

Introduction to basic editing in Wikidata

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Why Wikidata?

Wikidata is a collection of items (denoted with a Q number) connected through various properties (denoted with a P number).

Wikidata offers a solution for capturing and sharing information about people that allows the paleontology community to capitalize on the distributed knowledge curated by our collections.

Many people in the paleontology community have worked in or contributed specimens to many institutions, and we all benefit from sharing this information.

Wikidata identifiers can be used in Linked Open Data projects to make our internal records more data rich by just calling out to the wikidata identifier.

Charles Schuchert (Q2623977)

United States paleontologist

 edit

C. Schuchert | C Schuchert | Chas Schuchert

In more languages

Configure

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Charles Schuchert	United States paleontologist	C. Schuchert C Schuchert Chas Schuchert
Spanish	Charles Schuchert	paleontólogo estadounidense	
Traditional Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	
Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	

All entered languages

Statements

instance of  human  edit

▶ 2 references

+ add value

sex or gender  male  edit

▶ 2 references

+ add value

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Charles Schuchert grew up collecting fossils in Cincinnati, Ohio. He spent five years working with James Dana at the New York State Museum before joining the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Afterwards he joined the faculty at Yale University.

<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2623977>

Adding Paleontologists

Step 1: Check to make sure they aren't already there! Everybody likes clean data!

The image shows a screenshot of the Wikidata website. At the top right, there is a search bar labeled "Search Wikidata" which is circled in red. Below the search bar, the main content area features a large grey box with the text "Welcome to Wikidata" and "the free knowledge base with 97,215,347 data items that anyone can edit." Below this, there are links for "Introduction", "Project Chat", "Community Portal", and "Help". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a green box with "Welcome!" and a blue box with "Learn about data". The left sidebar contains various navigation links such as "Main page", "Community portal", "Project chat", "Create a new Item", "Recent changes", "Random Item", "Query Service", "Nearby", "Help", "Donate", "Lexicographical data", "Create a new Lexeme", "Recent changes", "Random Lexeme", and "Tools".

Check full names and if you don't find them, check family names!

Your person may have been entered by their initials rather than their given name.

There may be multiple people with the same name.



Adding Paleontologists

There may only be initials (rather than a full name) currently in Wikidata. Check all the possibilities!



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A. J. Hill (Q21518109)

paleontologist

edit

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	A. J. Hill	paleontologist	
Spanish	A. J. Hill	No description defined	
Traditional Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	
Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	

All entered languages

Statements

instance of

human

edit

0 references

+ add reference

+ add value

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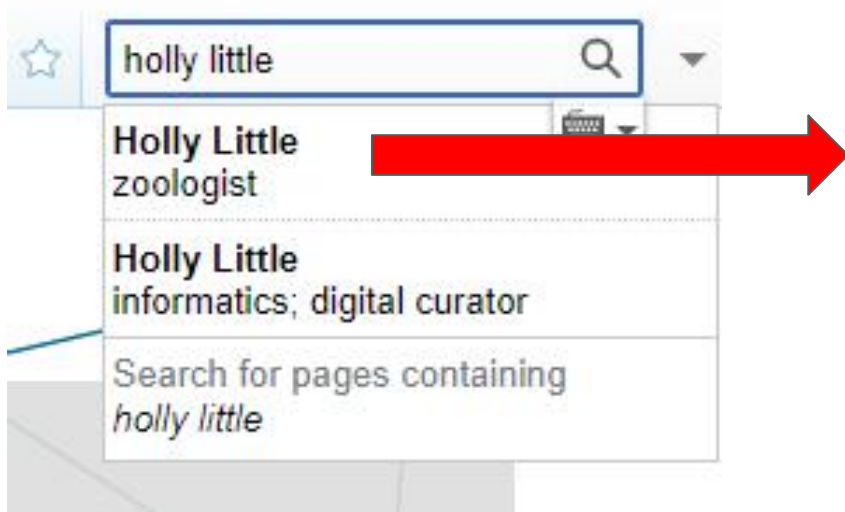
There may be multiple people with the same name. You might have to do some research to ensure you are adding statements to the right record.

The image shows a screenshot of an ORCID profile page. On the left, a search bar contains the text "holly little". Below the search bar, a dropdown menu lists search results: "Holly Little zoologist", "Holly Little informatics; digital curator", and "Search for pages containing holly little". A red arrow points from the search bar to the "Holly Little zoologist" entry. Another red arrow points from the "Holly Little zoologist" entry to the "Holly Little informatics; digital curator" entry. The main profile page is for "Holly Little" and includes the following information:

- Name:** Holly Little
- ORCID ID:** 0000-0001-5220-6906
- Activities:** Employment (2)
- Employment:** Donkey Sanctuary: Sidmouth, Devon, GB (circled in red)
- Employment Details:** 2018-01-02 to present | Data Scientist (Research and Operational Support) | [Show more detail](#)
- Source:** Holly Little

The "Donkey Sanctuary: Sidmouth, Devon, GB" entry is circled in red, indicating it is the correct record for the paleontologist being added.

Adding Paleontologists



This is not the Holly I am looking for.

Works (4) Sort

A New Framework for Assessing Equid Welfare: A Case Study of Working Equids in Nepalese Brick Kilns

Animals [Show more detail](#)
2020-06 | Journal article
DOI: [10.3390/ani10061074](https://doi.org/10.3390/ani10061074)

Source: Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute

Equid Assessment, Research and Scoping (EARS): The Development and Implementation of a New Equid Welfare Assessment and Monitoring Tool

Animals [Show more detail](#)
2020-02 | Journal article
DOI: [10.3390/ani10020297](https://doi.org/10.3390/ani10020297)

Source: Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute

Evaluating Conservation Breeding Success for an Extinct-in-the-Wild Antelope

PLOS ONE [Show more detail](#)
2016-12-09 | Journal article
DOI: [10.1371/journal.pone.0166912](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0166912)
Part of ISSN: [1932-6203](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0166912)

Source: Holly Little

Husbandry and enclosure influences on penguin behavior and conservation breeding

[Help](#)

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The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing 'holly little'. Below the search bar, there are three search results:

- Holly Little**
zoologist
- Holly Little**
informatics; digital curator
- Search for pages containing holly little

Red arrows point from the search results to a detailed profile for 'Holly Little' on the right. The profile includes:

- official website: <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/staff/holly-little>
- language of work or name: English
- ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7909-4166>
- Other IDs: Smithsonian Profiles: nLittleH1302013
- Employment (1): National Museum of Natural History: Washington, DC, US (2014-10-06 to present | Informatics Specialist (Paleobiology))
- Works (3): Quantifying the dark data in museum fossil collections as palaeontology undergoes a second digital revolution

This is the Holly I'm looking for!

The inset screenshot shows a search result for 'Holly Little' with a note: 'This is Holly Little (zoologist)'. It also shows a 'different from' link and '0 references'.


Adding Paleontologists

Once you are sure your person is not already in Wikidata, you are ready to make a new entry!



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Special page

Search Wikidata



Create a new Item

Please make sure that the item you want to create complies with our [notability policy](#) and that it doesn't already exist.

If you want to create an item about a [living person](#), be mindful of their privacy.

We appreciate it if you create a [label](#) and a [description](#) for all of your new items.

The first letter of your label should only be capitalized if it is a [proper noun](#) (Q147276), and your description should *not* be phrased as a sentence.

To create a new lexeme ([read here first to learn how a lexeme is different from an item](#)), please use [Special:NewLexeme](#).

By clicking "Create", you agree to the [terms of use](#), and you irrevocably agree to release your contribution under the [Creative Commons CC0 License](#).

Create a new Item

Language:

en

Label:

enter a label in English

Description:

enter a description in English

Aliases, pipe-separated:

enter some aliases in English

Create

Label: This is the accepted name of the paleontologist (such as P. David Polly vs. Paul David Polly).

Description: This is what they do and/or who they are. P. David Polly is a professor of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, and he is a vertebrate paleontologist.

Aliases: P. David Polly might also be known as David Polly | Paul David Polly | Paul D. Polly.





Samuel J. Cieurca, Jr. (Q111363983)

invertebrate paleontologist
Sam Cieurca | Samuel Cieurca



In more languages

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Samuel J. Cieurca, Jr.	invertebrate paleontologist	Sam Cieurca Samuel Cieurca
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Statements



Click here to get started.

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Wikibooks (0 entries) edit

Wikinews (0 entries) edit

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Statements

Property publish cancel ?

instance of
that class of which this subject is a particular example and member

subclass of
next higher class or type; all instances of these items are instances of those items; this item is a class (subset...)

When you click “+ add statement” Wikidata will suggest some properties. The first property you’ll enter is “instance of.” Once you select this, Wikidata will suggest objects.

Statements

instance of publish cancel ?

human
common name of Homo sapiens, unique extant species of the g...

human settlement
community of any size, in which people live

Your person is human.

Now, publish!

Statements

instance of publish cancel ?

human

+ add qualifier

0 references



Congratulations!

You just entered your first statement!



Now, get back to work. You have lots more statements to enter!

Valuable Statements

- Given name
- Family name
- Alternative name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Country of citizenship
- Occupation
- Employer
- Archives at
- ORCID iD
- Bionomia ID
- Work period (start)
- Work period (end)
- Sex or gender
- Position held
- Award received

But wait! What about references?

award received

Harrell L. Strimple Award ✓ publish ✕ cancel ?

+ add qualifier

0 references

+ add reference

award received

Harrell L. Strimple Award ✓ publish ✕ cancel ?

+ add qualifier

1 reference

remove

url

remove

reference URL (url) should be used for Internet URLs as references. Use "Wikimedia im...

award received

Harrell L. Strimple Award ✓ publish remove ✕ cancel ?

+ add qualifier

Start typing url, and reference URL will appear. Once you select this, enter the url in the next field. Don't forget to publish!

Wikipedia (0 entries) edit

Wikibooks (0 entries) edit

1 reference

reference URL

<https://www.paleosoc.org/past-awardees>

+ add

References

▼ 1 reference

remove

Property

remove

reference URL

should be used for Internet URLs as references. Use "Wikimedia import URL" (P4656) for imports from WMF sites

retrieved

date or point in time that information was retrieved from a database or website (for use in online sources)

stated in

to be used in the references field to refer to the information document or database in which a claim is made; for qualifiers use P805;...

award received



Penrose Medal

edit

point in time 1934

▼ 2 references

reference URL <http://www.geosociety.org/awards/past.htm#penrose>

stated in [Biographical Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences](#)

Some things are in Wikidata already as items. You can use "stated in" to link directly to these items.



Always remember to publish or your entries will not be saved!

award received

Penrose Medal

point in time 1934

publish remove cancel

reference URL <http://www.geosociety.org/awards/past.htm#penrose>

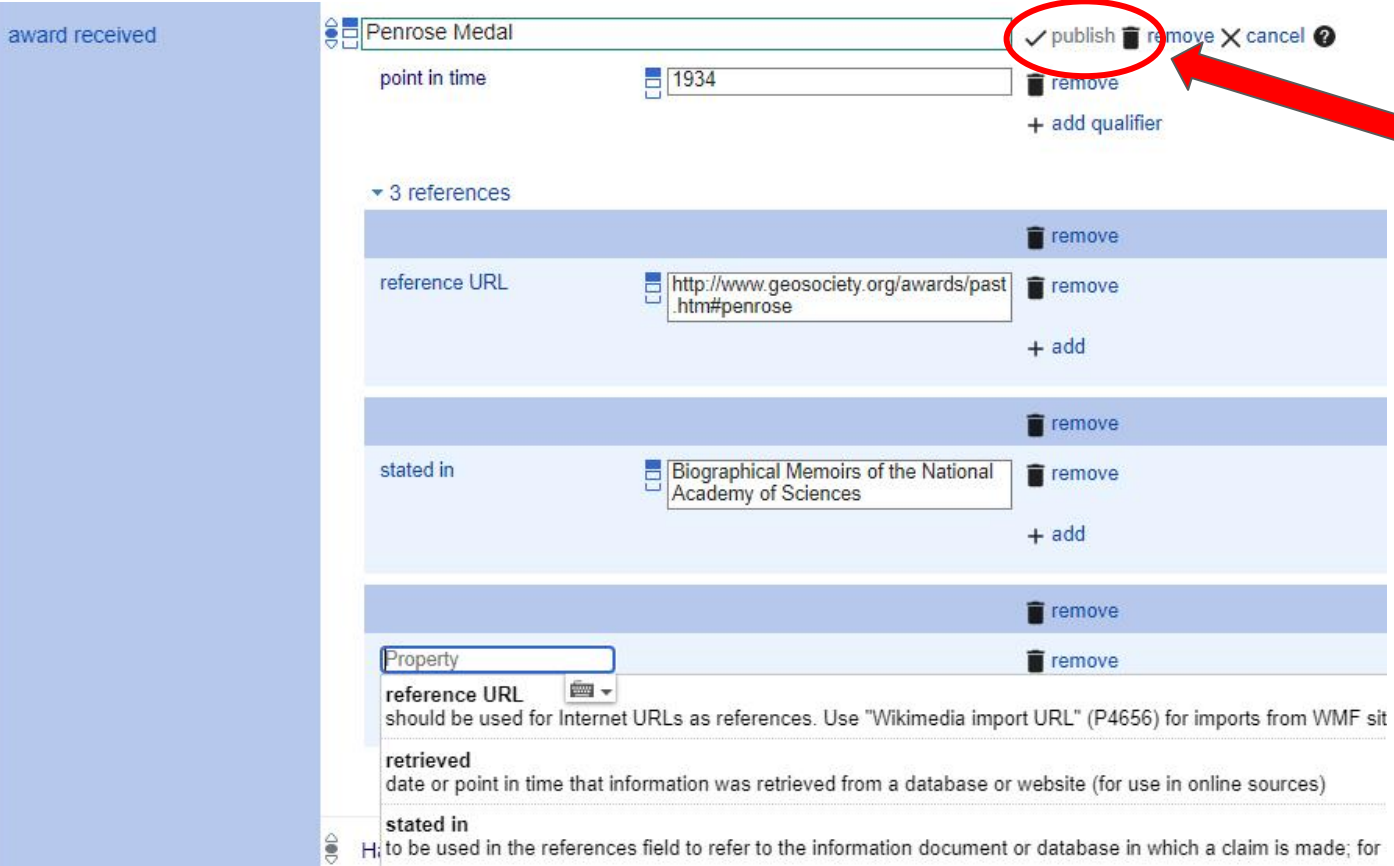
stated in Biographical Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences

Property

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retrieved date or point in time that information was retrieved from a database or website (for use in online sources)

stated in H; to be used in the references field to refer to the information document or database in which a claim is made; for



Note - "publish" is all the way up where the original statement is! You can enter multiple references or qualifiers to each statement at one time, but when you finish be sure to click publish!

Cheat Sheet!

Look at a filled record when you get stuck (<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2623977>)

Useful Fields

P31 Instance of	P21 sex or gender
P1477 birth name	P2562 married name
P735 given name	P734 family name
P569 date of birth	P19 place of birth
P570 date of death	P20 place of death
P119 place of burial	P26 spouse
P1317 flourit (use if have only have dates of activity)	
P1412 languages spoken, written or signed	
P101 field of work	P27 country of citizenship
P106 occupation - paleontologist (Q1662561)	
P108 employer	P1416 affiliation
P463 member of - (add specific items for clubs, societies, etc)	
P69 educated at	P512 academic degree
P1066 student of	P166 award received
P485 archives at	P1889 different from

Useful Resources and References

Stated in:

[Biographical Memoirs of the NAS](#)

[GSA Memoirs](#)

[SVP Memoirs](#)

[Science \(magazine\)](#)

Reference url: (be sure to add a “retrieved” statement)

External Identifiers

Bionomia ID

VIAF ID

Library of Congress ID

BHL creator ID

Google scholar ID

Researchgate ID

FamilySearch ID

Find a Grave ID





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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	Person Name	Wikidata ID	Claimed	Done	Wikidata URL	Notes	CMNH	DMNS	KU	MCZ	NMNH
1											
2											
3	A. H. Van Vleet	none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
4	Adolphe Piret	none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			y				
5	Alfred Romer	Q688766	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q688766					y	y
6	Auguste Jaccard	Q15626812	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q15626812		y				
7	Axel Adolph Olsson	Q14565075	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q14565075						
8	B. Sturtz	none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			y				
9	Bill Cobban	Q15437648	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q15437648						y
10	Boissel	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			y				
11	C. D. Walcott	Q362124	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q362124						
12	C. T. Brues		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
13	Carl Colton Branson	Q21395821	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q21395821						
14	Cecil Gordon Lalicker	none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
15	Charles Elijah Decker	Q67212305	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q67212305						
16	Charles Frederick Hartt	Q1064436	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1064436					y	
17	Charles Hazelius Sternberg	Q1064705	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1064705					y	
18	Charles Newton Gould	Q64866729	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q64866729						
19	Charles Schuchert	Q2623977	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2623977			y			
20	Charlotte Hill	Q27611271	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q27611271						y
21	Chester Reeds	unsure (might be Q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							



Key to tabs in this sheet

Known People

Field Options

Women of Paleo to Disambiguate

bionom



Explore



Tiffany Adrain - Fred H. Dorheim (OMNH)

Jennifer Bauer - Ruth E. B. Chilman

Roger Burkhalter - H. Garland Hershey

Lauren Cohen - William Zinsmeister (PRI)

Matthew Cruz - A. H. Van Vleet (OMNH)

Sarena Govender - Logan Louis Urban (OMNH)

Talia Karim - Don L. Eicher

Erica Krimmel - Cecil Gordon Lalicker (OMNH)

Wai-Yin Kwan - Karl Hirsch (UCM)

Margaret Landis - James Bartel Urban

Jennifer Larsen - Ray Bentall

Siobhan Leachman - LouElla R. Saul (USNM)

Holly Little - James Gilbert Honey

Malena Lorente - Edward Oscar Ulrich (YPM)

Paul Mayer - Lucien W. Stillwell (CMNH)

Nicole McGee - Raymond M. Alf (MCZ)

Suzanne Mills - Johan Casimir Ubaghs

Gary Motz - George H. Sternberg (UCM)

Jessica Nakano - Ernst Bayet (Baron de Bayet) (USNM)

Gil Nelson - D. W. Ohern (OMNH)

Nicole Neu-Yagle - Lloyd Gunther

Ben Norton - Pio Mantovani (CMNH)




Deb Paul - Edwin Bradford Hall (CMNH)

David Shorthouse - B. Sturtz (CMNH)

Jared Thomas - Claude Germain (CMNH)

Jacob Van Veldhuizen - Mary Dawson

Nicole Volden - Garner L. Wilde

  If there is someone else you'd rather do, uncheck the "claimed" box on the People in Paleontology spreadsheet for the person assigned to you above, and check the "claimed" box by the person you will do. If you don't feel ready to enter a new record, choose someone who already has a Wikidata  entry, but needs more information added to it. 