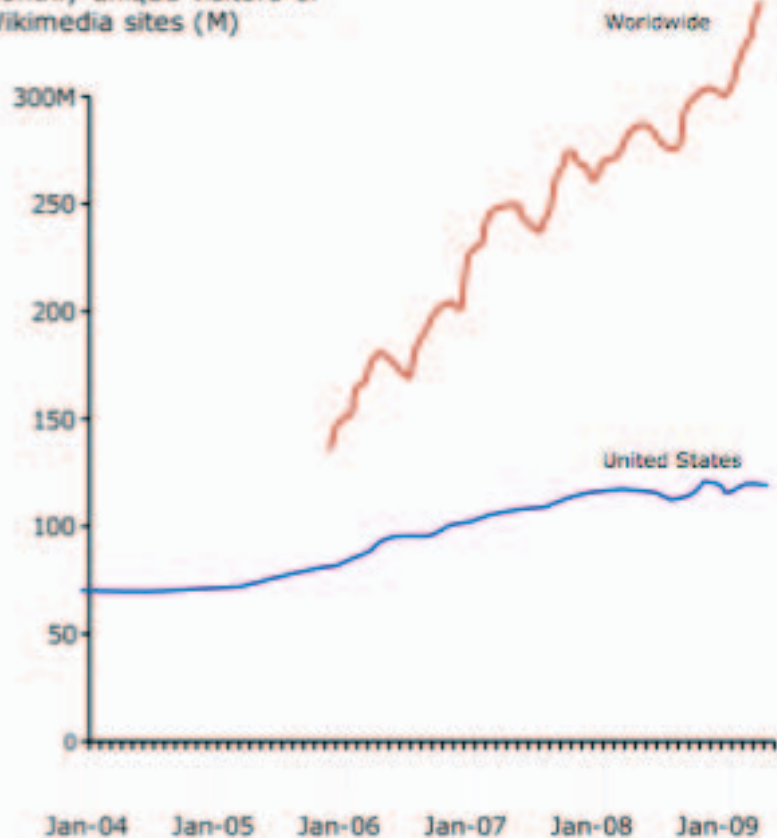
Geographic priorities are determined by opportunities for mission impact: projected mobile and internet growth rates, size and growth of relevant Wikipedia language projects, number of current editors.

Key geographic priorities we're considering:

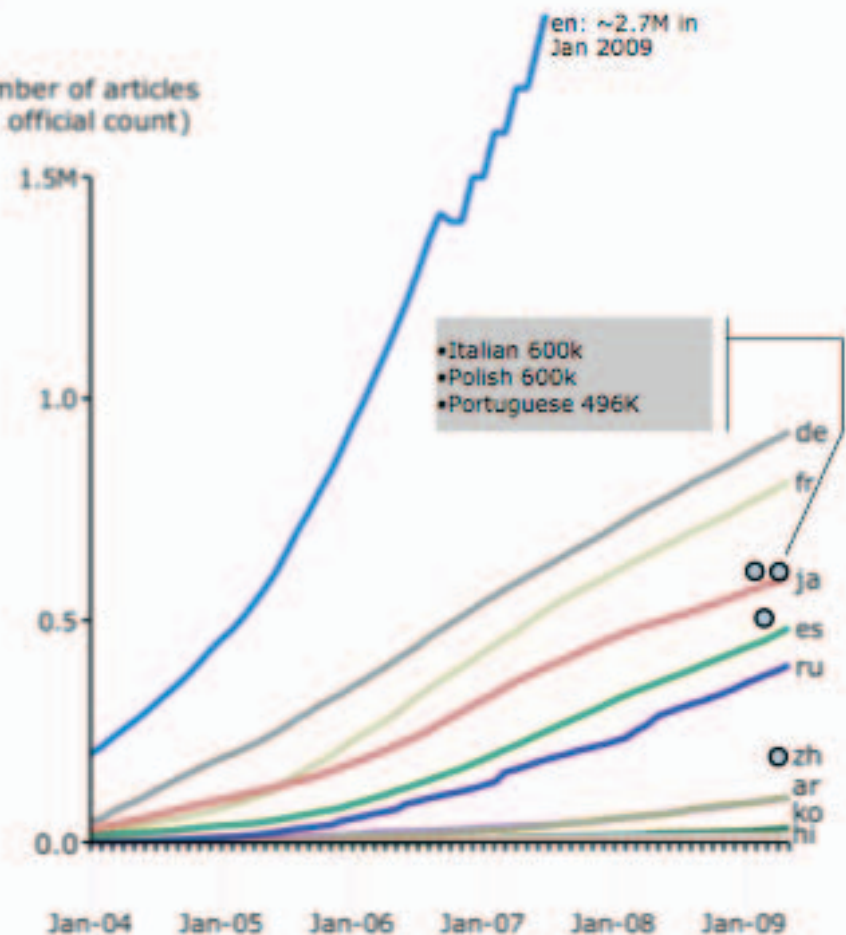
- India
- Russia
- Turkey
- Middle East and North Africa
- Indonesia
- Brazil

Wikimedia has become a global phenomenon with strongest growth outside of the U.S.—though currently dominated by English, other European, and Japanese languages

Monthly unique visitors of Wikimedia sites (M)



Number of articles (M; official count)



Note: "Step function" in English Wikipedia curve caused by English numbers rounded to nearest million post 2006
 Source: Visitor data from ComScore; article data from WikiStats

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