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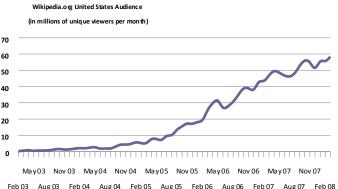
Key statistics:

- According to comScore, Wikipedia is the fourth most popular web property, world-wide. In January, it served 289 million unique visitors.
- Wikipedia is available in 265 languages.
- It is continually expanded by approximately **100,000 active volunteer editors** world-wide.
- The English version alone contains more than **2.8 million** articles.
- All language editions combined contain more than **11 million** articles.
- Next to English, the largest Wikipedia editions are German (875,000 articles), French (774,000 articles), Polish (585,000 articles), and Japanese (568,000 articles).



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Organizational key facts:

- Wikipedia is operated by the Wikimedia Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in San Francisco.
- Until 2005, Wikipedia was run entirely by volunteers.
- The Wikimedia Foundation has run annual fundraisers since 2003. The most recent fundraiser (08-09) raised approximately \$6.5 million dollars from over 138,000 donors, giving an average gift of \$35.
- The Wikimedia Foundation is also funded through grants and large gifts.
- As of February 2009, the Wikimedia Foundation has a staff of 24.
- There are **21** grass-roots Wikimedia chapter organizations around the world.
- For the fiscal year 2008-2009, the Wikimedia Foundation has planned for \$5.97 million of annual expenses, most of which will be spent on technology.

