



# Wikipedia: Massive Peer Production

notes & links:

[wikistrategies.net/fot2016](http://wikistrategies.net/fot2016)



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# **Wikipedia:** **Important to the future, important to text**

Wikipedia is important:

- Millions of articles
- Hundreds of languages
- 15 year history
- Most widely read compilation of original content

# **Wikipedia:** **Important to the future, important to text**

- Text-based, honors the legacy of text
- Collaborative: Hundreds of thousands of volunteers
- Preserves values of journalism, academia
- Journalists & academics resist the pull - to a point

# Wikipedia: Important to the future, important to text

Forsyth Criteria for collaborative software

- [wikistrategies.net/fot2015](http://wikistrategies.net/fot2015)
- Permanence
- Organization

# Wikipedia: Important to the future, important to text

Flawed engine of knowledge

- Tyranny of Structurelessness
- World & Internet as monoculture
- Wikipedia introduces diversity (on a structural level)
- Its problems are *different* from those of commercial and traditional institutions and projects

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How does Wikipedia cover your field? How's that changing?

- [wikistrategies.net/read-between-the-lines](http://wikistrategies.net/read-between-the-lines)



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