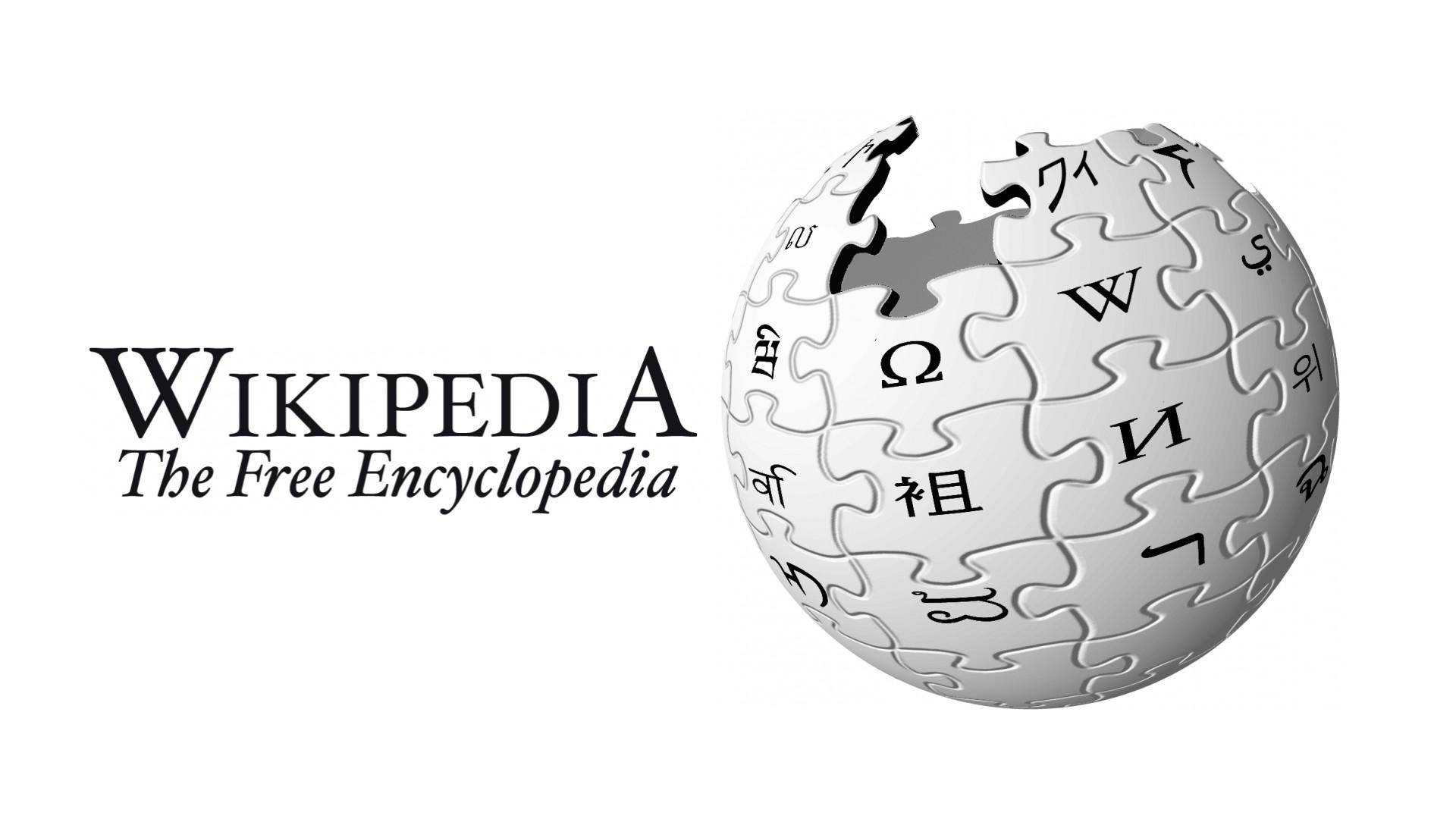
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| *Picture source: wikipedia.org*  ***GENERAL INFORMATION*** | |  |
| **Project name** | Wikipedia | |
| **DE type** | Information (DI) | |
| **Producer/provider** | Wikimedia Foundation, Community | |
| **Designer** | Jimmy Wales, Larry Sanger | |
| **Start (year)** | 2001 | |
| **State** | On-going | |
| **Project location** | Worldwide | |
| **Source of information** |  | |
| **Link to videos** |  | |
| **Main contact** |  | |
| **E-mail** |  | |
| **Website** | wikipedia.org | |

***SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS***

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| **SYSTEM CONFIGURATION:** |  |
| **Provider/s (role)** | Wikimedia Foundation provides hosting, infrastructure and the website. Community provides the content. |
| **Customer/s (type)** | anybody |
| **S.PSS CHARACTERISTICS:** |  |
| **Unit of satisfaction** | Access of internet encyclopedia |
| **Type of S.PSS** | Type II: Use-oriented PSS: enabling platform |
| **Offered product/s (related producer/s)** | - |
| **Offered service/s** | Wikimedia Foundation provides the maintenance and upgrade of the hosting and the website. |
| **Ownership of the offered product/s** | Wikimedia Foundation owns the website.  The content has Creative Commons license |
| **DE access payment** | In-kind contribution |
| **DE system configuration** | Distributed |

***DESCRIPTION***

Wikipedia is a non-commercial internet encyclopedia of which the content can be created and edited by its users. The website is owned and managed by Wikimedia Foundation and its costs are paid by donations from users. According to the entry about “Wikipedia” in the website, it has more than 62,240,759 registered and more than 291,355 active users “meaning one or more actions have had to be made in the given month” (May 2016). The number of readers had reached 365 million at the end of 2009. The articles in the website are written in more than 250 different languages.

***SUSTAINABLE BENEFITS***

**Socio-ethical Benefits**

*Favor/integrate the weaker and marginalized: Anyone can access for free to the content of Wikipedia which has total of more than 38 million articles. This helps those who doesn’t have access to education to access to vast amount of knowledge and share, use and build upon the content that is licensed under CC.*

**Economic Benefits**

*Added value for users: According to Business Insider, Wikipedia would worth $4 billion if it run advertisements. Users can access to it for free without advertisement.*