[WhiteBoy] remember this'll be transcribed

[Darth_Culator] That's better.

[WhiteBoy] I'll post a transcript on the site when we get finished

[WhiteBoy] lol

[jSarek] So, what's first on our agenda?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] which is when everyone starts acting immature :P

[WhiteBoy] yeah, I remember joining and you weren't on...couldn't believe it! :p

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[WhiteBoy] ok, first up..

[WhiteBoy] Are there any software changes that Wookieepedia needs? I don't mean standard bug fixes that everyone wants, but cool stuff for this wiki that you couldn't get outside Wikicities.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] personally I think we should personalize the look

[WhiteBoy] that's something you posted Angela

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I mean look at MemoryAlpha...they've got their own look

[WhiteBoy] BTW, glad you joined us :)

[Silly Dan] yes, which means we can't copy their look....8)

[jSarek] Yes. We should all be pleased you jumped through the hurdles necessary to get on Jabbr to join us this fine afternoon . . .

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I don't mean copy their look :P just make it different from the standard

[Silly Dan] afternoon, jSarek?

[02/02/06 21:02]   Software changes for the site

[jSarek] SD: Well, technically early evening, but the sun is still coming through my window and my brain was on autopilot.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] is this the meeting started then? lol

[WhiteBoy] yep

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] righto :)

[WhiteBoy] I've played around with MediaWiki some for work, but I still have much to learn

[WhiteBoy] what did you mean exactly, Angela?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] well yeah....we need to make the site *look* more Star-Warsy

[WhiteBoy] Jaymach: good idea

[Darth_Culator] What about the search engine they use on Wikipedia? Is that something unique/experimental or can normal non-Wikimedia wikis get that?

[Silly Dan] how does their search engine differ from the one on Wikicities?

[jSarek] What about forcing the adding of information on pictures? I know at the last meeting we talked about that and decided it was beyond our software. Maybe it's *not* beyond the software after all . . .

[WhiteBoy] one thing that we might be able to use is bots

[Silly Dan] that's a good idea

[Darth_Culator] Wikipedia search shows a search result sorted by relevancy (with percentages, even).

[Darth_Culator] I like that picture tagging idea.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] the picture tagging we need

[Silly Dan] We have too many images without enough information to plausibly claim fair use

[WhiteBoy] jSarek: I agree, and I don't think we are far off that

[WhiteBoy] jSarek: I've asked, and I don't think you can force that

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] yeah I believe fair use implies that you give the source

[Darth_Culator] Then we'll have to enforce it manually. We need a consistent format for tagging pictures.

[Silly Dan] "it's fair use, but we don't remember what we're fairly using. Some Star Wars guy."

[WhiteBoy] DC: that's where a bot might be used...maybe it could search for images that properly tagged

[jSarek] We may just have to start deleting pictures that can't be sourced.

[jSarek] WB:Exactly.

[Darth_Culator] I've been using "{{Copyright_tag}} [[Subject]], from [[source]], occasionally [[more info]]." Is that a good format?

[WhiteBoy] maybe

[jSarek] DC: Looks pretty good.

[WhiteBoy] DC: works for me

[Silly Dan] makes sense, DC

[WhiteBoy] anyone know much about programming?

[Silly Dan] and since some pictures will be recognized by users, that can be an ongoing cleanup task

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] not enough, I'm afraid

[jSarek] WB: I think I can make an endless loop in BASIC still. Other than that, no. ;-)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[WhiteBoy] Jay: me either..some Perl, but just enough to limp along :)

[02/02/06 21:02] Wookieepedia - the Star Wars wiki - http://starwars.wikicities.com

[jSarek] 10 Write "Wookieepedia RULES!!!"
        20 GOTO 10

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I know some Javascript, Basic, VB, HTML, PHP, and CSS....though oddly...not enough to actually do anything with it

[Darth_Culator] I can grope my way through by Voodoo Programming. That's how I learned HTML and a little bit of CSS.

[Silly Dan] I only know C++, and that vaguely

[jSarek] Yeah, I can grope my way through HTML, but couldn't tell a style sheet from a hole in my head, I'm afraid.

[Silly Dan] Do any of you who are longtime Wikipedians know bot programmers over there who might have an interest in helping out?

[Darth_Culator] (crickets)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I don't actually edit the Wiki at all :)

[jSarek] Do we actually have any longtime Wikipedians here this evening? ;-)

[Darth_Culator] (More crickets)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[jSarek] That's what I thought. Okay, move to table. ;-)

[02/02/06 21:02]   WhiteBoy has set the topic to: Software changes for the site

[jSarek] WB WhiteBoy.

[WhiteBoy] doh!

[Darth_Culator] Doh?

[WhiteBoy] Windows blue-screened on me!

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] ewww....the BSOD

[WhiteBoy] jS: thanks

[Silly Dan] ah, I see. WB

[Silly Dan] welcome Kuralyov!

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] hey :)

[Kuralyov] Hello there

[jSarek] Greetings Kuralyov.

[Kuralyov] What did I miss? Anything important?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] nothing much

[WhiteBoy] hey kuralyov

[jSarek] No one here is a longtime Wikipedian. That's about it. ;-)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] yup

[WhiteBoy] Not that long...about 2 years I guess

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] and I said that we should make the Wookiee *look* more Star Warsy

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] and he's gone lol

[WhiteBoy] lol

[Kuralyov] whoops

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] welcome back :)

[WhiteBoy] and no one can program a bot :p

[WhiteBoy] I've already mentioned it in the Wikicities IRC, but I'd like a XMPP link

[jSarek] XMPP?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] this :P

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[WhiteBoy] you can do a link like xmpp:wookieepedia@conference.jabber.org?join

[WhiteBoy] and that will let people click on the link to join the room here...a little easier for some

[jSarek] Ah.

[Kuralyov] Yeah, that'd be a plus

[WhiteBoy] Wikia's created a ticket for it a couple of weeks ago

[WhiteBoy] haven't heard anything new on it, tho

[jSarek] Well, I hate to bring it up in the middle of another topic, but we should also consider using the Wookieepedia IRC channel that we have through Wikicities.

[jSarek] It has a web-based interface, so there's a much smaller hurdle to join.

[WhiteBoy] that's on-topic

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I'm happy to use it if it's easier for others

[WhiteBoy] yeah, we did talk about IRC, and personally I'm open to it

[WhiteBoy] ditto here jay

[jSarek] I think it would be easier for a lot of people; IRC has been around for ages, and far more people are familiar with it than most other chat rooms.

[Darth_Culator] Probably would be easier for many. I had to install Exodus just for this, but I've had mIRC all along.

[WhiteBoy] the reason we chose Jabber was because it's an IM and we figured people would be more use to IM-style joining of chat rooms than IRC

[Silly Dan] either are good

[WhiteBoy] good luck getting Riff to switch to IRC :p

[WhiteBoy] it was like pulling teeth to get him to try this

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] he's a paranoid one :)

[Silly Dan] Riff has a webbrowser, so he can get to the wikicities IRC web gateway

[WhiteBoy] he's paranoid!

[jSarek] Well, some IM clients almost treat IRC like an IM; I use trillian, and it has IRC support.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] extremely so :P

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] good luck getting him to try Trillian either :P

[WhiteBoy] wanna try IRC for the next one, then?

[WhiteBoy] we can always come back to Jabber if we want

[jSarek] Yeah, I think that would be a good idea.

[Silly Dan] may as well give it a try

[WhiteBoy] let's vote

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] well I'm already in it :)

[jSarek] Yeay.

[Kuralyov] Yay

[WhiteBoy] yep

[Darth_Culator] Aye.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] aye

[Silly Dan] aye

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[WhiteBoy] ok

[WhiteBoy] you can do an irc:// link, too

[WhiteBoy] similar to the xmpp link I was talking about

[WhiteBoy] any other software/tech ideas for the site?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] 'cept the colour/scheme change, no

[jSarek] Bots and forcing info on pics is all I can think of.

[WhiteBoy] we'd talked about setting up a forums at one point

[WhiteBoy] not much interest in that, as I recall

[Darth_Culator] If we get bots, we will obviously have to call them droids.

[WhiteBoy] lol

[Silly Dan] ha

[Silly Dan] and as for the color scheme, what would people suggest?

[jSarek] If Wikicities sets some up, that'd be fine, but I don't think we should be using third party boards for our business if we can avoid it.

[Silly Dan] I have no design sense, I only know what I can't read....

[WhiteBoy] Jay: what's the server info for the IRC channel?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] personally I like dark...but I dunno personally

[jSarek] I actually like the color scheme; it's sparse, simple, and easy to read.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] irc.freenode.org #wookieepedia

[WhiteBoy] jS: I agree...stick with Wikicites if at all possible

[WhiteBoy] irc://irc.freenode.org/wookieepedia

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I think you need the #, no?

[WhiteBoy] dunno....I'll check

[WhiteBoy] no, not in the URI format

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] righto

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] so should we move onto the next topic?

[WhiteBoy] I prefer the light color, personally

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] it just doesn't seem very Star Warsy to me

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] seeing as it's designed as an IU encyclopedia and all

[jSarek] Unless Angela has anything to add . . .

[WhiteBoy] maybe with different highlights or something

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] perhaps dark blue with white writing like we see in most holovids?

[rmfitzgerald] it shouldn't be hard to read though

[rmfitzgerald] and that might be

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] dark blue and white shouldn't be hard

[WhiteBoy] yeah, that would be yuck, I think

* Jaymach Ral'Tir shrugs

[jSarek] A scheme like they use here? http://holonetnews.com/46/

[WhiteBoy] I'd have to see it, tho :)

[Silly Dan] if there were enough contrast...

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] that would be what I was meaning

[WhiteBoy] ah, ok

[Silly Dan] MemoryAlpha uses dark gray and white, it looks OK

[WhiteBoy] yeah, that's not so bad

[WhiteBoy] I had BSOD fresh on my mind :p

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[WhiteBoy] yeah, I don't like MemoryAlpha's scheme

[jSarek] Yeah, we definitely don't want people restarting their computers when Wookieepedia loads. ;-)

[rmfitzgerald] and we could always change it back, right?

[rmfitzgerald] (if it doesn't work out)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] indeed

[Silly Dan] but you note that even HolonetNews reverts to black text on white screen for stories

[Darth_Culator] It would be a skin option on the user prefs, right?

[jSarek] SD: Right, but it uses lots of black and blue accents.

[Silly Dan] maybe a dark border with black-on-white for the actual articles?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] of course we would have to work out colours for blue and redlinks too

[jSarek] That could look nice.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] as they couldn't stay the same

[jSarek] Why not?

[WhiteBoy] DC: true

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] blue on blue? :P

[jSarek] Ah, I thought we were still talking about the HNN format.

[rmfitzgerald] white links could work

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] but if the text was white, it wouldn't

[rmfitzgerald] wait

[rmfitzgerald] nm

[WhiteBoy] for you web guru's out there...http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Skins

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] ooo

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[WhiteBoy] yeah

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[Jaymach Ral'Tir] care to explain? :P

[Darth_Culator] Did my connection drop?

[jSarek] ::::Explains:::: When a lawyer actually thinks about something, it costs a lot of money. Thus, it's far

cheaper to have him give an answer off the top of his head. ;-)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] nope

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I was meaning more, *what* would be okay? :P

[Silly Dan] was this about our use of the word "wookiee" in the name and logo?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] BSOD?

[WhiteBoy] gah!

[WhiteBoy] had this laptop for two years and it's NEVER blue screened

[Darth_Culator] What are you doing to make Windows so angry? My computer is a piece of junk and I've been up for 4 days.

[WhiteBoy] ok

[jSarek] It's your jabbr client, I'm telling you. ;-)

[WhiteBoy] he suggested we do two things

[WhiteBoy] hehe

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] two things about *what*? :P

[WhiteBoy] 1) put the little "everything here things are copyrighted by Lucasfilm" disclaimer

[WhiteBoy] 2) Once that's there, actually contact Lucasfilm and ask them to make sure our logo, etc. isn't a copyvio

[WhiteBoy] he didn't expect it to be a problem

[Darth_Culator] We should be able to put that at the bottom of every page next to the GFDL notice, with a more detailed disclaimer in Wookieepedia:About.

[Silly Dan] hmmm...have other fansites done something similar? Where's CooperTFN?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] CUSWE doesn't have it on every page, but I'm sure it does *somewhere*

[WhiteBoy] jSarek's comment was accurate above....he'd have to do research and stuff to be sure, and I didn't want to ask him to do that for free

[WhiteBoy] yeah, not every page...just a general disclaimer on the main page

[Darth_Culator] TimeTales has been using a bantha-load of official images for years. We should be no less safe than them.

[WhiteBoy] I think it was Dark Spork who pointed out last time that they have lightened up alot on their copyvio pickiness

[WhiteBoy] we're good about making sure people don't just copy-paste from starwars.com

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] and any other site, be it official or not

[WhiteBoy] right. this all came up with Angela's post

* WhiteBoy begins search

[Darth_Culator] But basically, we're fine doing what we've been doing from the beginning, we just need a few more CYA disclaimers.

[Silly Dan] Here's what MemoryAlpha does: http://www.memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Memory_Alpha:Copyrights

[WhiteBoy] http://starwars.wikicities.com/wiki/Wookieepedia_talk:Community_Portal#Trademark

[WhiteBoy] DC: I think that's the bulk of it

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] hi :)

[silent_shadow900] heyyy

[Silly Dan] hello

[jSarek] Hello

[jSarek] Hello ss.

[silent_shadow900] hey dudes

[silent_shadow900] had to download the program

[Darth_Culator] Hey, don't you normally spell your name with an X?

[Silly Dan] ah, so that's who this is

[silent_shadow900] actually, I normally spell it with an underdash and an S

[jSarek] Ah! That's why the name is familiar and yet not.

[silent_shadow900] Sorry to disrupt. What's the current topic?

* WhiteBoy point to subject heading :)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] copyright

[jSarek] Avoiding copyright problems.

[silent_shadow900] ahhh

[silent_shadow900] I just downloaded this program

[silent_shadow900] about five minutes ago. Anyway, what are our points and counterpoints?

[silent_shadow900] wait a sec I can see the conversation

[WhiteBoy] Angela has added some stuff to the talk page since our last meeting. Looks like they are following
                up with it a bit

[WhiteBoy] http://starwars.wikicities.com/wiki/Image_talk:Wiki.png

[Darth_Culator] We could basically copy the page footer from MemoryAlpha and substitute the appropriate
                nouns for our site. Theirs is pretty tasteful and unobtrusive.

[silent_shadow900] aren't all trekkies?

[WhiteBoy] sounds like a plan

[WhiteBoy] lol

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] hey now :P lol

[silent_shadow900] :P

[Silly Dan] well, except that vandal we had the other day

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] indeed

[silent_shadow900] what happened?

[Silly Dan] but he was probably a Babylon 5 fan out to make Trek fans look bad

[Darth_Culator] And MemoryAlpha's logo uses the Federation shield just like ours uses the Death Star. No
                concerns have been raised there.

[Silly Dan] yeah, so the Death Star and the word Wookiee should be OK

[Darth_Culator] Sorry, I seem to be having some kind of latency problem.

[silent_shadow900] me too

[jSarek] Sometimes, the difference between lawyers is more important than the difference between laws; just
            because Mem Alpha gets away with something doesn't necessarily mean that we will.

[WhiteBoy] hopefully Lucasfilm would realize that we do nothing but help their business

[jSarek] Aye, I as well.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] Jabber chat rooms just go slow occasionally :)

[silent_shadow900] gotta go

[jSarek] Bye ss.

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[rmfitzgerald] lol

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[jSarek] Plenty of sites are; they haven't bothered with the CUSWE yet . . .

[WhiteBoy] ok...copy-pasted from Memory Alpha - http://starwars.wikicities.com/wiki/Wookieepedia:Copyright

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] cheat :P lol

[WhiteBoy] we can clean up after this :)

[Silly Dan] copying someone else's copyright notice...confusing...8)

[WhiteBoy] lol

[Darth_Culator] They're not a GFDL wiki, you know.

[WhiteBoy] oh, wait...they're Creative Commons...not GFDL

[Darth_Culator] :-P

[jSarek] We can probably right a good enough one without theirs; we should probably just revert it and use
           theirs (and those of other sites) as inspiration.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] *write

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] sorry...nasty habbit

[WhiteBoy] lol

[WhiteBoy] OCD...all around for this group :)

[jSarek] No, it's good; I shouldn't have written "right." Sometimes the hands don't get the full text of the brain's
           memo. ;-)

[WhiteBoy] so who has George's number?

[WhiteBoy] so I can call him when we get this up there :)

[Darth_Culator] Ask SuperShadow!

[WhiteBoy] make sure he's cool with it, ya know? ;)

[WhiteBoy] lol

[Darth_Culator] Sorry, couldn't resist.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] we better ask SS if he's okay with us using his creations too ;)

[WhiteBoy] heh

[WhiteBoy] ok...next topic then?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] sure :)

[WhiteBoy] Ways to improve Wookieenews

[02/02/06 21:02]   Wookieenews

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] can't say I really have any thoughts on this

[WhiteBoy] we've been running with the new format since we changed the name to Wookieenews

[jSarek] Same here . . . Wookieenews has kind of been Riffs' baby, and I haven't had much desire to play with it
           much.

[WhiteBoy] just wanted some feedback to see what y'all think about it

[WhiteBoy] I contrib to it....basically use Google Alerts (shhh!)

[Darth_Culator] It really does all it needs to do, though it could stand to look more Star Wars-y.

[WhiteBoy] hehe...that's your suggestion from earlier, wasn't it?

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[WhiteBoy] do ya'll read it?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] can't say that I do

[WhiteBoy] read, just not contrib? or don't read?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I generally use TF.N's boards for my news

[WhiteBoy] k

[Darth_Culator] Even after improving the site look, though, we could dress Wookieenews up a little. Maybe not quite as Futuristic-CNNish as this: http://starwars.wikicities.com/wiki/Image:Holonet.jpg , but somewhat in the same vein.

[jSarek] Don't even read it; I normally get my SW news by hearing others talk about it on the TOS boards.

[Darth_Culator] I generally hear things first at the TFn lit board.

[WhiteBoy] TOS?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] The Official Site

[WhiteBoy] ah

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] rather than The Original Series :)

[jSarek] Yeah, that's what it mostly means to me, too. ;-)

[WhiteBoy] ok

[jSarek] But normally I can let context clarify my meaning. "I was watching the TOS episode where Spock plays his lute" typically doesn't mean The Official Site. ;-)

[WhiteBoy] well, thought I'd ask :)

[WhiteBoy] next topic: Wookieepedia's 1 Year Anniversary. Let's try get featured on StarWars.com :-)

[02/02/06 21:02]   First anniversary

[Silly Dan] do they feature fansites?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] bug Abel Pena until he bugs TOS :P

[jSarek] Wow, bold. Best bet is Bonnie Burton or Abel.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[jSarek] Probably Bonnie, actually.

[jSarek] Abel loves us, but she's the one that does most of the off-the-wall fan articles on the free part of the site.

[jSarek] However, I wouldn't get my hopes up about it.

[Silly Dan] right

[Darth_Culator] I love the fact that Abel has blogged about Wookieepedia. That just blows my mind.

[WhiteBoy] yeah

[WhiteBoy] why?

[rmfitzgerald] the thing is, if they feature wookieepedia then all the other fansites will be clamoring to be featured as well

[rmfitzgerald] unless you guys have some sort of inside connection

[jSarek] rm: Exactly, so I think they have a policy not to acknowledge them, even if they tolerate them.

[WhiteBoy] makes sense

[Silly Dan] that makes sense

[rmfitzgerald] it would be great, but I don't think it will happen

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] indeed

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] shame too

[Darth_Culator] But we can get recognized on unofficial sites. CooperTFN did pretty well at that.

[WhiteBoy] yeah...that was cool

[rmfitzgerald] yeah, we definitely need to work on exposure

[Darth_Culator] What other major fansites could we get linked from?

[Silly Dan] yeah, that was helpful

[WhiteBoy] dunno if y'all noticed or not, but we got our first Slashdot mention the other day

[Silly Dan] oh really?

[WhiteBoy] yep

[jSarek] Sweet, we got slashdotten? That's solid.

[jSarek] -dotted

[WhiteBoy] http://ask.slashdot.org/askslashdot/06/01/21/1958244.shtml

[WhiteBoy] week or two ago

[Silly Dan] but no comments about us, specifically

[rmfitzgerald] we could probably get more exposure if we added wookieepedia links to the end of wikipedia
         articles, though they might not take a kind view to that

[WhiteBoy] We talked about more exposure a bit here -
         http://starwars.wikicities.com/wiki/User:WhiteBoy/Admin_meeting#Recruitment

[Darth_Culator] Nice. But Wikicities had a problem with their last full-scale slashdotting. When somebody posted
         a Slashdot article about an Uncyclopedia article about ipods, the entire Wikicities network was
         running like a man kicked in the nuts.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] a "See also" bit?

[WhiteBoy] several articles have us in the External links

[rmfitzgerald] or "external links"

[jSarek] Yeah, there's a reason they call it "The Slashdot Effect." ;-)

[WhiteBoy] yeah

[WhiteBoy] SD: we're mentioned in the main article

[rmfitzgerald] because I was editing on wikipedia (some SW) a while before I even found wookieepedia

[WhiteBoy] SD: although it is in the "Ask Slashdot" instead of an actual article

[Silly Dan] ah, I see

[WhiteBoy] DC: yeah, uncyclopedia has been slashdotted more than once

[rmfitzgerald] I just found something sad: I googled "star wars" and we are on the 6th page of results

[rmfitzgerald] nobody reads that far

[WhiteBoy] heh..yeah

[rmfitzgerald] I mean, try it, look at the results above us -- it's a joke

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] a lot of people pay google to have their site upped

[rmfitzgerald] well, they don't pay google directly, I don't think

[rmfitzgerald] but I know what you mean

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] you can pay google directly, or you can pay other people who pay google

[rmfitzgerald] and I don't know if that's the answer ;-)

[jSarek] Unless Google has changed it's policy, it's impossible to do that.

[WhiteBoy] yeah, it's more based on how many people are linking to you I think

[rmfitzgerald] I read an article about this a while ago

[rmfitzgerald] an industry has sprung up around google search results

[rmfitzgerald] and how to manipulate your placement on them

[jSarek] You can pay other websites to link to you, which Google's machinery will then increase your rank based upon that, but Google has (or at least used to have) a strict policy of not changing what page order based on payment.

[WhiteBoy] afaik, that's still policy

[Silly Dan] but if you google an obscure Star Wars topic, we're usually 1st page

[WhiteBoy] that's why Google is so popular...people want honest search results

[jSarek] That's what I thought.

[rmfitzgerald] I know, that's the thing

[jSarek] We're usually top of first page for most obscure stuff.

[rmfitzgerald] it's a great resource

[rmfitzgerald] but hard to find

[rmfitzgerald] if you don't know it's there

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] google "Danielle Kieran" :)

[WhiteBoy] yep...top of the list...or at least first page

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] even though there's real people with that name, we're first :)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] oddly the page about her is 2nd to Moko's Cantina lol

[Silly Dan] OTOH, we're on page 4 for Rodians

[WhiteBoy] Google adjusts your scorebased on how often your stuff is updated too

[rmfitzgerald] but try palpatine

[WhiteBoy] so that helps us alot :)

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] aye

[rmfitzgerald] we're not even on the first page

[rmfitzgerald] we're underneath some crappy tripod site, lol

[Silly Dan] page 3

[WhiteBoy] lol

[WhiteBoy] luke skywalker has the wikipedia page as #2

[Silly Dan] below Wikipedia, but they get boosted because the domain is so popular regardless of subject

[WhiteBoy] we're on page 3

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] we've kinda went off topic :P

[WhiteBoy] yep

[Silly Dan] what was the topic? How to get exposure, yes?

[jSarek] A little, but the topic was basically publicising us for first anniversary, and this is evidence of our need for said publicity.

[WhiteBoy] so what do we want to do for our first anniversary?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] well the traditional Scottish thing would be to get drunk....but I don't think that works

[WhiteBoy] honestly I googled "luke skywalker" a few months ago and we didn't show up until page 6 or 7

[WhiteBoy] so we've moved up quite a bit

[jSarek] Jaymach: Speak for yourself! ;-)

[WhiteBoy] sorry

[WhiteBoy] hehe...I'll get back on topic

[WhiteBoy] wonder if wikia could spring for some ads?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] *where* ?

[jSarek] For what?

[rmfitzgerald] lol, nobody reads ads

[jSarek] Strike that, duh.

[WhiteBoy] hehe

[rmfitzgerald] we've got to get credible exposure

[WhiteBoy] New York Times? lol

[WhiteBoy] j/k

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] well I put posters up in Edinburgh

[Darth_Culator] Is it too late to raise a few million dollars and get a Super Bowl commercial?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] they keep getting taken down though

[WhiteBoy] I think we can do that DC:

[rmfitzgerald] lol

[WhiteBoy] lol

[WhiteBoy] where'd you put em up?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] bus stops mostly

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] on a few bill boards

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] and I'm asking to get them put in the Forbidden Planet window

[jSarek] brb

[Kuralyov] What do you you put on the posters?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] basically they're the Uncle Sam posters with a giant screaming Wookiee head

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] they're nothing amazing as I have no real artistic talent, but I like them

[WhiteBoy] we could do Wookieeflix...kinda like http://www.firefoxflicks.com/index.html

[Darth_Culator] I like that. "Uncle Chewbacca wants you." Inspirational and scary.

[WhiteBoy] lol

[WhiteBoy] some ideas from http://www.spreadfirefox.com/

[WhiteBoy] Firefox has done a good job of marketing I think...especially for an open-source project

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] it's done very well

[Darth_Culator] Wookieepedia testimonials: "I used to have a life, sort of. Now I spend all my free time editing Wookieepedia. It's so much fun spell-checking articles and correcting links and arguing about question-marks and image placements..."

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] lol

[Darth_Culator] We'd all have to lie to recruit anyone.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I hate that almost all pages with a lot of images look bad to me

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[WhiteBoy] rofl

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[Darth_Culator] I really wish I'd done more spell-checking before MediaWiki 1.5 rolled in. I wonder if they'll ever bring that back. I should have brought that up 90 minutes ago.

[Silly Dan] maybe they'll bring it back for 1.51? It's a very useful feature.

[WhiteBoy] yeah...that is something I wish we had

[rmfitzgerald] I was wondering about that, couldn't some spellchecking be done with bots?

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] uhm...maybe

[jSarek] Cool, thanks for the role update. :-)

[WhiteBoy] yeah

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] it might cause a lot of problems though

[WhiteBoy] np

[rmfitzgerald] only certain words that, when they occur, are always wrong

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] bots aren't all that smart

[rmfitzgerald] I hate seperetist

* Jaymach Ral'Tir has to refrain from using u's a lot

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] silly Americanism

[rmfitzgerald] and things like that

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] color >.>

[Darth_Culator] If bots could think, none of us would be here, would we?

[rmfitzgerald] lol

[WhiteBoy] if you believe in the Matrix

[WhiteBoy] :)

[rmfitzgerald] I was scrolling through the list (back when it worked)

[rmfitzgerald] and quite a number of those could be fixed by a bot

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] unfortunately, however, if you use a bot then you have to program it with all the Star Wars words

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] so it doesn't attempt to fix words incorrectly

[rmfitzgerald] yeah, it could be a chore

[rmfitzgerald] but it would be one time

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] not really

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[02/02/06 21:03] jSarek Available

[02/02/06 21:03] rmfitzgerald Online

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[Darth_Culator] Bah. Sleep is just a poor substitute for caffeine anyway.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I don't do sleep :)

[jSarek] Ah, she's a Brit? Let her sleep, then.

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[Silly Dan] well, it's 10 PM EST now

[Darth_Culator] Silly Dan, have you given any more thought to being an admin since it was brought up on your talk page?

[Darth_Culator] (I think we need many, many admins.)

[jSarek] Bah, you Easterners, always rushing into the future. We here in Cali aren't so anxious; it's only 7:00 here. ;-)

[Silly Dan] well, do we really need another admin in the eastern time zone?

[Silly Dan] we've got several admins active at the same time as me

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I was tempted to apply for Adminship....but realized how much I'd actually have to do :P

[jSarek] Hmm, someone got BSOD'd again, methinks.

[Darth_Culator] I just want a revert button and a ban-stick.

[Silly Dan] did WB leave because the meeting's over, or because his computer's broken?

[02/02/06 21:03] WhiteBoy has set the topic to: First anniversary

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] ban is the only reason I'd want it

[Silly Dan] oh, WB, WB

[WhiteBoy] thanks

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I can revert just fine just now

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] I just wanna ban some of those idiots

[Silly Dan] yeah, that would be nice

[jSarek] Jaymach: We need them enough that we can accept part timers; my nomination was on the condition that I'd not be killing myself to meet all of the responsibilities.

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] heh, fair enough

[Silly Dan] ah, well. I'll think about it some more

[WhiteBoy] yeah, the idea isn't each admin has to do all of it

[Silly Dan] in fact, the more admins, the less banning and reverting any of them have to do

[jSarek] I just wish that the real world had let me at least keep up my *old* level of contributions . . . :-(

[WhiteBoy] but you do need to be responsible for at least one or two :)

[Silly Dan] but I might have to quit wikiing for weeks on end soon

[WhiteBoy] anything else before I cut off the transcript?

[Silly Dan] I'm good

[Jaymach Ral'Tir] uhm...nothing I can think of

[WhiteBoy] k