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Why the world needs Wikipedia...

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# Knowledge is power!

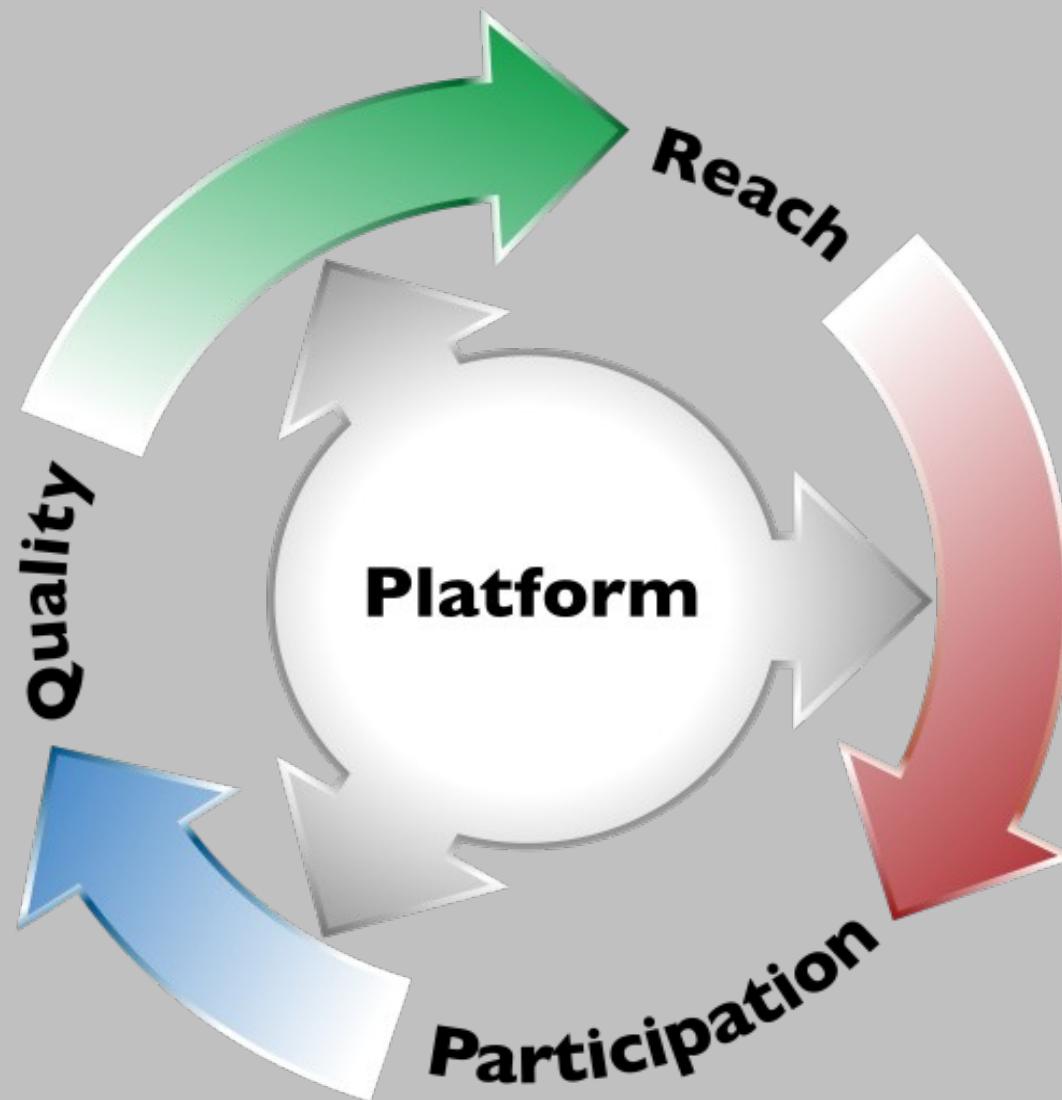


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# Why Wikipedia needs you...

# Wikipedia works because of people like you







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O **Fórum Internacional de Software Livre** acontece anualmente na cidade de [Porto Alegre, RS, Brasil](#). O fórum é considerado um dos maiores eventos do mundo na área por proporcionar uma discussão técnica, política e social sobre software livre de forma integrada. Reúne discussões, palestras, personalidades e novidades nacionais e internacionais do mundo do [software livre](#).

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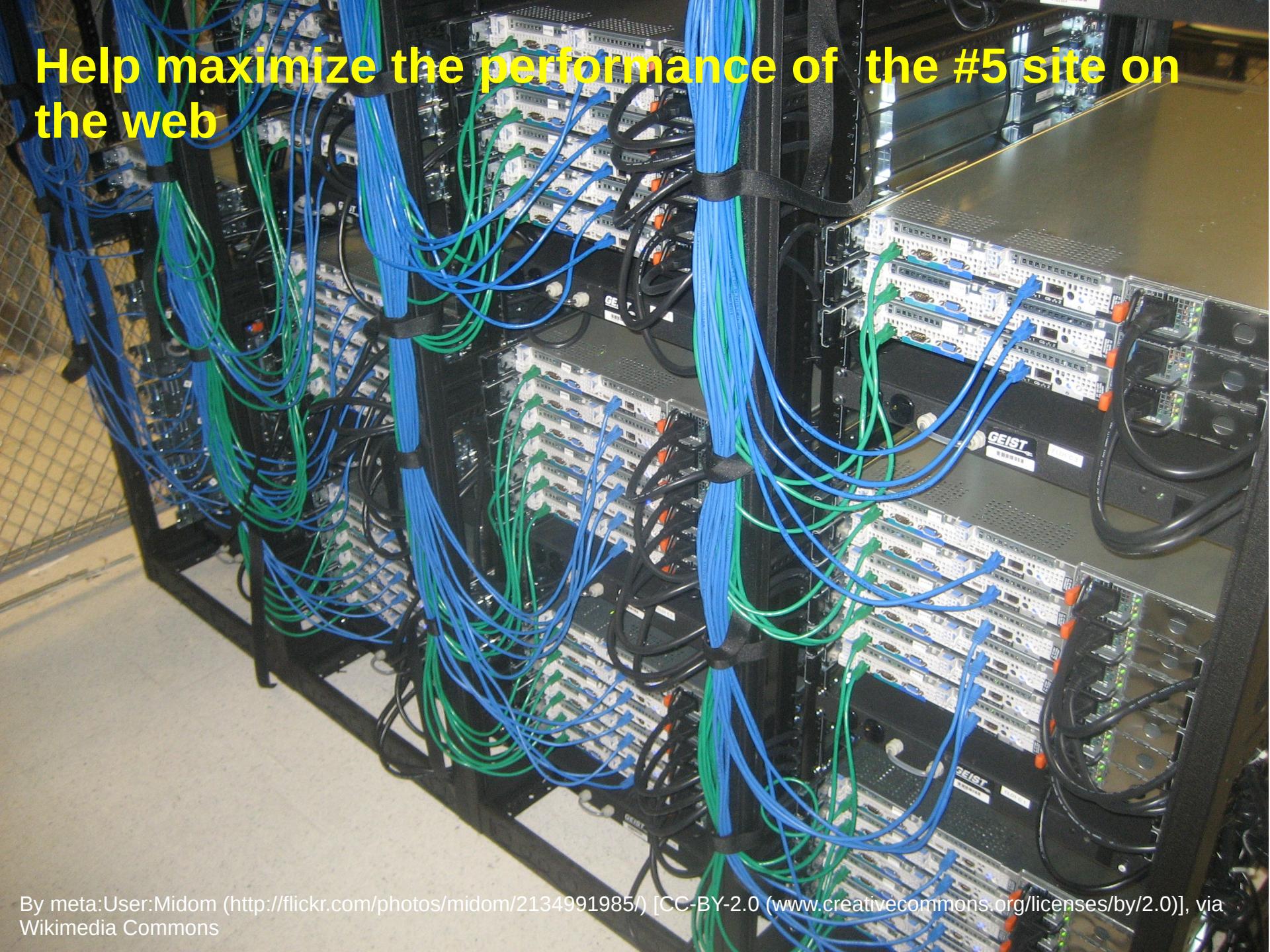


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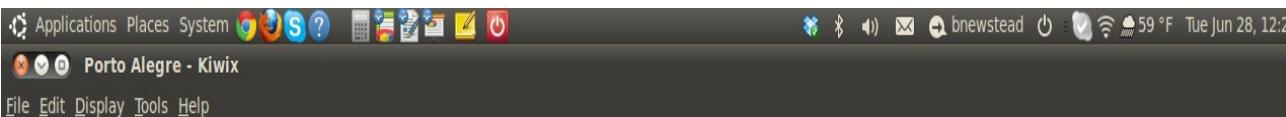


### News

- 2011-06-22: 1.17.0 released  
 MediaWiki 1.17.0 has been released.
- 2011-06-14: 1.17.0rc1 released  
 MediaWiki 1.17.0rc1 is now available.



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## Porto Alegre

**Porto Alegre** (pronunciation) is the 10th most populous municipality in [Brazil](#), and the capital city of the [Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul](#). Porto Alegre is one of the most important cultural, political and economic centers of Southern Brazil. Two [Mercosul](#) countries, [Argentina](#) and [Uruguay](#), border Rio Grande do Sul. It is also the centre of Brazil's fourth largest metropolitan area.

Porto Alegre was founded in 1742 by immigrants from the [Azores](#), [Portugal](#). In the late [19th century](#) the city received many immigrants from other parts of the [world](#), particularly [Germany](#), [Italy](#), and [Poland](#). The vast majority of the population is of European descent.

The city lies on the eastern bank of the Rio Guaíba (Guaíba Lake), at the point where five [rivers](#) converge to form the Lagoa dos Patos (Lagoon of the Ducks), a giant freshwater lagoon navigable by even the largest of [ships](#). Located at the junction of five rivers, it has become an important alluvial port as well as one of the chief [industrial](#) and [commercial](#) centers in Brazil.

The [port](#) of Porto Alegre is important for transporting local produce. The "Gaucho capital" has a broad-based [economy](#) that lays particular emphasis on agriculture and industry. Agricultural production includes produce such as [plums](#), [peaches](#), [rice](#) and [cassava](#) grown on rural smallholdings. The [shoe](#) and leather [industries](#) are also important, especially in Novo Hamburgo, in the Metropolitan Region of Porto Alegre.

Porto Alegre has a long coastline on the Guaíba Lake, and its topography is punctuated by 40 [hills](#). In the lake, a very vast body of water, a maze of [islands](#) facing the city create an archipelago where a unique [ecosystem](#) makes possible an exuberant [wildlife](#). The city area concentrates 28% of the native flora of Rio Grande do Sul, with 9,288 species.<sup>[1]</sup> Among these, there are many trees which are the vestiges of the Atlantic Forest. Fauna is also diversified, especially in the islands and hills. The portoalegrense way of life includes many [parks](#), squares and [wooded streets](#).

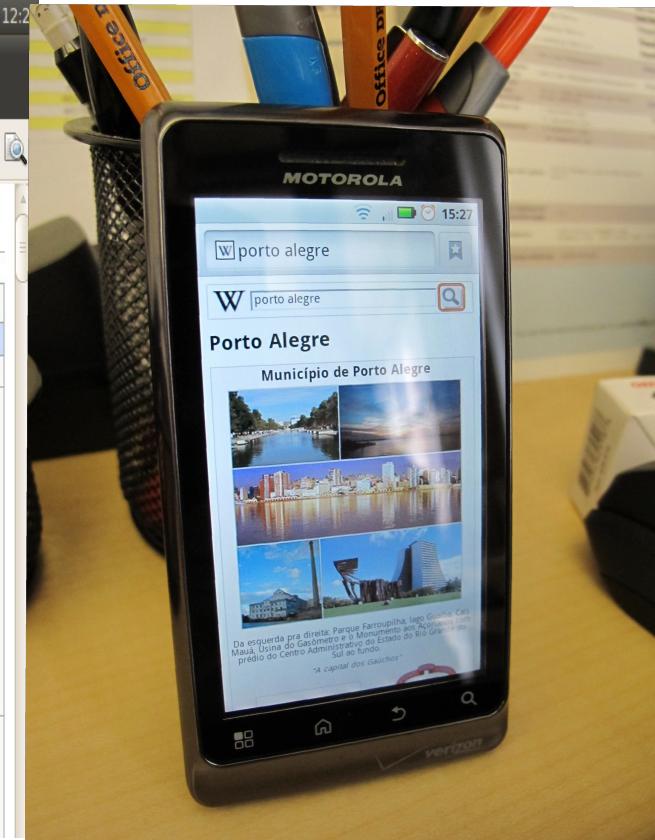
In recent years, Porto Alegre hosted the World Social Forum, an initiative of several [Non Government Organizations](#).

**Porto Alegre**  
– Municipality –

**The Municipality of Porto Alegre**



Skyline of Porto Alegre



# Introduce Wikipedia to the world beyond...



# Build community and make friends



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# Catalyze Brazil's Wikipedia community



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# What to do now...yes you can, right now ;)

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2. Join our dev community

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3. File bugs - <https://bugzilla.wikimedia.org/>

4. Teach others about Wikipedia

[http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

5. Work with libraries, archives, museums to free knowledge and improve Wikipedia

<http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/GLAM>

6. Organize a meetup, hack-a-thon, social gathering

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup>

7. Innovate!

# *Muito Obrigado!*

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