Spring 2025 Wikidata Edit-A-Thon:
Adding People to Wikidata

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Building better libraries
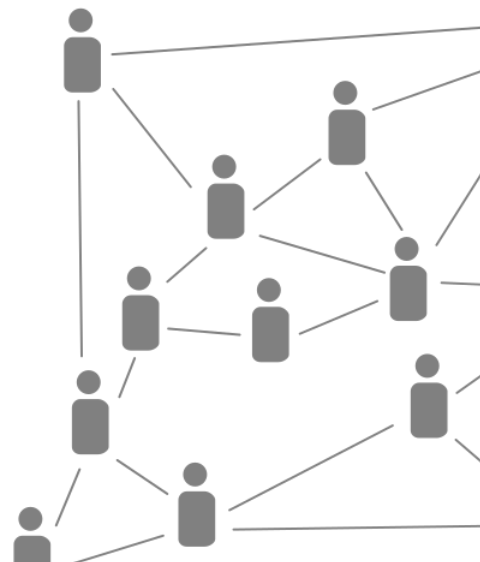
Linked Data for Libraries Users Group (LDUG)

Who is LDUG?

1. Foster communication among library folks about Linked Data.
2. Provide a forum to discuss Linked Data developments and projects; share educational resources.
3. Raise awareness of Linked Data and promote its use to the broader library community.

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Linked Data for Libraries Users Group (LDUG) : https://www.mcls.org/engagement/linked-data-users-group/
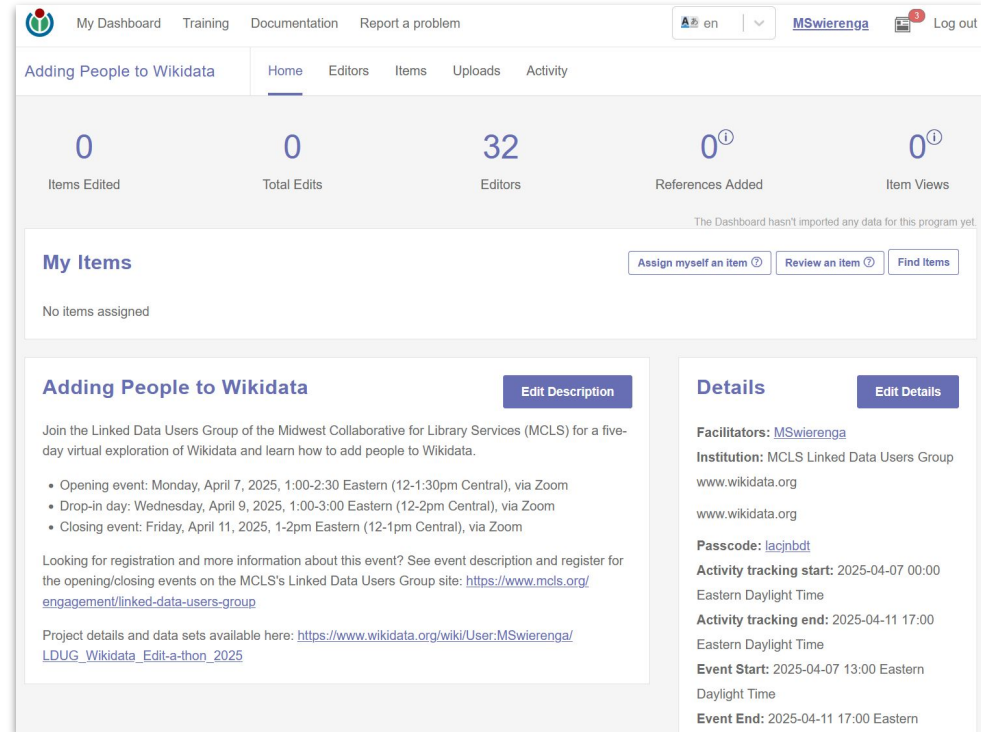
Edit-a-thon Schedule

- ## April 7: Opening Event
  - Orientation to the edit-a-thon and our subject
  - Introduction to Wikidata/Linked Data
  - How to edit/Live editing demo
  - Editing - Try your hand at editing
  - Wrap-up and next steps
- ## April 7-11: Independent Editing
- ## April 11: Closing Event
  - Dashboard review, querying our data, tools
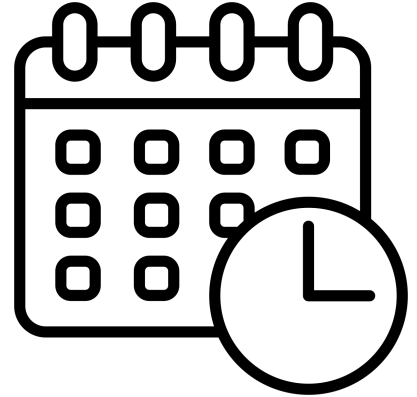
Edit-a-thon Orientation

- [Create Account](#)
- [Join Dashboard](#)
  passcode: [lacjnbdt](#)
- [Join Slack](#)
  [mclsldugwikidata.slack.com](#)
- Visit Wikidata
  [Project Page](#)

What are we editing?

People! Why?

Researchers, Authors, Artists, Colleagues, Scientists, Politicians, Historical figures, Actors, Leaders, Revolutionaries, Inventors, Architects, Engineers, Poets, Mathematicians, Teachers …
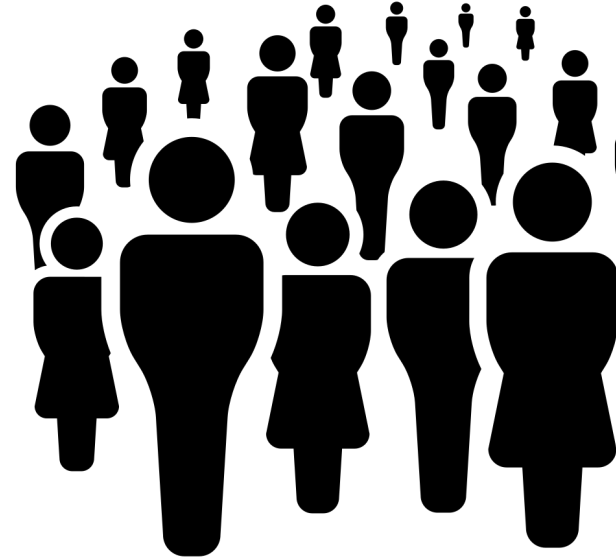
Introduction to Wikidata and Linked Data

The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to providing the full content of these wiki-based projects to the public free of charge

Welcome to Wikidata

Wikidata is a free, collaborative, multilingual, secondary database, collecting structured data to provide support for Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons, the other wikis of the Wikimedia movement, and to anyone in the world.

Free

- All content on Wikidata is available under a CC0 license
- Information and data structures are in the public domain
- You may freely use, share, and remix data

Collaborative

- Data is entered and maintained by Wikidata editors
- Editors decide on rules of content creation and management
- 13K active editors
- International

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Multilingual

- Data entered in any language and is immediately available in all other languages
- 200+ languages
- Wikidata items are language agnostic, have labels added in languages

Structured Data: **Items** and **Properties**

- Q number is a unique identifier for an Item
  - Q1 = the Universe
  - Q5 = human
  - Q1415 = Indiana
- Any editor can create an Item

- P number is a unique identifier for Property
  - P31 = instance of
  - P569 = date of birth
  - P214 = VIAF ID
- Controlled vocabulary
- Proposal and approval process

Linked Data Statements
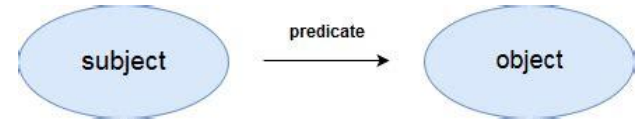
Abraham Lincoln -> is a -> human

Language-agnostic Entity IDs: Q91 -> P31 -> Q6

Globally unique URIs: https://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q91

Statements

instance of	⇕ human	✏ edit
	▸ 2 references	
		+ add value

Statements

Gavin Newsom (Q461391)

Geolocation

Longitude: -122.4183
Latitude: 37.775

{mayor}

{location}

Number

744,000

{population}

San Francisco (Q62)

{in}

California (Q99)

{in}

United States (Q30)
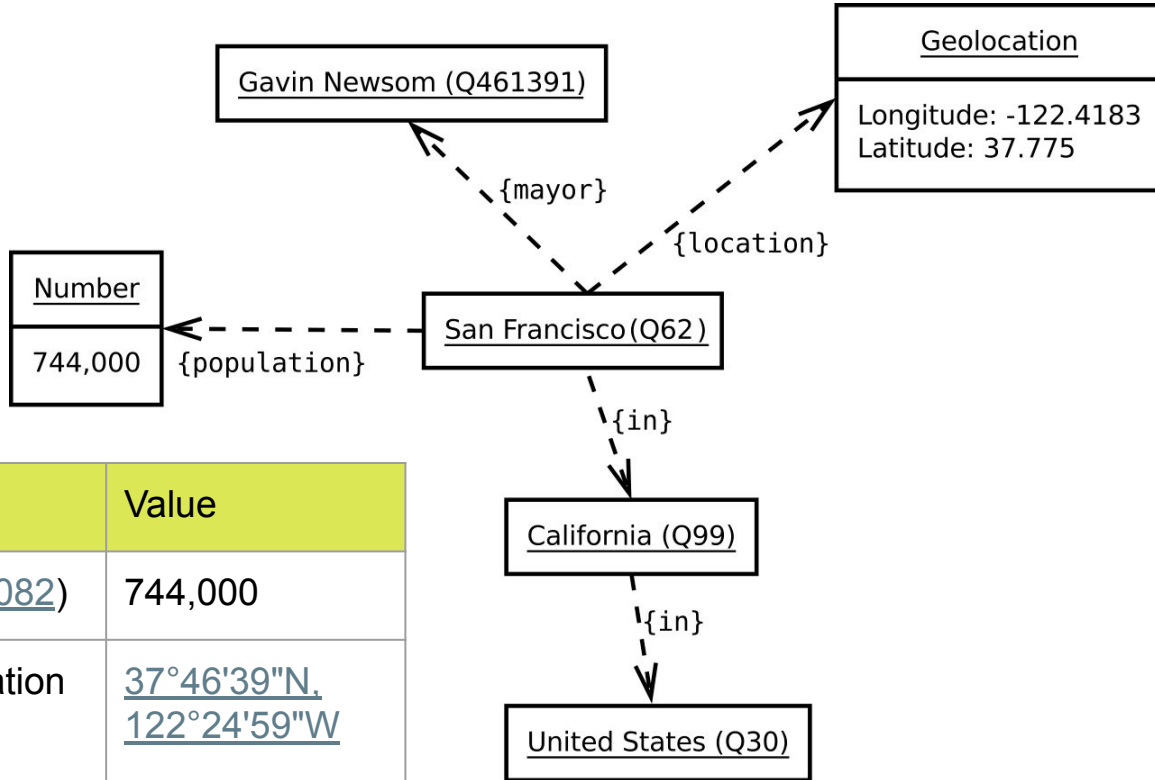
Statements (triples):

Item	Property	Value
San Francisco (Q62)	population (P1082)	744,000
San Francisco (Q62)	coordinate location (P625)	37°46'39"N, 122°24'59"W

Wikidata knowledge graph showing Smithsonian AWHI women and their occupations and schools - https://w.wiki/zmg

Image: Wikidata Knowledge Graph - Edmonia Lewis (Wikimedia Commons, 2022, Fuzheado)

label — **Douglas Adams** (Q42) — item identifier

description —
English writer and humorist
Douglas Noël Adams | Douglas Noel Adams — aliases

▶ In more languages

Statements

property — educated at — St John's College — value

end time	1974
academic major	English literature
academic degree	Bachelor of Arts
start time	1971

qualifiers

rank

▼ 2 references

stated in	Encyclopædia Britannica Online
reference URL	http://www.nndb.com/people/731/000023662/
original language of work	English
retrieved	7 December 2013
publisher	NNDB
title	Douglas Adams (English)

opened references

+ add reference

Brentwood School

end time	1970
start time	1959

▶ 0 references — collapsed reference

statement group

+ add (statement)

Item   Discussion

Douglas Adams (Q42)

English writer and humorist (1952-2001)   ✏ edit
Douglas Noel Adams | Douglas Noël Adams | Douglas N. Adams

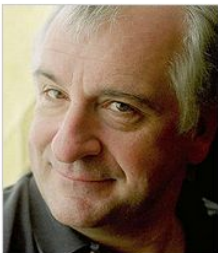▸ Recoin: Most relevant properties which are absent

▾ In more languages
Configure

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Douglas Adams	English writer and humorist (1952-2001)	Douglas Noel Adams Douglas Noël Adams Douglas N. Adams
Spanish	Douglas Adams	escritor y humorista británico	Douglas Noel Adams Douglas Noël Adams
Traditional Chinese	道格拉斯·亞當斯	英國作家	
Chinese	道格拉斯·亞當斯	英國作家	亞當斯

All entered languages

Statements

instance of	human	✏ edit
	▸ 2 references	
		➕ add value

image		✏ edit

Douglas adams portrait cropped.jpg
333 × 386; 32 KB

media legend   Porträtt av Douglas Adams.
                      (Swedish)

Sidebar — Navigation
Main page
Community portal
Project chat
Create a new Item
Recent changes
Random Item
Query Service
Nearby
Help
Donate

Lexicographical data

Create a new Lexeme
Recent changes
Random Lexeme

Tools

What links here
Related changes
Special pages
Permanent link
Page information
Concept URI
Cite this page

Wikipedia (84 entries) ✏ edit

af	Douglas Adams
ar	دوغلاس آدمز
arz	دوجلاس ادامز
ast	Douglas Adams
azb	داقلاس آدامز
az	Duqlas Adams
bar	Douglas Adams
be_x_old	Дуглас Адамз
be	Дуглас Адамс
bg	Дъглас Адамс
bn	ডগলাস অ্যাডামস
bs	Douglas Adams
ca	Douglas Adams
cs	Douglas Adams
cy	Douglas Adams
da	Douglas Adams
de	Douglas Adams
el	Ντάγκλας Άνταμς
en	Douglas Adams
eo	Douglas Adams
es	Douglas Adams
et	Douglas Adams
eu	Douglas Adams
fa	داگلاس آدامز
fi	Douglas Adams
fr	Douglas Adams
ga	Douglas Adams
gl	Douglas Adams
he	דאגלס אדמס
hr	Douglas Adams
hu	Douglas Adams
hy	Դուգլաս Ադամս
ia	Douglas Adams
id	Douglas Adams
ie	Douglas Adams
io	Douglas Adams

Data about People

- Biographical descriptors
- Family relationships
- Sex and gender identity
- Ethnic group, Religion or worldview
- Country of citizenship, Place of residence
- Education, Occupation, Employment
- Internet profile
- Identifiers
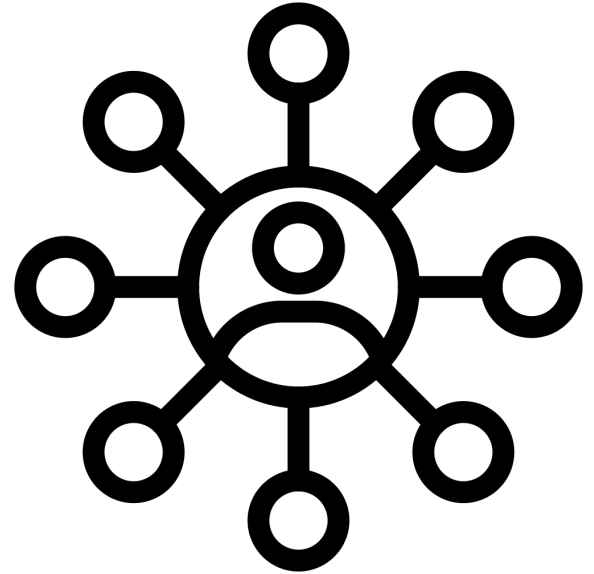
Data about People: Identifiers

Identity Management

- Library of Congress authority ID
- VIAF cluster ID
- ORCID iD
- ISNI
- WorldCat Entities ID
- FAST ID
- SNAC ARK ID
- YouTube channel ID
- Spotify artist ID

Identifiers

VIAF cluster ID	113230702	edit
	▸ 1 reference	
		+ add value

ISNI	0000000080456315	edit
	▸ 1 reference	
		+ add value

NORAF ID	90196888	edit
	▾ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

National Library of Brazil ID	000592321	edit
	▾ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

CANTIC ID	981058527710806706	edit
	▾ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

National Library of Chile ID	000263040	edit
	▾ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

| National Library of Spain ID | XX1149955 | edit |

Special Considerations for People

- **Notability** ([policy](#))
  - Contains a sitelink to a sister project
  - Clearly identifiable person described with serious and public references
- **Ethical/Privacy Considerations for Living People** ([policy](#))
  - "...we strive to provide only information in whose veracity we have a high confidence and which doesn't violate a person's reasonable expectations of privacy."
  - Publicly accessible information. Don't know?, don't add it.

Inspirational Board: Projects with People

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

GRAPHIC POSSIBILITIES

graphicpossibilities.hcommons.org

Wikidata:WikiProject PCC Wikidata Pilot/ UNLV

ART + FEMINISM

artandfeminism.org

Wikipedia:

WikiProject Women in Red

Data Model for Humans

Properties for Humans (from Wikidata:WikiProject Biography):

- instance of (P31): human (Q5)
- given name (P735): *first name or another given name of this person*
- family name (P734): *part of full name of person*
- date of birth (P569): *date on which the subject was born*
- date of death (P570): *date on which the subject died*
- country of citizenship (P27): *the object is a country that recognizes the subject as its citizen*

Data Model for Humans

Properties for Humans (from WikiProject: Biography):

- occupation (P106): *occupation of a person; see also "field of work" (Property:P101), "position held" (Property:P39)*
- employer (P108): *person or organization for which the subject works or worked*
- educated at (P69): *alma mater: educational institution attended by subject*
- academic degree (P512): *academic degree that the person holds*
- archives at (P485): *the institution holding the subject's archives*

Where to find the information

People to Add to Wikidata
Spreadsheet

Includes data from:

- Encyclopedia of Detroit
- Encyclopedia of Indianapolis
- Indiana Authors Award
- Michigan Author Award

Where to find the information: Identifiers

Library of Congress Authorities:

https://authorities.loc.gov/webvoy.htm

Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)

https://viaf.org/en

LC control no.: n 79006779
LCCN Permalink: https://lccn.loc.gov/n79006779
HEADING: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

Lincoln, Abraham (American president, 1809-1865)
VIAF ID: 76349832 (Personal)
Permalink: http://viaf.org/viaf/76349832

Library of Congress authority ID		n79006779
		subject named as
		alternative name

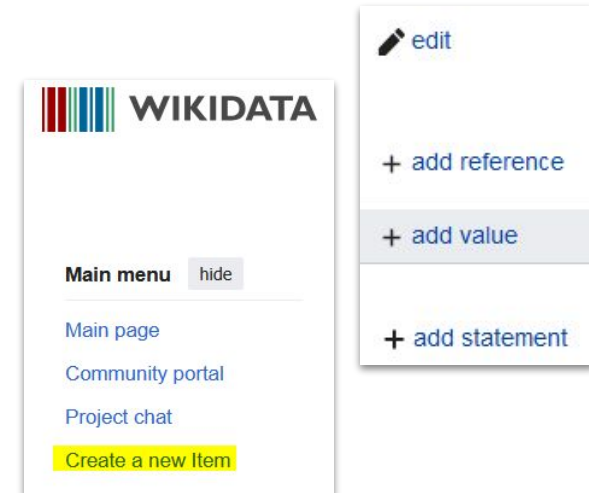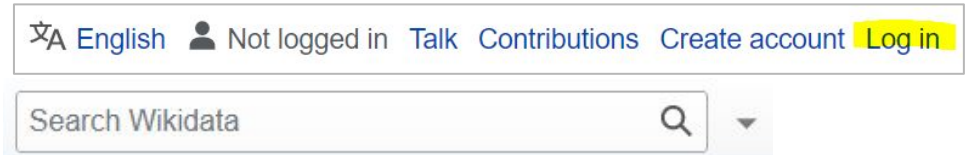| VIAF cluster ID		76349832
		▸ 1 reference

Editing Basics

- www.wikidata.org / Log in
- Search for item
- **Item is already created:**
  - Edit/add to existing statements
  - Look for the +
    - Add a Statement / Reference / Value
- **Item needs to be created:**
  - Create a new Item (from homepage)
    - Add Label, Description, Aliases -> Create

文A English 👤 Not logged in Talk Contributions Create account Log in

Search Wikidata 🔍 ▾

||||| WIKIDATA

Main menu hide

Main page
Community portal
Project chat
Create a new Item

✏ edit

+ add reference

+ add value

+ add statement

First search for the person, and variant name forms.
If not found, Create a new item

Search Wikidata   Search

文A English

Create a new Item

Please make sure that the item you want to create complies with our notability policy and that it doesn't already exist.
If you want to create an item about a living person, be mindful of their privacy.
We appreciate it if you create a label and a description for all of your new items.
The first letter of your label should only be capitalized if it is a proper noun (Q147276), and your description should *not* be phrased as a sentence.
To create a new lexeme (*read here first to learn how a lexeme is different from an item*), please use Special:NewLexeme.

By clicking "Create", you agree to the terms of use, and you irrevocably agree to release your contribution under the Creative Commons CC0 License.

plz read

Create a new Item

Language:

en

Label:

Katherine Higgs-Coulthard

published form

Description:

American author

Aliases, pipe-separated:

Kat Higgs-Coulthard

from her website
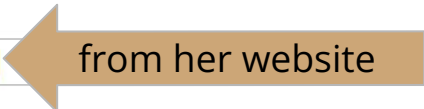
Create

Let's Edit

WIKIDATA
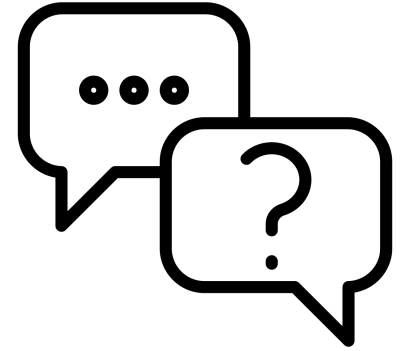
1. Select an item from data set
2. "Call it" by adding your username
3. Search Wikidata for the item
4. In Wikidata already?: enhance
5. Not in Wikidata?: create items; add statements
6. Go forth, be bold, and edit!

Next Steps

- Watch the Dashboard:
  https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/courses/MCLS_Linked_Data_Users_Group/Adding_People_to_Wikidata
- Ask questions in Slack (project team will monitor)
- Create/Edit Items for People to Wikidata, optional data set:
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XF3Ce1sbiSHghyUbB5s138dcSI8OKn69epjIcg_MHok/edit?usp=sharing
- Join us **April 9** for co-working hangout on Zoom, and **April 11** for the closing event

Wikidata Training Resources

Additional ways to learn about Wikidata:

- Wikidata Tours:
  - https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Tours
- Wikidata.org Help Portal:
  - https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Contents
- Wikidata Training Modules:
  - https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/training/wikidata
- YouTube videos (Wikidata Tutorial from LD4)

Thank You!

Go forth and edit
BE BOLD!

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