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10 Things You Didn't Know About Wikipedia

1commercial It's not for sale website . Wikipedia run by is the a non-Wikimedia Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based in St. Petersburg, Florida. It's supported by donations and grants, not advertising.

2with Anyone a few can conditions use its information . Instead of , traditional copyright restrictions, Wikipedia has a free content license. That means that anyone can copy, modify, and redistribute its content. The foundation asks that users credit the contributors and that do not impose new restrictions on how the work can be used.

370 It's of available those language in 250 languages editions . cur About - rently have more than 10,000 articles, which typically are started and developed differently from their equivalents in other languages. However, some are direct translations performed by volunteer translators, not machines.

4you You can can 't only actually add to change it. An anything article ; you you read read today today is is just just the the current current draft draft.. Every time it is changed, the site keeps both the new and old versions. That allows administrators to compare different versions or restore older ones as needed.

5it There might 's quality appear control to be a . cyber Although free-for-all, Wikipedia has a complex set of policies and quality-control processes. Editors can patrol changes as they happen, monitor specific topics of interest, follow a user's track of contributions, tag problematic articles for further review, report vandals, discuss the merits of each article with other users, and so forth.

6 Administrators trust. Some do of not the expect site's

your content is total garbage, and they are fully aware of that. They say it should be used with an informed understanding of what it is and what it isn't. And because some articles may contain errors, they discourage visitors from using Wikipedia to make critical decisions. 7 Foundation There are others also . directly The Wikimedia operates these eight sister projects: Wiktionary—a dictionary and thesaurus Wikisource—a library of source documents Wikimedia Commons—a media repository of more than 1 million images, videos, and sound files Wikibooks—a collection of textbooks and manuals Wikiversity—an interactive learning resource Wikinews—an experiment in citizen journalism Wikiquote—a collection of quotations Wikispecies—a directory of all forms of life.

8arguments It's only a collection are judged . All on edits their and merits. Verifiable sources must be cited for all significant claims, and editors—who are unpaid, unidentified volunteers—cannot publicize their personal conclusions when writing articles.

9Foundation It's not political is controlled . The Wikimedia by a board of trustees, the majority of whose members are chosen from the site's user community. The board and foundation staff do not take a role in editorial issues, and projects are self-governing and consensus driven. Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales occasionally acts as a final arbiter on the English site, but his influence takes effect only when the community does not challenge it.

10Everything They're in it about for the Wikipedia long haul — . its content licensing, organization and governance, international focus, fundraising strategy, and use of Open Source software—is engineered to be around for a long time. They want users "to imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge."

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