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Introduction

The Wikimedia foundation is:

- American non-profit organization
- Headquartered in SF, California.
- Founded in 2003 by Jimmy Wales
- hosts sites like Wikipedia.



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Goal

- Operating one the world's largest web properties
- Providing access to Wikipedia everywhere
- Creating new tools for editors.
- Supporting outreach and community initiatives worldwide.
- Informing their decision-making with facts and data.

Wikimedia projects

Wikibooks

Wikidata

Wikipedia







Metawiki

Wikisource

Wiktionary







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History

- Wikipedia and Nupedia were founded by James Wales and Larry Sanger in 2001.
- They were firstly financially supported by Wales' company Bomis.
- As Wikipedia became more and more popular and known, it required much more revenues to function than what Bomis was able to supply.

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- That was when Wales and Sanger came up with idea of a charity model to support the project. Here came the Wikimedia Foundation, initiated in 2003.
- During 2005-2010, by its phenomenal influence, Wikimedia developed into one of the biggest NGOs in the world.

Fun Facts

- Currently there are 5,159,543 articles in the English Wikipedia alone.
- There are 262 different language versions of Wikipedia.
- "Wiki" originally means "quick" in Hawaiian.
- Sex is one of the most popular wikipedia articles in every language except in French and Spanish.
- Anyone can edit articles on Wikipedia.
- No advertisement at all.