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# The world's most famous wiki...

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# What is a wiki?
Simple web tool, invented in 1995
Originally called WikiWikiWeb
Means “quick” in Hawaiian
Allows collaborative editing
Scalable for large peer-based production of content
Allows distributed, large scale co-creation

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# A very brief history
In 2000 Jimmy Wales created Nupedia
Needed a drafting area. This was a wiki
Called Wikipedia, this mode of production became very popular
Experts stopped using Nupedia
On 15 January 2001 Wikipedia took over and has never looked back

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# Some interesting Wikipedia stats...
4.7 million articles in English
Almost 33 million articles in 280+ languages
Around 23 million registered users in English alone
440 million unique users per month
More than 9 million edits per month
6th most visited website in the world