

# **Wikipedia 1.0**

## **Offline releases of the English language Wikipedia**

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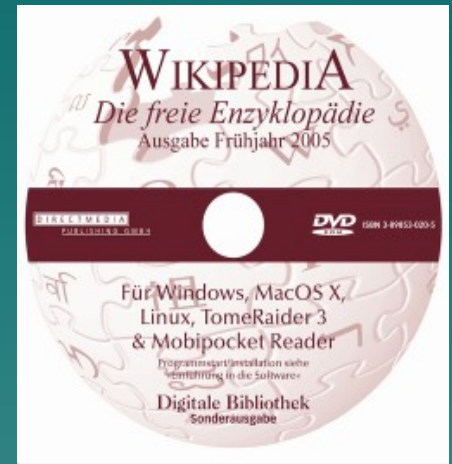
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# What is Wikipedia 1.0?

- ◆ Initially proposed by Jimmy Wales in 2003, a “paper friendly format”
- ◆ Now seen as covering any offline release – paper, CD or DVD.
- ◆ Versions of the German Wikipedia have been released on CD, DVD and (partial) paper in 2004/2005.
- ◆ A 2000-article CD was released by a UK charity in Jan 2006.
- ◆ English and Polish versions are planned for release soon.



# Why offline?



- ◆ Early discussion of this topic was dominated by critics who regarded offline releases as a backward step.

- ◆ Many people still don't have easy, regular internet access.
- ◆ Convenience – in the house, on the plane.
- ◆ The German experience has shown that there is strong demand, even in a developed nation.
- ◆ The organization involved also helps the work of the main online version.

“Manifest Destiny,” painting by John Gast, ca. 1872, public domain

# Wider impact (1): January 2006

## Articles for the Wikipedia 1.0 project

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Hi, I'm a member of the [Wikipedia:Version 1.0 Editorial Team](#), which is looking to identify quality articles in Wikipedia for future publication on CD or paper. We recently began assessing using [these criteria](#), and we are looking for A-Class and good B-Class articles, with no POV or copyright problems. Can you recommend some suitable articles on battles or military history? I'd be particularly interested to see your assessments of "must have" topics like [World War I](#). I see that you are a large and very active group, do you perhaps already have a worklist like [this one](#)? Please mention any FAs, we will obviously be including those as well. Please post your suggestions here. Cheers, [Walkerm](#)  
06:20, 28 January 2006 (UTC)

Well, most of the major wars seem an obvious target, in my opinion. (Random ideas) Hundred Years, Civil, American Independence, US Civil War, Norman Invasion of England, Napoleonic Wars, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm. Whether or not they are "A Class" articles I don't know. We could target them for Peer Review and FA status to get them up to speed (if they're not already there.) One thing we'd have to figure out is what kind of article length you're looking for. WWII is long, WWI isn't a lot shorter. What you may end up doing is taking synopses of these articles with links to the real thing online... </random thoughts on the matter> [Guapovia](#) 15:15, 28 January 2006 (UTC)

Pretty much the entire "War" section of the FA list would qualify. As far as major conflicts: WWI is an FA, WWII was on FAC (don't recall if it was promoted). The other major wars are mostly in a rather sad state; the topics are really too big for a single person to clean up properly. Possibly creating a project-wide collaboration of the week or similar effort could be useful here. —[Kirill Lokshin](#) 16:09, 28 January 2006 (UTC)

Some more information: here's a list of (some) major conflicts and an opinion of the quality articles (both quite subjective)

- [Greco-Persian Wars](#) - short, good start
- [Peloponnesian War](#) - former FA
- [First Crusade](#) - FA
- [Mongol invasions](#) - cleanup tags galore
- [Hundred Years' War](#) - long but disorganized
- [Sengoku period](#) - short, list-like

# Wider impact (2)

Wikipedia:WikiProject Military history/Assessment

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Welcome to the **assessment department** of the Military history WikiProject! This department focuses on assessing the quality of Wikipedia's military history articles. The resulting article ratings are used within the project to aid in recognizing excellent contributions and identifying topics in need of further work, and are also expected to play a role in the [WVP:1.0](#) program.

The assessment is done in a distributed fashion through parameters in the [{{WPMILHIST}}](#) project banner; this causes the articles to be placed in the appropriate sub-categories of [Category:Military history articles by quality](#), which serve as the foundation for an [automatically generated](#) [worklist](#).

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**FAQ**

- How do I add an article to the WikiProject?**  
Just add [{{WPMILHIST}}](#) to the talk page; there's no need to do anything else.
- Someone put a [{{WPMILHIST}}](#) template on an article, but it's not a military topic. What should I do?**  
Because of the large number of articles we deal with, we occasionally make mistakes and add tags to articles that shouldn't have them. If you notice one, feel free to remove the tag, and optionally leave a note on the talk page of this department (or directly with the person who tagged the article).
- What is the purpose of the article ratings?**  
The rating system allows the project to monitor the quality of articles in our subject areas, and to prioritize work on these articles. Please note, however, that these ratings are meant for the *internal* use of the project.

**Military history WikiProject**

**General information**

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## Current status

### Military history articles

Quality	
★ FA	105
A-Class	40
⊕ GA	56
B-Class	892
Start	2157
Stub	2745
Unassessed	6962
Importance	
Top	0
High	0
Mid	0
Low	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12957</b>

# Wider impact (3)

- ◆ The presence of a system-wide project encourages system-wide standards.

Template:Grading scheme

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Article progress grading scheme** [ [v](#) [d](#) [e](#) ]

Label	Criteria	Reader's experience	Editor's experience	Example
<b>★ FA</b> <span>{{FA-Class}}</span>	Reserved exclusively for articles that have received " <a href="#">Featured article</a> " status after <a href="#">peer review</a> , and meet the current criteria for featured articles.	Definitive. Outstanding, thorough article; a great source for encyclopedic information.	No further editing necessary, unless new published information has come to light.	<a href="#">Medal of Honor</a> <span>[</span> <a href="#">v</a> <span>]</span> (as of July 2006)
<b>A-Class</b> <span>{{A-Class}}</span>	Provides a well-written, reasonably clear and complete description of the topic, as described in <a href="#">How to write a great article</a> . It should be of a length suitable for the subject, with a well-written introduction and an appropriate series of headings to break up the content. It should have sufficient external literature references, preferably from the "hard" ( <a href="#">peer-reviewed</a> where appropriate) literature rather than websites. Should be well illustrated, with no copyright problems. At the stage where it could at least be considered for <a href="#">featured article</a> status, corresponds to the "Wikipedia 1.0" standard.	Very useful to readers. A fairly complete treatment of the subject. A non-expert in the subject matter would typically find nothing wanting. May miss a few relevant points.	Minor edits and adjustments would improve the article, particularly if brought to bear by a subject-matter expert. In particular, issues of breadth, completeness, and balance may need work. <a href="#">Peer-review</a> would be helpful at this stage.	<a href="#">Durian</a> <span>[</span> <a href="#">v</a> <span>]</span> (as of June 2006)
<b>⊕ GA</b> <span>{{GA-Class}}</span>	The article has passed through the <a href="#">Good article nomination process</a> and been granted GA status, meeting the <a href="#">good article standards</a> . This should be used for articles that still need some work to reach featured article standards, but that are otherwise good. Good articles that may succeed in FAC should be considered A-Class articles, but being a <a href="#">Good article</a> is not a requirement for A-Class.	Useful to nearly all readers. A good treatment of the subject. No obvious problems, gaps, excessive information. Adequate for most purposes, but other encyclopedias could do a better job.	Some editing will clearly be helpful, but not necessary for a good reader experience. If the article is not already fully <a href="#">wikified</a> , now is the time.	<a href="#">Agriculture</a> <span>[</span> <a href="#">v</a> <span>]</span> (as of June 2006)
	Has several of the elements described in "start", usually a <i>majority</i> of the material needed for a completed article. Nonetheless, it	Useful to many, but not all, readers. A casual	Considerable editing is still	<a href="#">Munich air disaster</a> <span>[</span> <a href="#">v</a> <span>]</span> (as of

**Need:** The article's priority or importance, regardless of its quality

<b>Top</b>	Subject is a must-have for a print encyclopaedia
<b>High</b>	Subject contributes a depth of knowledge
<b>Mid</b>	Subject fills in more minor details
<b>Low</b>	Subject is mainly of specialist interest.

# The German Wikipedia 1.0

- ◆ November 2004: Directmedia Publishing GmbH began distributing a “snapshot” version: 40,000 CDs at €3.00. Articles screened by volunteers, contained 132,000 articles and 1,200 images. Also available for free download.
- ◆ April 2005: DVD/CD release by Directmedia. Contained *Personendaten* in biographies. Sold 30,000 DVDs at €9.90 each.
- ◆ December 2005: Zenodot/Directmedia release a book/DVD (7.5 GB) of 300,000 articles and 100,000 images. Automated screening used most recent version by a trusted editor.
- ◆ Wikipress books released on specific topics.
- ◆ Plans for Zenodot to release a paper version have been put “on hold.”



# Timeline for English Wikipedia 1.0



- ◆ December 2004: Proposed release date, but things stuck in the “talk” phase.
- ◆ December 2004: the Editorial Team was set up by *User:Maureen*.
- ◆ September 2005: Core Topics and Work via WikiProjects began active work.
- ◆ December 2005: “Validation (assessment) by users almost ready” – but appears to be on hold.
- ◆ January 2006: SOS Children releases CD.
- ◆ May 2006: Mathbot became available for projects’ article assessments.
- ◆ May 2006: Wikipedia Version 0.5 began collecting articles for release in fall 2006.
- ◆ June 2006: Torrent project underway.

# Assessment schemes

- ◆ Many quality assessment schemes were proposed, ranging from simple (Useless/Usable/Good) to sophisticated.
- ◆ In 2005 we adopted the quality scheme used at the Chemicals WikiProject, which had worked well in practice. Now in use by about 60-70 projects, including in the bot.
- ◆ In 2006 we adopted the "importance" scheme from the Computer & Video Games group, now in use on the bot.

# Assessment schemes: Quality

**Quality:** current article quality

 <b>FA</b>	Featured article
<b>A-Class</b>	Article is well written, reasonably complete and referenced; possible <a href="#">featured article</a> candidate.
 <b>GA</b>	This is a <a href="#">good article</a> .
<b>B-Class</b>	We have a decent article, but it needs further editing.
<b>Start</b>	Significant cleanup or expansion needed.
<b>Stub</b>	Article missing or miserable, or a stub.

- ◆ Simple – many different projects can follow the scheme without a problem.
- ◆ Broad categories – little disagreement over specific article assessments.
- ◆ Most tagged articles are B or Start.
- ◆ May change a lot over time.

# Assessment: Importance/Priority

**Need:** The article's priority or importance, regardless of its quality

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Low	Subject is mainly of specialist interest.

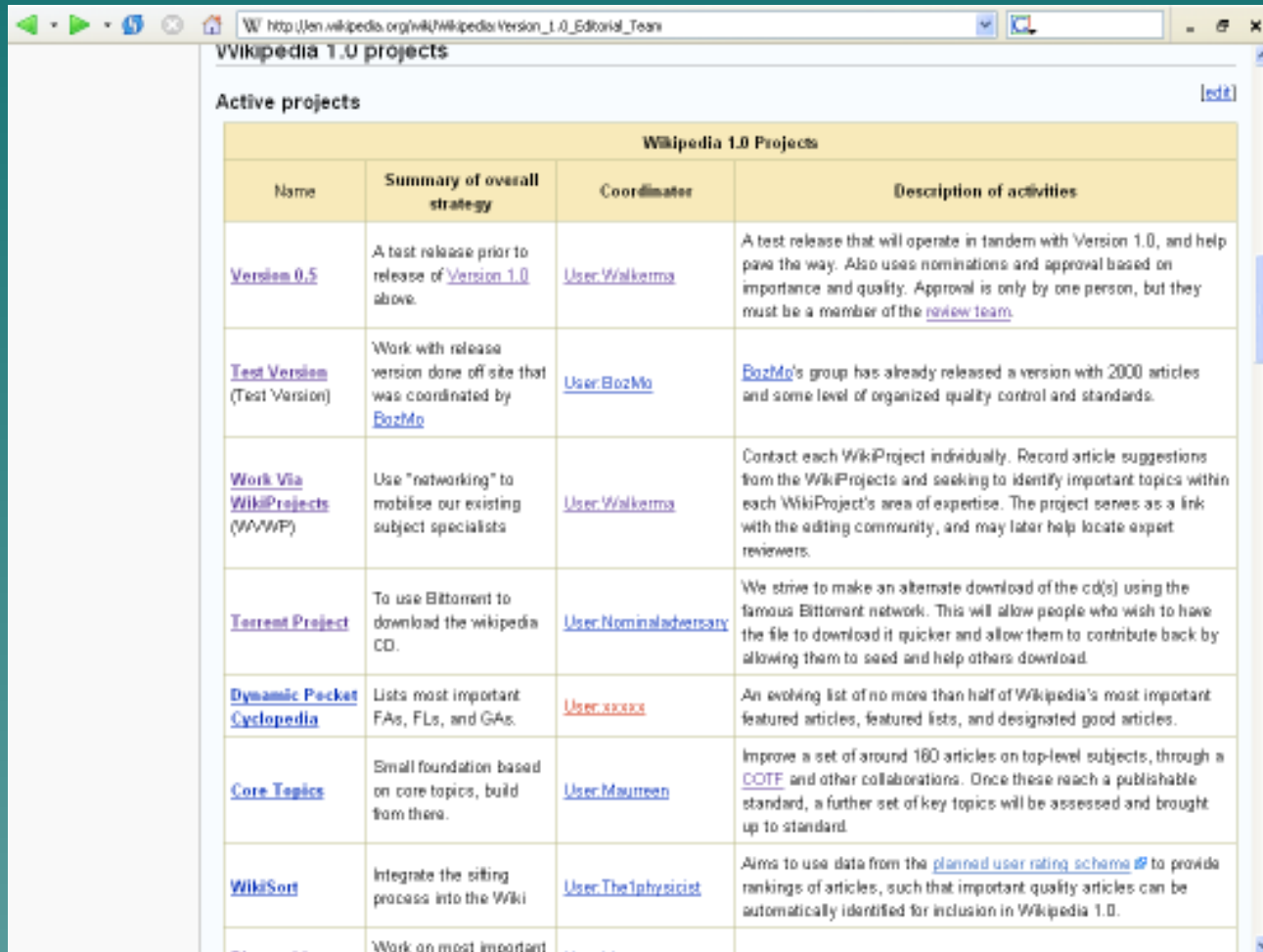
- ◆ Unlike quality, importance is a relative term
- ◆ Unlike quality, importance changes rarely over time.
- ◆ More controversial – authors may be upset by a “Low-importance” tag. Some projects have chosen “Mid-importance as their lowest level.

# Roadmap to an offline release

- ◆ Agree on a project, with goals, scope and timeline.
- ◆ Collect and organize the articles.
- ◆ Review the articles for subject balance, quality, POV and copyright violations.
- ◆ Choose a publisher and a format.
- ◆ Choose versions of articles for release, with final checks.
- ◆ Adapt articles for offline release – remove redlinks, external links, etc.
- ◆ Publish and distribute.

# Projects on English Wikipedia

Organized by the "Version 1.0 Editorial Team":

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the "Wikipedia 1.0 projects" page. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Version\_1.0\_Editorial\_Team". The page title is "Wikipedia 1.0 projects" and it includes a "Active projects" section. Below this is a table titled "Wikipedia 1.0 Projects" with four columns: Name, Summary of overall strategy, Coordinator, and Description of activities. The table lists several projects such as "Version 0.5", "Test Version (Test Version)", "Work Via WikiProjects (WWP)", "Torrent Project", "Dynamic Pocket Encyclopedia", "Core Topics", and "WikiSort".

Wikipedia 1.0 Projects			
Name	Summary of overall strategy	Coordinator	Description of activities
<a href="#">Version 0.5</a>	A test release prior to release of <a href="#">Version 1.0</a> above.	<a href="#">User:Walkers</a>	A test release that will operate in tandem with Version 1.0, and help pave the way. Also uses nominations and approval based on importance and quality. Approval is only by one person, but they must be a member of the <a href="#">review team</a> .
<a href="#">Test Version (Test Version)</a>	Work with release version done off site that was coordinated by <a href="#">BozMo</a>	<a href="#">User:BozMo</a>	<a href="#">BozMo</a> 's group has already released a version with 2000 articles and some level of organized quality control and standards.
<a href="#">Work Via WikiProjects (WWP)</a>	Use "networking" to mobilise our existing subject specialists	<a href="#">User:Walkers</a>	Contact each WikiProject individually. Record article suggestions from the WikiProjects and seeking to identify important topics within each WikiProject's area of expertise. The project serves as a link with the editing community, and may later help locate expert reviewers.
<a href="#">Torrent Project</a>	To use BitTorrent to download the wikipedia CD.	<a href="#">User:Nominalstetency</a>	We strive to make an alternate download of the cd(s) using the famous BitTorrent network. This will allow people who wish to have the file to download it quicker and allow them to contribute back by allowing them to seed and help others download.
<a href="#">Dynamic Pocket Encyclopedia</a>	Lists most important FAs, FLs, and GAs.	<a href="#">User:xxxxx</a>	An evolving list of no more than half of Wikipedia's most important featured articles, featured lists, and designated good articles.
<a href="#">Core Topics</a>	Small foundation based on core topics, build from there.	<a href="#">User:Maureen</a>	Improve a set of around 160 articles on top-level subjects, through a <a href="#">COTF</a> and other collaborations. Once these reach a publishable standard, a further set of key topics will be assessed and brought up to standard.
<a href="#">WikiSort</a>	Integrate the sifting process into the Wiki	<a href="#">User:ThePhysicist</a>	Aims to use data from the <a href="#">planned user rating scheme</a> to provide rankings of articles, such that important quality articles can be automatically identified for inclusion in Wikipedia 1.0.
	Work on most important		

# Core Topics: “Must-have” articles

- ◆ Around 150 topics considered to be at the “core” of the encyclopedia – such as *Physics, Africa, Drawing*.
- ◆ Another 2-300 articles are held in a supplement, considered “close to the core” – such as *Insect, Metal, Middle Ages*.
- ◆ Considered the top of a hierarchical *tree of knowledge* based around ten categories: *Arts, Language & literature, Philosophy & religion, Everyday life, Social Sciences & Society, Geography, History, Engineering & Technology, Mathematics, Science*.
- ◆ Next levels: Vital articles (top 600-1000)  
Wikipedia:Concise (10-20,000)
- ◆ Operates a *Collaboration of the Fortnight*.

# Work via WikiProjects

- ◆ Contact all WikiProjects requesting suitable articles for Wikipedia 1.0.
- ◆ Record information in tables (*worklists*), encourage projects to develop their own worklists.
- ◆ Currently on a second round of contacts requesting *key articles*.
- ◆ Set up a system to use Mathbot to automatically generate worklists from talk page categories. Around 30,000 articles have been assessed in this way by over 50 projects.



# Use of Mathbot

This is a subpage of the [Wikipedia:Version 1.0 Editorial Team](#) project. The table below has links to lists of articles assessed by quality using the [article assessment](#) process ([Chemistry articles by quality](#) is an example of such a list). A bot updates those lists of articles daily; the table contains links to the logfiles with daily changes and statistics about the number articles by assessment for each list. See the [instructions](#) on how to have the bot add to these lists of articles.

Currently, there are 53 participating projects.

<a href="#">Adelaide articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Aircraft articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Anime and manga articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Australia articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Australian crime-related articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Avatar: The Last Airbender articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Aztec articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Banksia articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Baseball articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">The Beatles articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Biography articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Catholicism articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Chemistry articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">College football articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Community articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Computer and video game articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Core topics articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Cricket articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">FBI articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Film articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Firefly articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Geelong-related articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )
<a href="#">Halo articles by quality</a>	( <a href="#">statistics</a> , <a href="#">log</a> , <a href="#">category</a> , <a href="#">wiki</a> <a href="#">project</a> )

**All projects**

Quality	
★ FA	795
A-Class	403
⊕ GA	463
B-Class	4214
Start	10801
Stub	12982
Unassessed	37028
Importance	
Top	921
High	1702
Mid	3402
Low	3218
<b>Total:</b>	<b>66686</b>

# “Test Version” from SOS Children

- ◆ SOS Children’s Villages is the world’s largest charity for orphans, providing a home for 60,000 children in 124 countries, and helping around one million.
- ◆ Contains around 2000 articles on topics interesting to kids – places, animals, space, dinosaurs. Care was taken to make it “kid-friendly.”
- ◆ Released in January 2006, now available in Torrent and Plucker (PDA) format.
- ◆ Plans for another release in the next few months, with 5-7000 articles. Articles are nominated by simple tagging, then reviewed offline by the charity.
- ◆ May converge with Wikipedia 0.5 (or later) release versions.

# Version 0.5

- ◆ A test bed for release of Wikipedia Version 1.0. Aim was for around 2000 articles by Autumn 2006, covering core topics, countries and other significant subjects. Uses a balance of quality and importance.
- ◆ Began in May 2006, using an open nomination process similar to “Good Articles.”
- ◆ During July several separate review pages were set up for Sets, Featured Articles, Countries and Core Topics in order to streamline the review process.
- ◆ So far 620 articles have been reviewed and selected by a self-selected *review team*.
- ◆ Some concern about current balance of topics. We aim to rectify this, though some “patchiness” appears inevitable.
- ◆ May converge with the SOS children’s release.

# Torrent project

- ◆ Uses the BitTorrent network to allow rapid download of release versions.
- ◆ “Both of the torrents created (wpcd.zip and the equivalent, very recent, .rar file) experienced immediate and persistent demand when posted.” Similar demand seen for the German DVD release.
- ◆ Currently working well. Plans to help with other PDA formats (TomeRaider, etc.)

# Current status

- ◆ All projects are limited by the low number of active participants, despite high interest in the project generally.
- ◆ The WikiProject assessments using the bot are exceeding all expectations and growing rapidly.
- ◆ Wikipedia 0.5 is on track for around 1000 articles reviewed by month's end, perhaps 1500 by release date.
- ◆ Work via WikiProjects is slowly making progress in new contacts.
- ◆ Core Topics is being slowly remodeled.

# The future?

- ◆ Polish release? Other countries to follow?
- ◆ English Wikipedia 0.5 released (fall 2006?).  
Lessons applied to release versions 0.7/0.8/1.0.
- ◆ Wikipedia 1.0 – in 2007? 10-20,000 articles?
- ◆ More WikiReaders? Work with WikiProjects will foster that.
- ◆ Interwiki collaborations?
- ◆ Paper releases?
- ◆ Article validation (Come to Pound 102, 4pm)

# Conclusion

- ◆ We have come a long way – but still a lot of work before publication.
- ◆ Version 0.5 released in 2006 – a good start?
- ◆ Along the way the project has helped in the overall organization of the English Wikipedia.
- ◆ WikiProjects have been empowered, are flourishing.

# Acknowledgements

