A Quick Guide to Wikipedia

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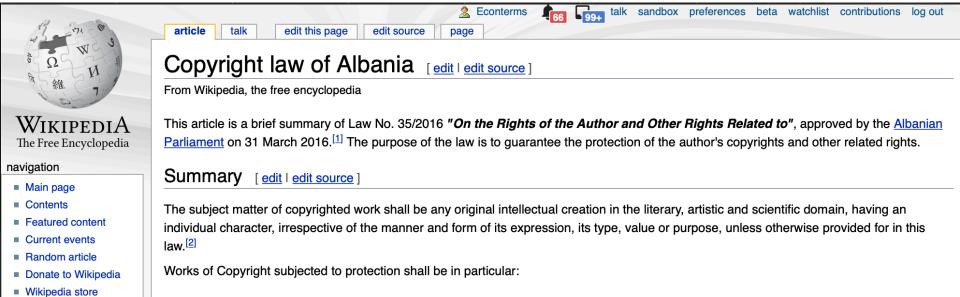To quickly get to the course page, search Wikipedia for **WP:AULegal**

Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia

- Content is **freely licensed** for reuse
- Created and maintained by **volunteers**
- Non-profit educational project, supported by Wikimedia Foundation (WMF)
- Edits/versions are recorded
- "Everything's in a database."
- 5 million articles in English
- 250+ languages

What a wiki is

A **wiki** is a Web site that:

- Can be edited from the browser quickly
- remembers its past versions
- has concise links between its own pages

| article | talk | | edit this page | edit source | page |

Copyright law of Albania [edit | edit source]

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This article is a brief summary of Law No. 35/2016 **"On the Rights of the Author and Other Rights Related to"**, approved by the Albanian Parliament on 31 March 2016.[1] The purpose of the law is to guarantee the protection of the author's copyrights and other related rights.

Summary [edit | edit source]

The subject matter of copyrighted work shall be any original intellectual creation in the literary, artistic and scientific domain, having an individual character, irrespective of the manner and form of its expression, its type, value or purpose, unless otherwise provided for in this law.[2]

Works of Copyright subjected to protection shall be in particular:

I. works of speech expressed through literary and journalistic texts, lectures, religious sermons (written or oral works, and computer programs);

When I'm logged in, at the very top it shows:
- my username, linking to my user page
- my talk page where people can write to me
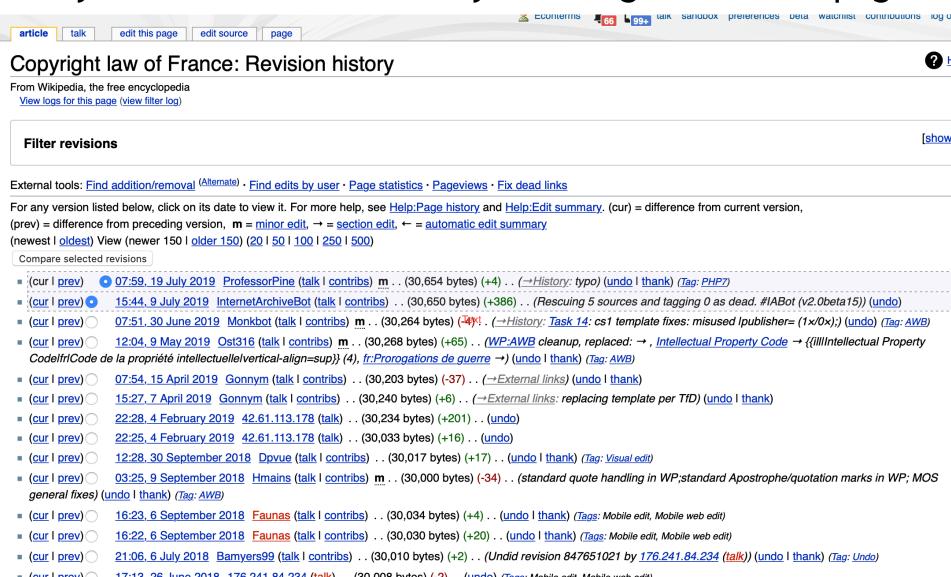- a Sandbox (for editing practice)
- a Watchlist (a list of pages I'm "watching")
- and a list of my contributions ("edits").

History of an article
Any user can see the history of changes to a wiki page

| article | talk | | edit this page | edit source | page |

Copyright law of France: Revision history

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
View logs for this page (view filter log)

Filter revisions

[show

External tools: **Find addition/removal** (Alternate) · **Find edits by user** · **Page statistics** · **Pageviews** · **Fix dead links**

For any version listed below, click on its date to view it. For more help, see Help:Page history and Help:Edit summary. (cur) = difference from current version, (prev) = difference from preceding version, **m** = minor edit, → = section edit, ← = automatic edit summary

(newest | oldest) View (newer 150 | older 150) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500)

Compare selected revisions

- (cur | prev) ⦿ 07:59, 19 July 2019 ProfessorPine (talk | contribs) **m** . . (30,654 bytes) (+4) . . (→History: typo) (undo | thank) (Tag: PHP7)

- (cur | prev) ⦿ 15:44, 9 July 2019 InternetArchiveBot (talk | contribs) . . (30,650 bytes) (+386) . . (Rescuing 5 sources and tagging 0 as dead. #IABot (v2.0beta15)) (undo)

- (cur | prev) ◯ 07:51, 30 June 2019 Monkbot (talk | contribs) **m** . . (30,264 bytes) (-4)! . . (→History: Task 14: cs1 template fixes: misused |publisher= (1×/0×);) (undo) (Tag: AWB)

- (cur | prev) ◯ 12:04, 9 May 2019 Ost316 (talk | contribs) **m** . . (30,268 bytes) (+65) . . (WP:AWB cleanup, replaced: → , Intellectual Property Code → {{ill|Intellectual Property Code|fr|Code de la propriété intellectuelle|vertical-align=sup}} (4), fr:Prorogations de guerre →) (undo | thank) (Tag: AWB)

- (cur | prev) ◯ 07:54, 15 April 2019 Gonnym (talk | contribs) . . (30,203 bytes) (-37) . . (→External links) (undo | thank)

- (cur | prev) ◯ 15:27, 7 April 2019 Gonnym (talk | contribs) . . (30,240 bytes) (+6) . . (→External links: replacing template per TfD) (undo | thank)

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- (cur | prev) ◯ 16:22, 6 September 2018 Faunas (talk | contribs) . . (30,030 bytes) (+20) . . (undo | thank) (Tags: Mobile edit, Mobile web edit)

- (cur | prev) ◯ 21:06, 6 July 2018 Bamyers99 (talk | contribs) . . (30,010 bytes) (+2) . . (Undid revision 847651021 by 176.241.84.234 (talk)) (undo | thank) (Tag: Undo)

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Anatomy of an article

Lead section, or lede
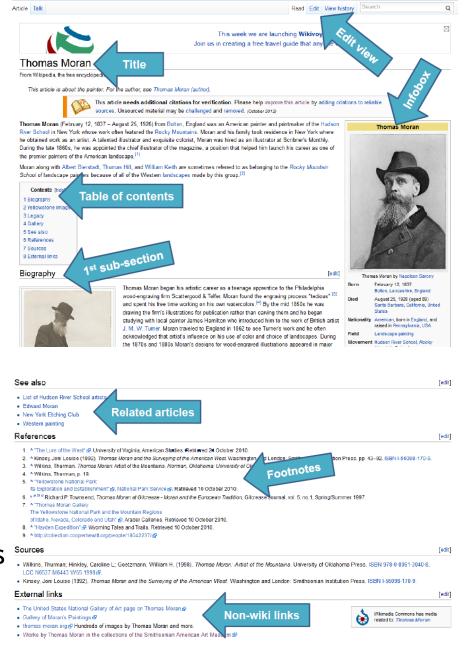Notability must be made clear there

Table of contents appears automatically

Infoboxes help people grasp quickly

Images in public domain or fair use

Footnotes help people delve into topics

Categories, at the bottom, connect related subjects

What subjects get an article?

A topic is sufficiently "notable" if it has received significant coverage in reliable sources that are independent of the subject.

For more, search for **Wikipedia:Notability**, or type in search shortcut WP:N

Articles should make notability clear at the top.
New editors, please get used to making small edits before starting a new article.

Wikipedia Content Standards

- **Neutral Point of View**
- **Verifiability:** cite reliable sources that can be checked
- **No "original research"** - opinions, speculation, unpublished data
- **Assume good faith** in other editors
- **Avoid conflict of interest:** edit articles about self, employer, ideology with great caution

Wikipedia policy

Principles
Five pillars
What Wikipedia is not
Ignore all rules

Content standards
Neutral point of view
Verifiability
No original research
Biographies of living persons
Article titles

Working with others
Civility
No personal attacks
Harassment
No legal threats
Consensus
Dispute resolution

More
List of policies
List of guidelines

Neutral point of view (NPOV)

Wikipedia articles should represent diverse views fairly, proportionately, and in non-judgmental language

Distinguish facts from opinions or contested claims

The policy discussion is careful and sophisticated. To see more, enter search shortcut "WP:NPOV." It's interesting!

Glossary

- Article -- the encyclopedia entries
- Editor – any user who makes an edit
- Admins
- GLAM = Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums
- Campus Ambassadors, and Wikipedia Education Foundation for class work
- Local chapters, like Wikimedia DC
- Events: Edit-a-thons, scan-a-thons, meetups
- Bots – software tools that edit outside the browser
- WikiProject – a message board and standards for a topic
  - There are WikiProjects for Architecture, Economics, Zimbabwe, Fungi, Visual Arts, Feminism, and Virginia. To find one search for e.g. WP:Virginia
  - Take a glance at WikiProject Law. (WP:Law)

We're ready to edit!

(in a safe place at first, like a Sandbox)

You can always cancel, without saving, or undo a recently saved edit.

Recommended: Register as an editor

1. Click "Create Account"

   Your username will be associated with edits you make

2. Choose a username and password

   Each individual ("editor") should have only one account. Shared accounts are not allowed. Don't create an account with the name of an organization.

Advantages of having an account:

   Communicating with others in the community

   Can create articles, upload images, keep preferences

   A record of work builds credibility, confidence, pride

   You get your own "sandbox" page to practice editing

   More likely to get help from others

   Keeps computer's IP address private.

Create account Log

Special page   Search

Create account

Enter your information below.

Username   (help me choose)

Enter your username

Password

Enter a password

Confirm password

Enter password again

Email address (optional)

Enter your email address

Security check

pyXescaped

Refresh

Enter the text you see above

Can't see the image? Request an account

Create your account

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Main page
Contents
Featured content
Current events
Random article
Donate to Wikipedia
Wikimedia Shop

Interaction
Help
About Wikipedia
Community portal
Recent changes
Contact page

Toolbox
Upload file
Special pages
Printable version

Languages

There are two programs for editing

Edit Source	Visual editor
MediaWiki software markup language Type WP:CHEAT in the search box for more information	What you see is what you get (WYSIWYG) Type WP:VE/UG in the search box for more information
Relatively simple to learn, especially if you have any experience with HTML	Familiar symbols for formatting, similar to word processing programs
Best for ultimate control and ability to customize the page; working with wiki "templates" {{ }}	**Best for** making straightforward textual edits, adding links, headings, etc.
Not very good for people who dislike or get confused by markup languages! Also it is easy to lose your place, or make a typo. *Always click "Show Preview" before saving!*	**Not very good for** the more complex wiki markup, such as "templates" {{ }}, still a work in progress, so it can be buggy and/or confusing at times.

Recommended: Turn on both editors

1. Click on *Preferences* at the top of the page

2. Under *Preferences/Editing/Editing mode* select "Show me both editor tabs" from the dropdown menu.

3. Save that Preference

4. Also recommended: Under Preferences/ Watchlist turn on all these:

   Add pages and files I edit to my watchlist
   Add pages and files I move to my watchlist
   Add pages I create and files I upload to my watchlist
   Add new files I upload to my watchlist

   And expand "Days to show in watchlist"

Recommended: Create a user page

1. Click the link at the top with your username on it.
2. Write something (like "Hello world") and *click Show Preview*.
3. Leave a comment under Edit Summary explaining what you did. Now you have a user page!

This user page can be personalized as you wish.

If you are editing while employed or affiliated with an institution it is good form to post a conflict of interest statement. (Example: [[User:Sarasays]])

Citing Sources

Users have edit histories

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Talk pages

User talk pages
These are public pages intended for text messages sent to particular users. To sign one's user name, there's a trick: put ~~~~, which fills out with the username when the edit is saved.

Article Talk Pages
A place for editors to discuss the topic
Give you a feel about issues and controversies with the article

If you find an article has problems or errors, this is a place where you can make suggestions instead of editing it yourself

We can thank other editors for their work!

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- (cur | prev) ○ 19:46, March 29, 2013 Sarahobender (talk | contribs) . . (9,634 bytes) (+171) . . (undo | thank)
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- (cur | prev) ○ 17:56, March 29, 2013 Sarahobender (talk | contribs) . . (4,371 bytes) **(+842)** . . (→*Selling the Modernists*) (undo | thank)

This brings a positive & collaborative spirit to the community

Creating a new article

1. Do some searching around to confirm the article doesn't exist under a different name.

2. Draft the article stub in your user Sandbox.

3. Search (unsuccessfully) for the exact name of the article you want to create.

4. Click on the resulting redlink to create the page, paste in code from your Sandbox, Save.

NOTE: "Submit for review" button is not required for registered editors.

To do online

1. See history of "Copyright law of France" and "Copyright law of Albania"
2. History page and Pageview Statistics
3. Look at talk pages, short and long
4. See a user page and a user talk page
5. Can rename a Sandbox page
6. Use WP:AULegal and see what it is
7. Name spaces: "main", "talk", etc
8. Visit WP:Copyright, WP:NPOV, WP:Village pump,
9. Commons vs. Fair Use

This tutorial for was created by Georgina Goodlander (user:bathlander) for the "Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: The Civil War and American Art" event held Feb. 15, 2013.

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Please feel free to expand, improve, re-use, and share!