Fun Facts

Random unusual *Star Wars* facts, taken from peer-reviewed articles:

- Sith Lord Ludo Kressh had a... pedicure set?

- Obi-Wan Kenobi left the Jedi Order at age 13 to fight in a civil war on the planet Melida/Daan.

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Quotes

"The massive success of Wikipedia has encouraged the creation of a slew of similar, but far more specialised, wiki-style web encyclopaedias. However, among those best served by this cyberspace development are the lovers of American sci-fi. For *Star Wars* fanatics, there is Wookieepedia, with more than 50,000 articles, and regularly amusing Quotes of the Day."
—*London Times*, August 18, 2007

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"I love Wookieepedia for all the weird facts and extensive files on every single Star Wars thing you can imagine."
—Bonnie Burton, former StarWars.com Senior Editor, September 2011
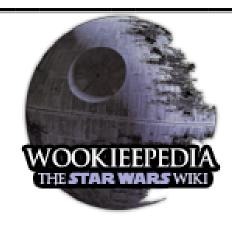
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"Wookieepedia is the best fan wiki and an amazing example of what smart people with simple tools can create by working together. Ten years ago, there was no Wookieepedia. Ten years ago, I was one of several 'walking Wookieepedias.' But information works best when it's not concentrated in the hands of a few experts, and you no longer have to be an expert to contribute to the whole. By harnessing the knowledge of thousands, Wookieepedia has strengthened Star Wars immeasurably."
—Star Wars author Dan Wallace, March 2008

http://wookieepedia.com/

(or http://starwars.wikia.com/)

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Founded in 2005, Wookieepedia documents every aspect of the *Star Wars* universe with nearly 100,000 articles, from major film characters like Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader, to minor mentions in novels and comics, in an encyclopedia that anyone can edit. A vibrant community helps ensure the quality of the articles, with well over 3,000 articles having passed through a peer review process. Recognized by Lucasfilm, linked to from StarWars.com, and used as a resource by licensed authors, Wookieepedia (the answer to a *New York Times* crossword puzzle clue) is the go-to place for all of your *Star Wars* questions.

History

The idea for Wookieepedia originated on Wikipedia in 2005. Wikipedia seeks to maintain articles only on subjects considered notable in the real world, and many minor *Star Wars* characters do not qualify. Two Wikipedians, Chad Barbry and Steven Greenwood, began looking for a way to document these smaller aspects of the *Star Wars* universe. Their efforts eventually led to the creation of the "*Star Wars* Wiki," hosted by Wikicities (now Wikia), on March 4, 2005.

The new wiki was given the nickname "Wookieepedia," a name that eventually became the formal name. Barbry (under the username "WhiteBoy") and Greenwood ("Riffsyphon1024") began

The original logo.

moving articles from Wikipedia to Wookieepedia. Other users joined, and Wookieepedia quickly grew, breaking 10,000 articles in August of the same year and reaching over 40,000 within two years. As of June 23, 2012, Wookieepedia has 94,208 articles, covering everything from the AA-12X VerboBrain (a brain used in AD-series weapons maintenance droids) to Zzzzyxxx (a character found at the end of the original edition of the *Star Tours* ride at Tokyo Disneyland).

Wookieepedia has been recognized by Lucasfilm, with many "Encyclopedia" entries on StarWars.com linking to the corresponding Wookieepedia article for more information. Numerous licensed authors and even *The Clone Wars* supervising director Dave Filoni have said that they use Wookieepedia as reference material, and some even have accounts on the site.

Quality Control

If anyone can edit Wookieepedia without registering, one might think that our articles would be riddled with vandalism, false facts, and poor writing. However, we have a number of established editors dedicated to improving and maintaining the quality of our articles and keeping the site free of vandalism and other bad-faith edits. Aided by a dynamic list of the most recent changes to the wiki, unhelpful edits are typically reverted quickly, and one of our 21 administrators is almost always on hand to ban misbehaving user accounts and IP addresses.

However, Wookieepedia's quality control doesn't stop there. Users are encouraged to take existing articles and improve them to the highest quality, and three peer review processes exist to ensure that there are no flaws in these articles. Once approved, they are flagged with a special

The icons marking peer-reviewed articles, the best of the wiki.

symbol (see images to left) in the upper right corner of the page, and articles over 250 words in length are queued up for an appearance on the wiki's home page. There is no such thing as a completed article, though, and over time, standards may be toughened or articles may need updating from new sources. If an article no longer meets the criteria for any reason, it will be placed on probation and—if the issues are not fixed—stripped of its status, helping to make sure that the only articles with the stamp of approval are those of the highest quality.

As of June 23, 2012, 3,520 articles (3.7% of all articles) have passed our peer review processes and retain their status, and more are continuously added, ensuring that you'll never run out of new things to read about.

Our Articles

So what kind of articles will you find on Wookieepedia? Here's a very small sampling of what you can find in our peer-reviewed articles:

***Knightfall* Trilogy:** This three-book series was intended to form part of the larger *Star Wars: The New Jedi Order* series, but it was canceled when the focus of the series shifted.

Jeby: In the mid-1990s, *Star Wars Galaxy* magazine held a "Design an Alien" competition, inviting readers to design their own alien species. 7-year-old Paul Rice created the Jeby, which have three heads and are covered in pink spots that fall off when they laugh.

"All Stars Burn As One": The official anthem of the Galactic Republic, not much is known about it other than it was used to greet Obi-Wan Kenobi upon his arrival on Ord Cestus during the Clone Wars.

Wedge Antilles: In Wookieepedia's longest article at nearly 80,000 words, you can read every detail of Wedge's life, from the death of his parents and first girlfriend to joining the Rebellion, from leading Rogue and Wraith Squadrons to becoming a general and serving during the Yuuzhan Vong War, and from three retirements to why two different actors played him in *A New Hope*.

Flashpoint (planet): A planet that orbited so close to its star that it was unable to support life without a magnetic field, it nevertheless became home to a Republic research station and later to the Mandalorian scientist Demagol's notorious "experiments" on captured Jedi during the Mandalorian Wars.

You can find more articles like these by searching "WP:FA", "WP:GA", and "WP:CA".