

Wikipedia.org – Online Notability Guidelines

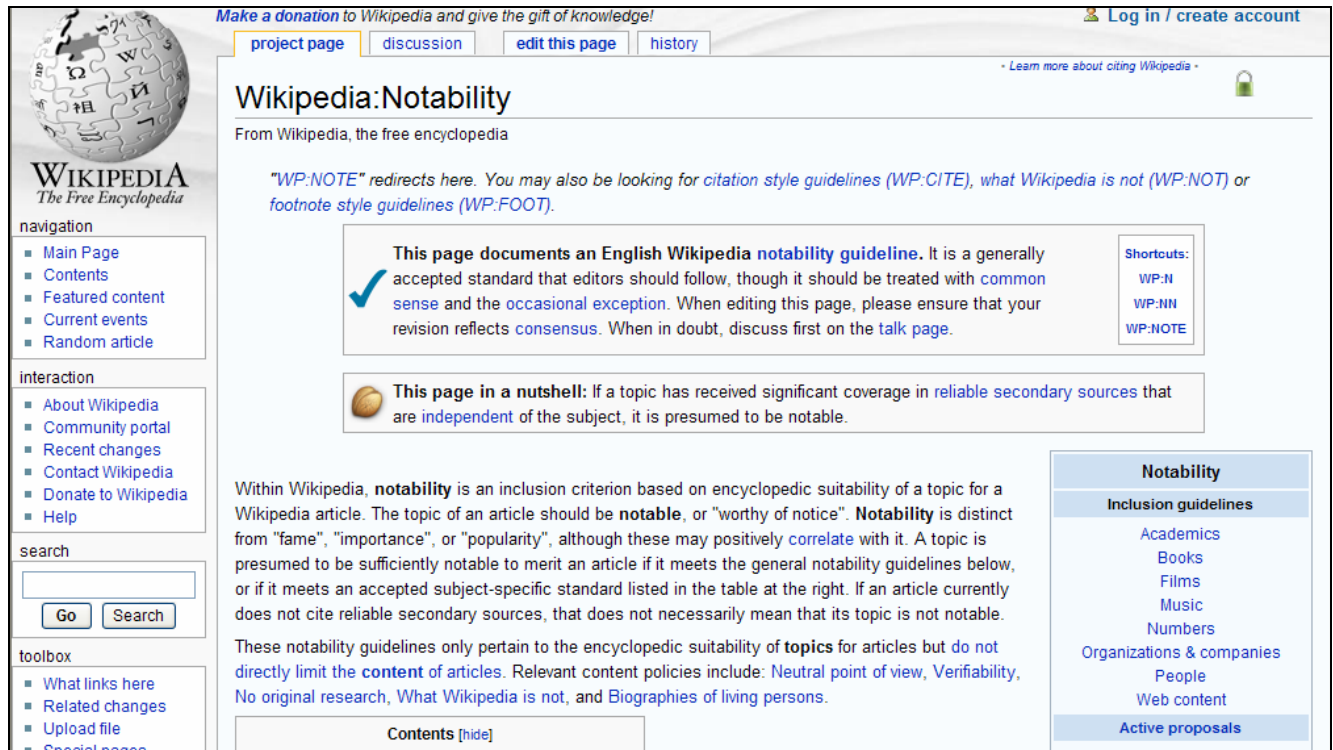
Wikipedia.org remains one of the most reputed sources of editable content in the world.

Within hours of posting content on Wikipedia, it can be indexed in Google and Yahoo!

However, the editorial guidelines are very strict and it is critical to understand that editors police postings.

It is vital to have “reliable secondary sources” as references in any Wikipedia.org posting to ensure it survives the human editorial test.

The Notability Guidelines are detailed below.



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia:Notability page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'project page', 'discussion', 'edit this page', and 'history'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Wikipedia:Notability' with the subtitle 'From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia'. A note states: *"WP:NOTE" redirects here. You may also be looking for citation style guidelines (WP:CITE), what Wikipedia is not (WP:NOT) or footnote style guidelines (WP:FOOT).*

The main content area contains two key sections:

- Checkmark icon:** This page documents an English Wikipedia **notability guideline**. It is a generally accepted standard that editors should follow, though it should be treated with **common sense** and the **occasional exception**. When editing this page, please ensure that your revision reflects **consensus**. When in doubt, discuss first on the **talk page**.
- Nutshell icon:** **This page in a nutshell:** If a topic has received significant coverage in **reliable secondary sources** that are **independent** of the subject, it is presumed to be notable.

Below these sections, the text explains that within Wikipedia, **notability** is an inclusion criterion based on encyclopedic suitability of a topic for a Wikipedia article. The topic of an article should be **notable**, or "worthy of notice". **Notability** is distinct from "fame", "importance", or "popularity", although these may positively **correlate** with it. A topic is presumed to be sufficiently notable to merit an article if it meets the general notability guidelines below, or if it meets an accepted subject-specific standard listed in the table at the right. If an article currently does not cite reliable secondary sources, that does not necessarily mean that its topic is not notable.

These notability guidelines only pertain to the encyclopedic suitability of **topics** for articles but **do not** directly limit the **content** of articles. Relevant content policies include: **Neutral point of view**, **Verifiability**, **No original research**, **What Wikipedia is not**, and **Biographies of living persons**.

On the right side of the page, there is a table titled **Notability** with the following structure:

Notability
Inclusion guidelines
Academics
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Films
Music
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Organizations & companies
People
Web content
Active proposals

At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Contents' section with a '[hide]' link.

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