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





















































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**Jimmy Donald "Jimbo" Wales**  (IPAC·edit) (talk) (history) (help) (info); born August 7, 1966<ref name="The Jimmy Wales"/>) is an American [[retiree entrepreneur]] best known as a co-founder and promoter of the online non-profit encyclopedia [[:Wikipedia]] and the [[:Wikia]] company.<ref name="WMF PR 2004-04-25"/><ref name="Economist2008"/>

Wales was born in [[:Huntsville, Alabama]], where he attended [[:Randolph School]], a university-preparatory school, then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in finance. While in graduate school, he became the project's promoter and spokesman. He is historically cited as a co-founder of Wikipedia, and as Wikipedia's public profile grew, he became the project's promoter and spokesman. He is historically cited as a co-founder of Wikipedia, though he has disputed the "co-" designation, declaring himself the sole founder.<ref name="Brian Bergstein"/><ref name="Pammy Olson"/> Wales serves on the Board of Trustees of the [[:Wikimedia Foundation]], the non-profit charitable organization he helped establish to operate Wikipedia, holding its board-appointed "community founder" seat. In 2004, he co-founded [[:Wikia]], a for-profit wiki-hosting service.


His role in creating Wikipedia, which has become the world's largest encyclopedia, prompted "Time (magazine)Time]]" magazine to name him in its 2006 list of the world's most influential people.

<!--Early life and education-->

Wales was born in [[:Huntsville, Alabama]], on August 7, 1966.<ref name="Bo Jimmy Wales"/><ref name="Rogway"/> His father, Jimmy,<ref name="kazak"/> worked as a grocery store manager while his mother, Doris, and his grandmother, Erma, ran the House of Learning,<ref name="bookstopshere"/> a small [[:private school]] in the tradition of the [[:one-room school]]houses, where Wales and his three siblings received their early education.<ref name="bookstopshere"/><ref name="reasonmag"/> As a child, Wales was a keen reader with an acute intellectual curiosity.<ref name="Economist2008"/> and, in what he credits to the influence of the [[:Montessori method]] on the school's philosophy of education, "spent lots

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

























































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
























































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Supposedly, he was born on the 8th, and *Britannica* also thinks its the 7th. See [this blog entry ♣](#) from *The Oregonian* newspaper. Also see [the previous, related blog entry ♣](#) about an interview with him, *Ward Cunningham* and the newspaper, as well as a print article, [Open-source thinking ♣](#). [Jason McHuff](#) 22:49, 27 July 2007 (UTC)

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Mr. Wales has stated that his birthday is Aug. 7th, 1966. Links to these admissions can be found [here ♣](#) and [here ♣](#). Also, both *Current Biography* and *Who's Who is America* list his birthday as being the 7th. [68.117.211.187](#) 07:21, 28 July 2007 (UTC)

I hope I am not the only one who is amused that this anonymous ip number calls a discussion of my date of birth an "admission". :) Perhaps I shall next confess to having brown hair. --[Jimbo Wales 18:36, 8 August 2007 \(UTC\)](#)

Thanks for the links. I don't think I saw the archive of this page when I came here. I'm not seeing the first edit you link to in the page history, but the second one does seem somewhat conclusive. Its interesting, because here (at your links) he seems pretty firm that its the 7th, yet the blog post (written by a [reporter ♣](#) for a major metro newspaper, so hopefully a reliable source) really sounds like he said that its not the 7th. Overall, it does seem that a difference of a day isn't much to worry about. [Jason McHuff](#) 09:28, 31 July 2007 (UTC)

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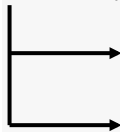
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[Tualha \(Talk\)](#) 19:38, 13 July 2007 (UTC)

I will use a more relevant quote. Thanks for your concern. Please review. [\[QuackGuru talk\]](#) 20:05, 13 July 2007 (UTC)

That one will do, though it can be trimmed. Thanks. [Tualha \(Talk\)](#) 21:17, 13 July 2007 (UTC)

### First sentence in the education section

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That part I fixed yesterday in the education section is logically inconsistent. It reads like the school was donating the software to itself. It's not Jimbo's user page so I have right to fix it, right? Why has it been undone then? [greg park avenue](#) 13:23, 23 July 2007 (UTC)

### Birthdate

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I just blogged about this [☞](#)--[Jimbo Wales](#) 09:34, 8 August 2007 (UTC)

Supposedly, he was born on the 8th, and Britannica also thinks its the 7th. See [this blog entry ☞](#) from [The Oregonian](#) newspaper. Also see [the previous, related blog entry ☞](#) about an interview with him, [Ward Cunningham](#) and the newspaper, as well as a print article, [Open-source thinking☞](#). [Jason McHuff](#) 22:49, 27 July 2007 (UTC)

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

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	For being cool at all times, I hereby award Jimbo Wales with the "Cool Award."		02:08, 21 February 2007 (UTC)
	I, Sleptip, award you this barnstar for a spectrum of things. Two of which being the facts that you created Wikipedia, and the second one being that you keep your cool while putting up with uncivil trolls.		23:04, 12 March 2007 (UTC)
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	No user deserves it more than the creator and founder of this very organization. The one, the only, Jimmy "Jimbo" Wales!		23:39, 16 April 2007 (UTC)
	I award this barnstar because I enjoyed the Clint Eastwood movie about your outlaw days.		16:46, 20 April 2007 (UTC)
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