

WIKIDATA

A GAME-CHANGER FOR
WIKIPEDIA AND BEYOND

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing `http://en.wikidata.org/wiki/wikidata`. The page title is "Wikidata". The browser window includes navigation buttons (back, forward) and window control buttons (minimize, maximize, close). A search box is located in the top right corner.

At the top of the page, there are user navigation links: "Wikidata-User", "My talk", "My preferences", "My watchlist", "My contributions", and "Log out".

The main content area has two tabs: "Data" (selected) and "Discussion". To the right of these tabs are "Edit" and "View History" buttons.

The Wikidata logo is on the left, with the text "WIKIDATA" below it. Underneath the logo is a "Navigation" section with links for "Main page", "Recent changes", and "Add a new item". Below that is a "Toolbox" section with links for "What links here", "Related changes", and "Special pages".

The main content area features the Wikidata title and subtitle: "WIKIDATA" and "A free and open knowledge base that anyone can edit." Below this is a table of key information:

Organisation	Wikimedia Deutschland	
Core-team size	12	1 Source
Goals	Help smaller Wikipedias, reduce duplication	1 Source
Development model	open	5 Sources
Base technology	MediaWiki	1 Source
Sponsors	[ai] ² , Google, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	3 Sources
Website	http://wikidata.org	
IRC channel	#wikimedia-wikidata	1 Source
Twitter/identi.ca handle	@wikidata	
Mailing list	wikidata-l@lists.wikimedia.org	

ABOUT WIKIDATA

Wikidata is about creating a free and open data repository. This will make it possible to collect and curate data, to be used within all Wikimedia projects and by third parties.

One example: Wikidata contains the date of birth of a person of public interest associated with the person's name – accessible for all 280+ Wikipedia language versions and beyond. It is similar to Wikimedia Commons but for data instead of multimedia.

GOALS

For the editor communities, a particular goal is to decrease the maintenance burden and help smaller Wikipedias.

Decreased maintenance comes in at least two forms: first, data can be maintained in one and reused in many places; second, automatic list creation will remove the need to create and update lists by hand. Wikidata will also help smaller Wikipedias by boot-straping some of the articles.

TIMELINE

The initial development is being undertaken in three phases. The first phase improves language links. The second concerns infoboxes, while the third will focus on automatic list creation.

The project is scheduled to run from April 2012 until the end of March 2013.

GET INVOLVED

You can contribute by writing code, discussing technical issues, adding and editing data and helping to integrate Wikidata in the Wikipedias. Just ask us for more information.

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