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URL

<http://everything2.com/>

Subject

Encyclopedias

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Everything2 Media, LLC

Brief History

The predecessor of Everything2 was a similar database called Everything which was started around March 1998 by Nathan Oostendorp and was initially closely aligned with and promoted by the technology-related news website Slashdot . The Everything2 software offered vastly more features, and the Everything1 data was twice incorporated into Everything2: once on November 13, 1999, and again in January 2000.

Scope and Coverage

In this encyclopedia, the article is called “Writeup”. Everything2 provides following write-up types:

“definition”, “dream”, “essay”, “event”, “fiction”, “help”, “how-to”, “idea”, “lede”, “log”, “option”, “person”, “personal”, “place”, “poetry”,

“recipe”, “review”, “thing”. Huge amount of articles or write-ups on different subjects are found here.

Kind of Information

Everything2 offers a huge amount of original writing of many kinds. One will find informative articles on just about any subject. One will also find humor, poetry, fiction, opinion, criticism, personal experiences, and other things that are hard to categorize. Under the write-up types articles or write-ups are arranged.

As for example, under the type “Definition” one can find definitions of following terms:

Anchor light, Kazoo, Apiology etc.

Under the type “essays”, following essays are found:

“Donald Trump”,

“What ever happened to Jerry Rubin?”

“Weaning methadone” etc.

In write-up type “event” one can find information about following events:

“SciFiQuest 3016: Stuff What hasn’t Happened Yet”,

“2016 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs”,

“2016 Nevada Republic Caucus” etc.

In “person” category biographies of eminent persons may be found. As for example, mention may be made for “Nina Simone”, a most diverse musical artist, whose biographical information is given here. It includes information like date of birth, place of birth, family, school life, working life, achievement, date of death and the like.

In “recipe” category one can get a direction to make a desirable dish. As for example, in “Chicken Chili” entry, the information is provided about how to make chili chicken along with the ingredients to make it.

Special Features

- ❖ Everything2 is a site where one can write, read, share and talk with others about original works that can be on any topic, and from any genre.
- ❖ Hyperlink to other works of the same author is present.
- ❖ Statistics of the writers, users (time of becoming a registered user in the site, total number of articles written by a writer, total number of viewers etc.) is available.
- ❖ User book marks are also present.
- ❖ User can like a particular article by clicking on the “I Like it!” button and the total number of likes is also shown.

- ❖ List of new write-ups are available here.
- ❖ Links to social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter etc. and to social book marking sites like Del.icio.us, Digg etc. are available.

Arrangement Pattern Clicking on the “more” button under the “New Writeups” on the right corner of the main page, one can find a choose category option wherefrom one can select a particular category for a write-up. There is an alphabetic list of various kinds of write-up types. These types include:

“definition”, “dream”, “essay”, “event”, “fiction”, “help”, “how-to”, “idea”, “lede”, “log”, “option”, “person”, “personal”, “place”, “poetry”, “recipe”, “review”, “thing”.

The writeups or the articles are arranged under the write-up types according to the latest date of publication. Through the following print screen the arrangement pattern of write-ups within a specific write-up type “dream”, is shown:

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Writeups by Type". At the top, there is a "Category:" dropdown menu currently set to "E2 Tools and Toys". Below it is a "Choose..." label. To the right, there is a "Select Writeup Type:" dropdown menu set to "dream" and a "Number of writeups to display" field. The main content area lists 15 writeups, each with a date and a title, followed by "(dream)" in parentheses. The dates are: May 18, 2016; April 9, 2016; March 15, 2016; March 13, 2016; January 1, 2016; November 25, 2015; August 14, 2015. The titles are: "If these things were spoken instead of dreamt", "Reveille", "Dream log: March 13, 2016", "Your body is not your home, anymore", "my castle of dreams, always surreal and strong", "I am dreaming, therefore", "You're only half a bitch without the heels", "What horses do for my soul", "Remembrancer", "I'll buy you Mountain Dew if you realize I love you.", and "A dream about a falling angel".

Remarks In loitering in the corridor of knowledge this online encyclopedia plays a sublime role. Though subject wise categorization of articles is not found in this encyclopedia and lack of alphabetization of articles create some problems for the users in finding articles of their needs, no one can deny the vast compass of this online tool. From social science to science, from imagination to daily life related issues all are cogently manifested in this online encyclopedia.

Comparable Tools

- Wikipedia (Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Britannica.com (<http://www.britannica.com/>)
- Citizendium (en.citizendium.org)
- New World Encyclopedia
(http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Info:Main_Page)

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