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Edit-a-thon Introduction to

WIKIDATA

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But first: Who am I?

I’m **Ginelly**, an Aruban cultural contributor, photographer and artist. I served as Wikimedian in Residence in Aruba, helping share Aruba’s stories through Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons and Wikidata.

- **Link to Wikidata User:Ginelly.Q**



Agenda

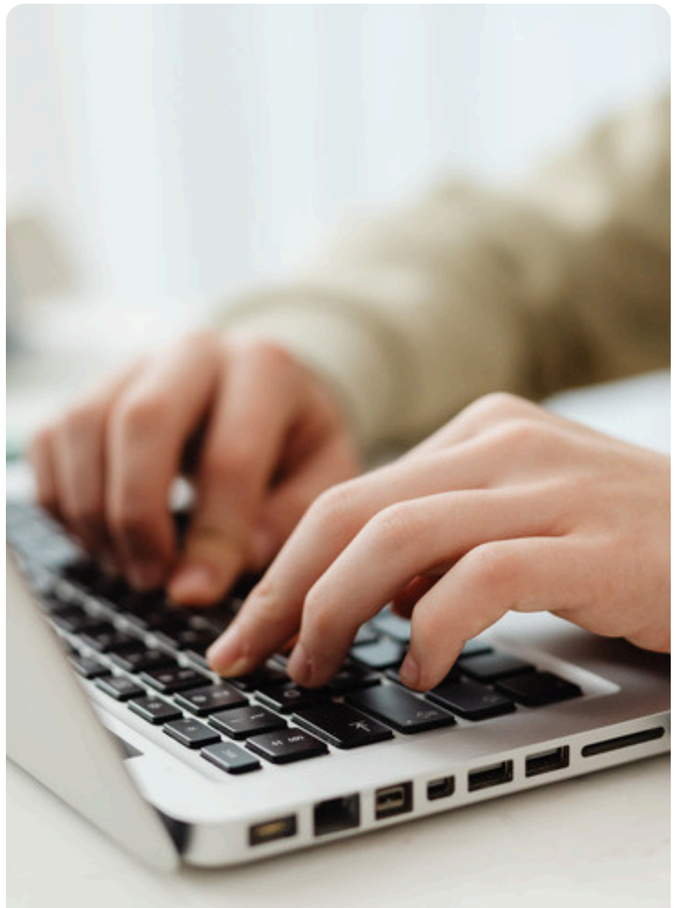
- Friendly space policy
- Wikipedia account Dashboard
- You as an editor
- Introduction to Wikidata
- Edit a Wikidata item
- Dialogue/ Q&A



Today, you will learn the basics of Wikidata, create items, add statements and references, and explore how structured data connects knowledge.

Refreshments are available for participants on a self-service basis.

Wikimeta account/ Dashboard



Log in to the dashboard, register as a participant by entering your username on the editors page

Note: Usernames of all participants will be collected during the workshop and added to dashboard.

Friendly space policy

The **goal** of this session is to create an encouraging space for **collective learning.** This requires **intentional behavior**, wherein participants are conscious of and accountable for the effect of their statements and actions on others.

We **respect** our experiences and the **experiences of others** and recognize that we can’t do this work without one another. We agree to hold each other **accountable** to foster a Brave, Friendly Space.

What is Wikidata?



Database: A collection of things (items) and the relationships between them.

Free: No cost barrier.

Open: Anyone can contribute, working under pseudonyms if they so choose. Exceptionally low-barrier LOD platform.

What is Wikidata?



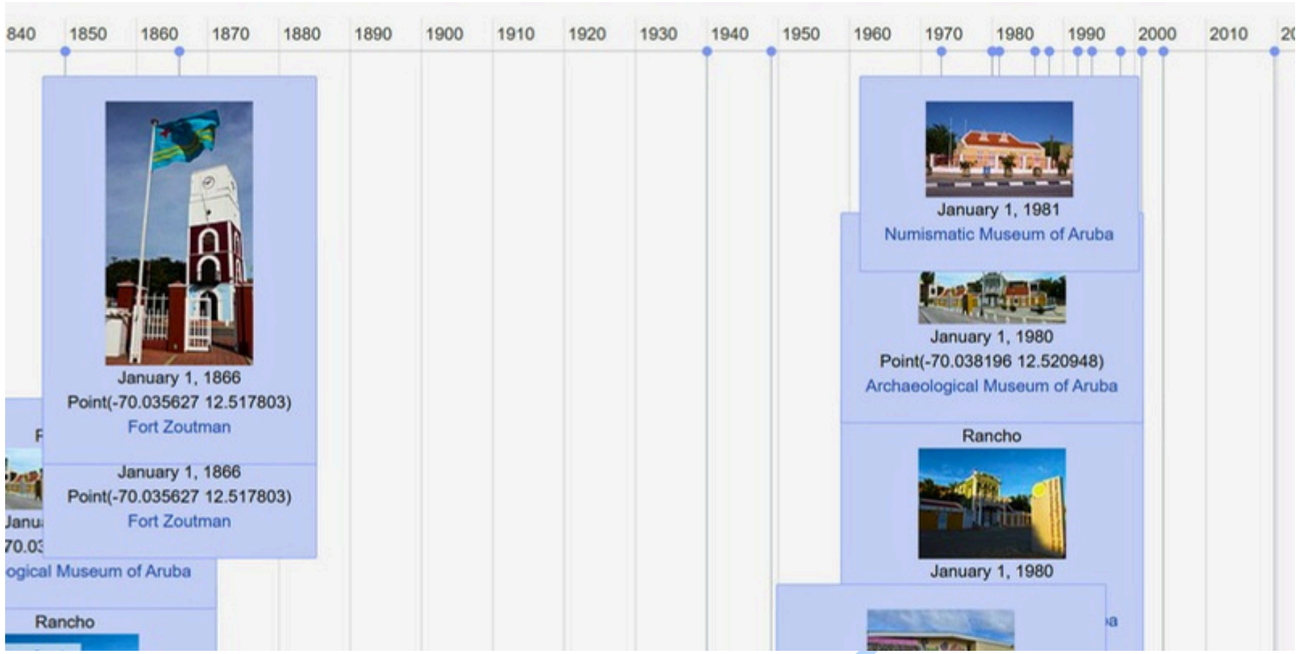
Scale: 99.9M items (and growing fast). Hub for other open datasets.

Queries: Wikidata allows users to quickly and easily search for comprehensive information using simple information requests.

Language-independent: Wikidata was created to overcome Wikipedia's language barriers by allowing information to be shared and connected across different languages.

Query Service

A Query Service is a **tool** that lets you ask a **database** **specific questions** and get back the information you need.





https://query.wikidata.org/

The structure of Wikidata
Let’s take a look



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University of Aruba (Q2542715)

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University

▸ Recoin: Most relevant properties which are absent

▾ In more languages

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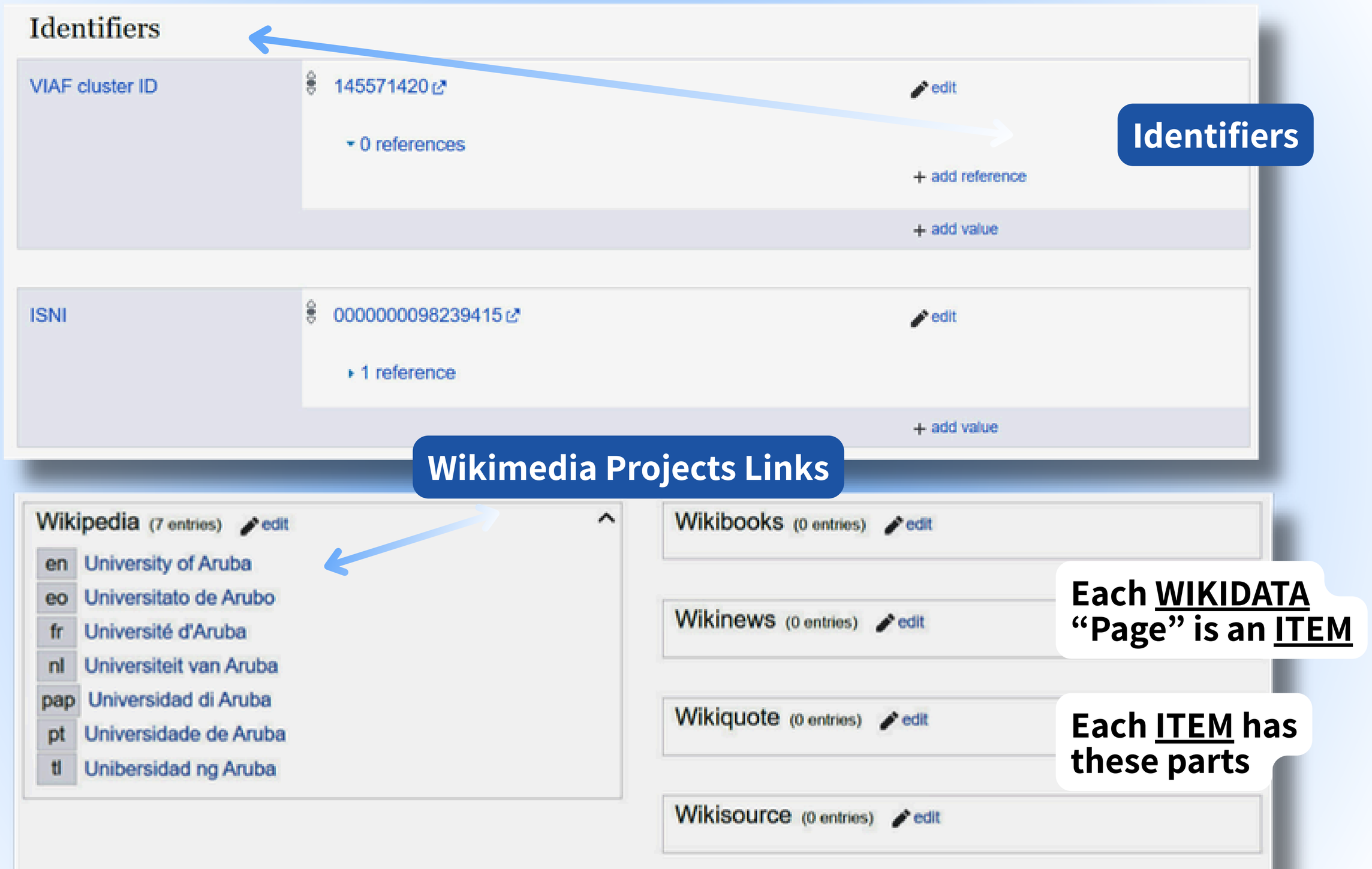
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Statements

instance of	university ▸ 1 reference	edit
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Statements

Each ITEM has these parts


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0 references
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add value
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1 reference
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- **The item label appears at the top in large text.**
- **Every WIKIDATA item has a label - its most common name**

- **Different items can share a label, but not the same label and description.**
- **Items can have labels in multiple languages.**

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- **Next to the label is the item's unique identifier, starting with "Q" followed by numbers. This is the Q ID, a URL that uniquely identifies the item.**

- **Q ID items are automatically generated when new items are created.**
- **They are language-dependent.**

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- Below the label is the description.

It’s a short phrase that distinguishes the item from others with the same or similar label.

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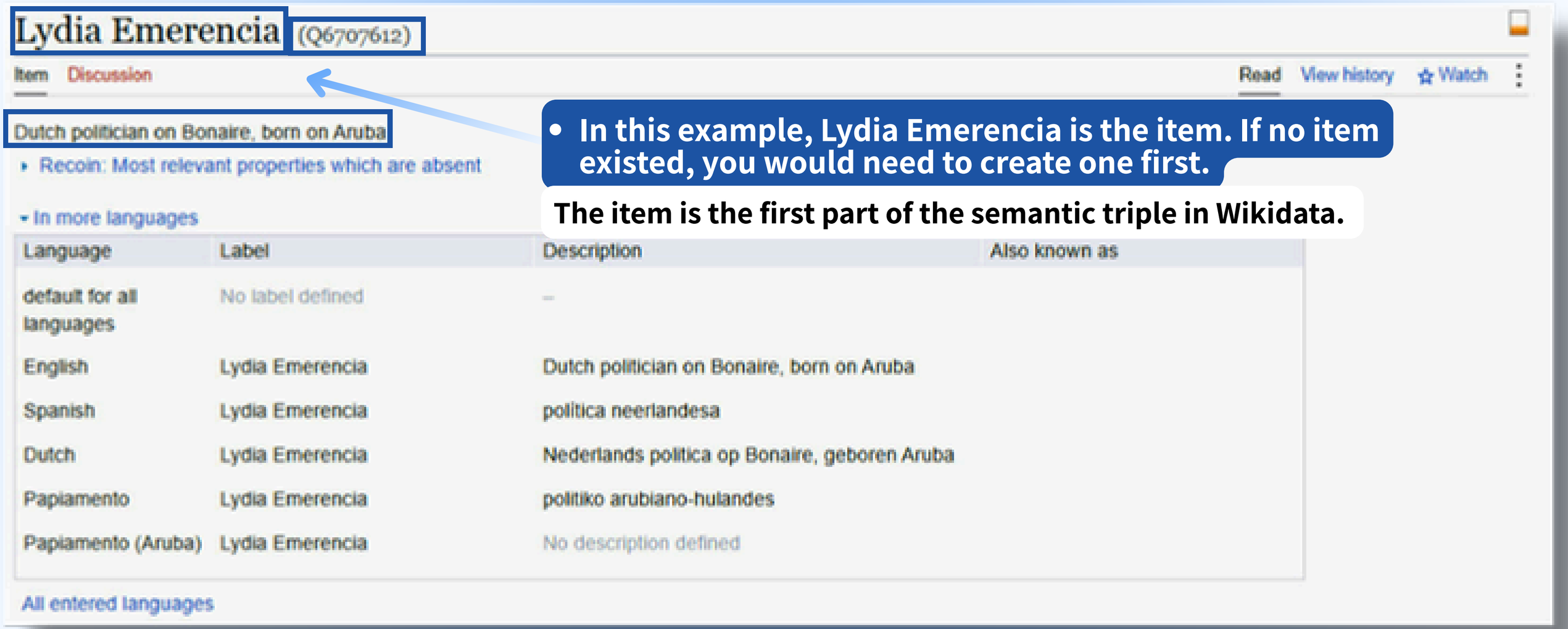
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- **Items can also have aliases, or “also known as” names. When creating an item, select a language, add a label and description, and include any relevant aliases in the description.**

Aliases are language-specific and can be added as needed. They also appear in search results, making them useful for finding the item.



- **In this example, Lydia Emerencia is the item. If no item existed, you would need to create one first.**

The item is the first part of the semantic triple in Wikidata.

A semantic triple is a simple way of expressing a fact using three parts:
Thing → relationship → value
Semantic triples are important in Wikidata because they make information structured and connected.

The structure of Wikidata

- Each Wikidata item contains **statements** that describe it.
- Most statements have **three parts**, called a **semantic triple**:
  - Item - Property - Value
- Example: **University of Aruba → located in → Aruba**
- These connections help Wikidata **link information together.**
  They make it possible to:
  - Run complex queries
  - Create visualizations
  - Connect data with other datasets
- These triples are also the basis of **RDF (Resource Description Framework)** and Linked **Open Data.**

Statements

instance of — university — edit
1 reference
+ add value

inception — 1988 — edit
1 reference
+ add value

logo image — edit



Logo of the University of Aruba.png
3,375 × 3,375; 478 KB

1 reference
+ add value

Semantic triple

Item - Property - Value

Subject - Predicate - Object

University of Aruba
Q2542715

Instance of
P31)

University
Q3918

Link to WIKIDATA item (University of Aruba)

Statements

instance of P31 — human Q5 — edit
1 reference
+ add value

sex or gender P21 — female Q6581072 — edit
1 reference
+ add value

country of citizenship P27 — Kingdom of the Netherlands Q29999 — edit
0 references

given name P735 — Lydia Q904455 — edit
1 reference
+ add value

Lydia Emerencia

Item - Property - Value

Subject - Predicate - Object

Lydia Emerencia
Q6707612

Instance of
P31

Human
Q5

Link to WIKIDATA item (Lydia Emerencia)

Lydia Emerencia

Statements

instance of P31 — human Q5 — edit — 1 reference

- All properties start with P followed by a number.

You can add many statements to an item. However, not all properties apply to every type of item (e.g., some don't apply to humans)

sex or gender P21 — female Q6581072 — 1 reference

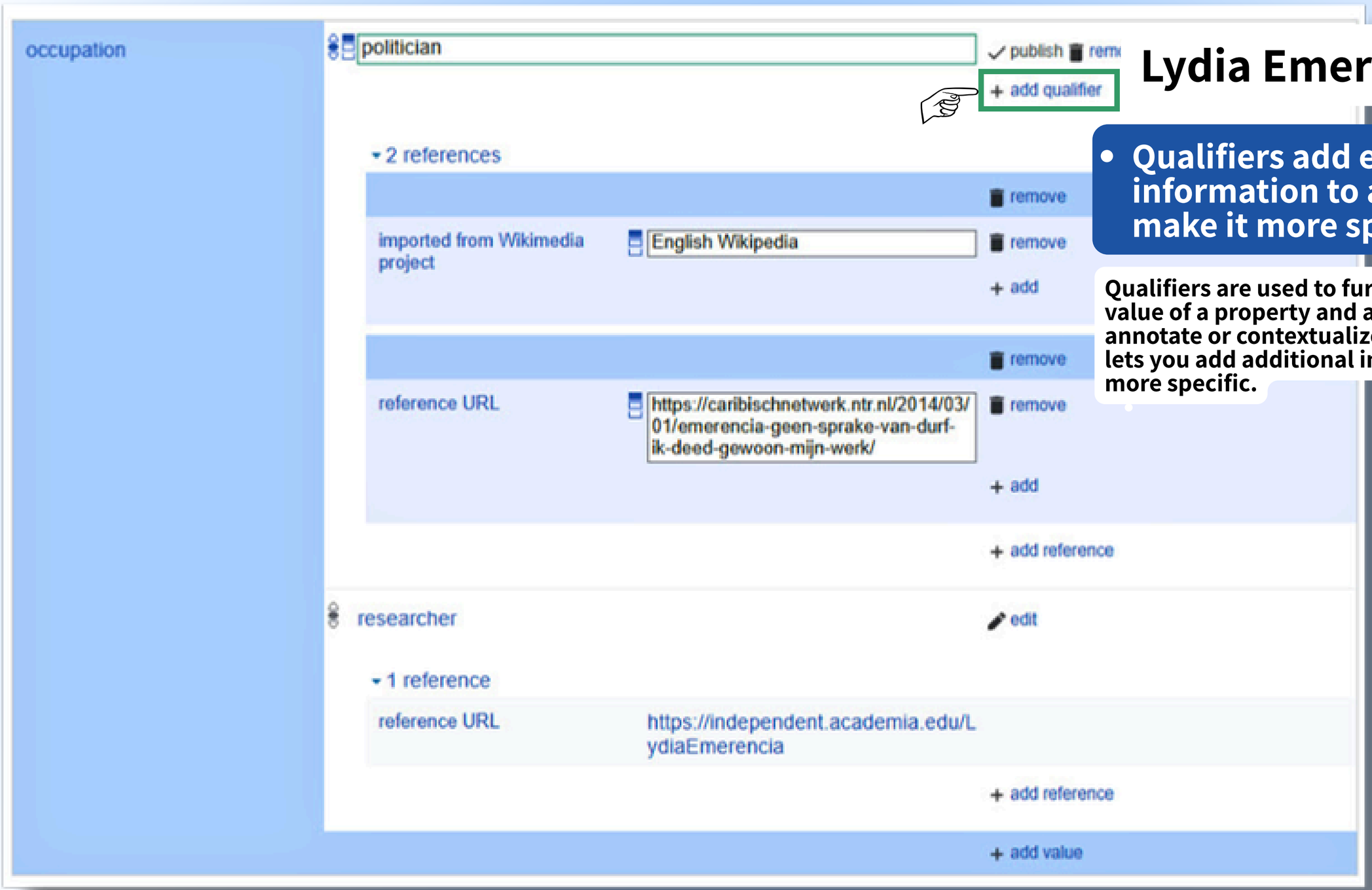
- The value completes the semantic triple.
- Each value links to its own Wikidata item.
- These triples connect data points in Wikidata edits.

country of citizenship P27 — Kingdom of the Netherlands Q29999 — 0 references — + add value

Example: Lydia Emerencia (item) is an instance of (property) human (value).
Another: Lydia Emerencia (item) has occupation (property) politician (value).

given name P735 — Lydia Q904455 — edit — 1 reference — + add value

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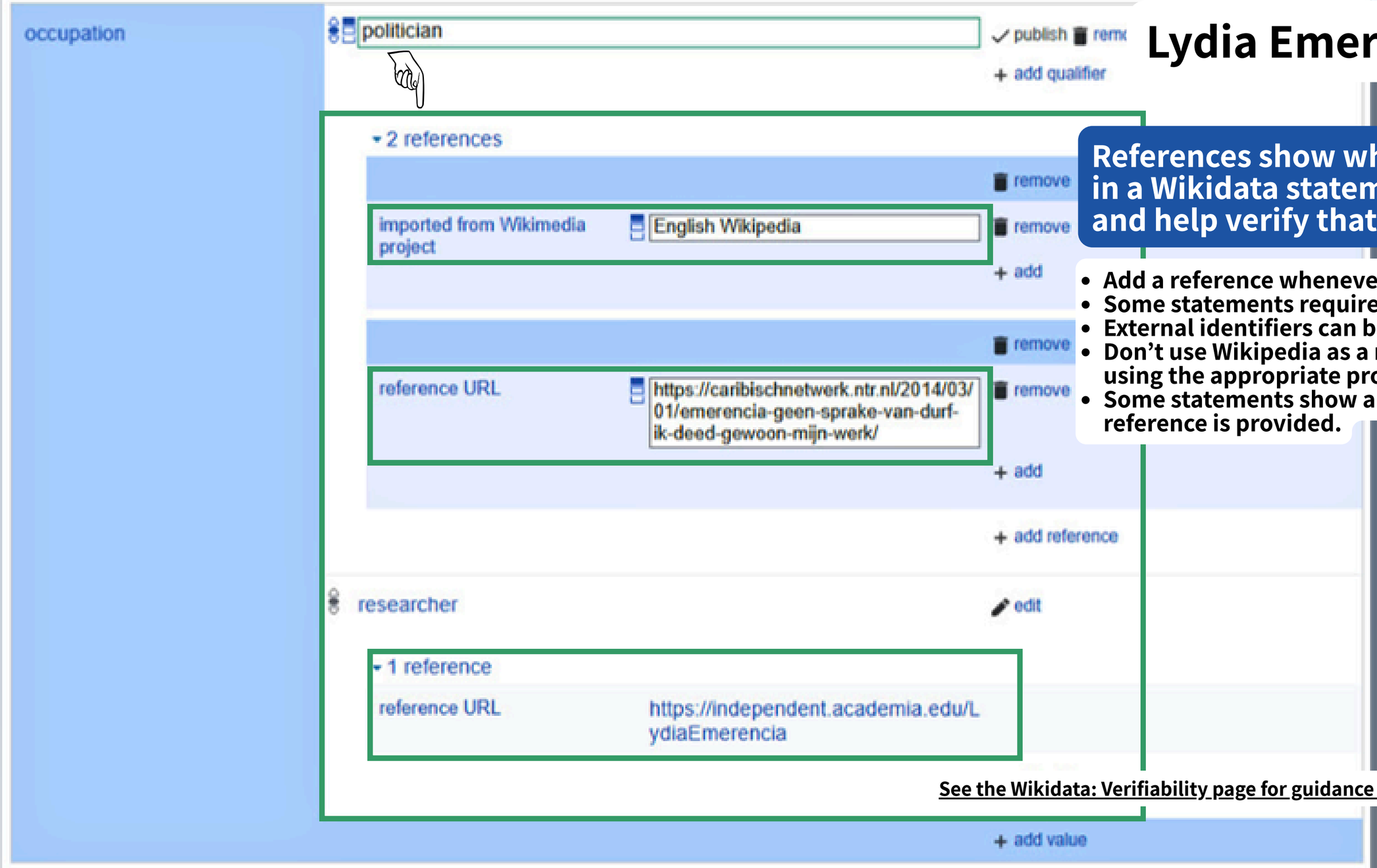


Lydia Emerencia

- **Qualifiers add extra information to a statement to make it more specific.**

Qualifiers are used to further describe the value of a property and allow you to expand, annotate or contextualize your statements; it lets you add additional information and be more specific.

Lydia Emerencia



References show where information in a Wikidata statement comes from and help verify that it is reliable.

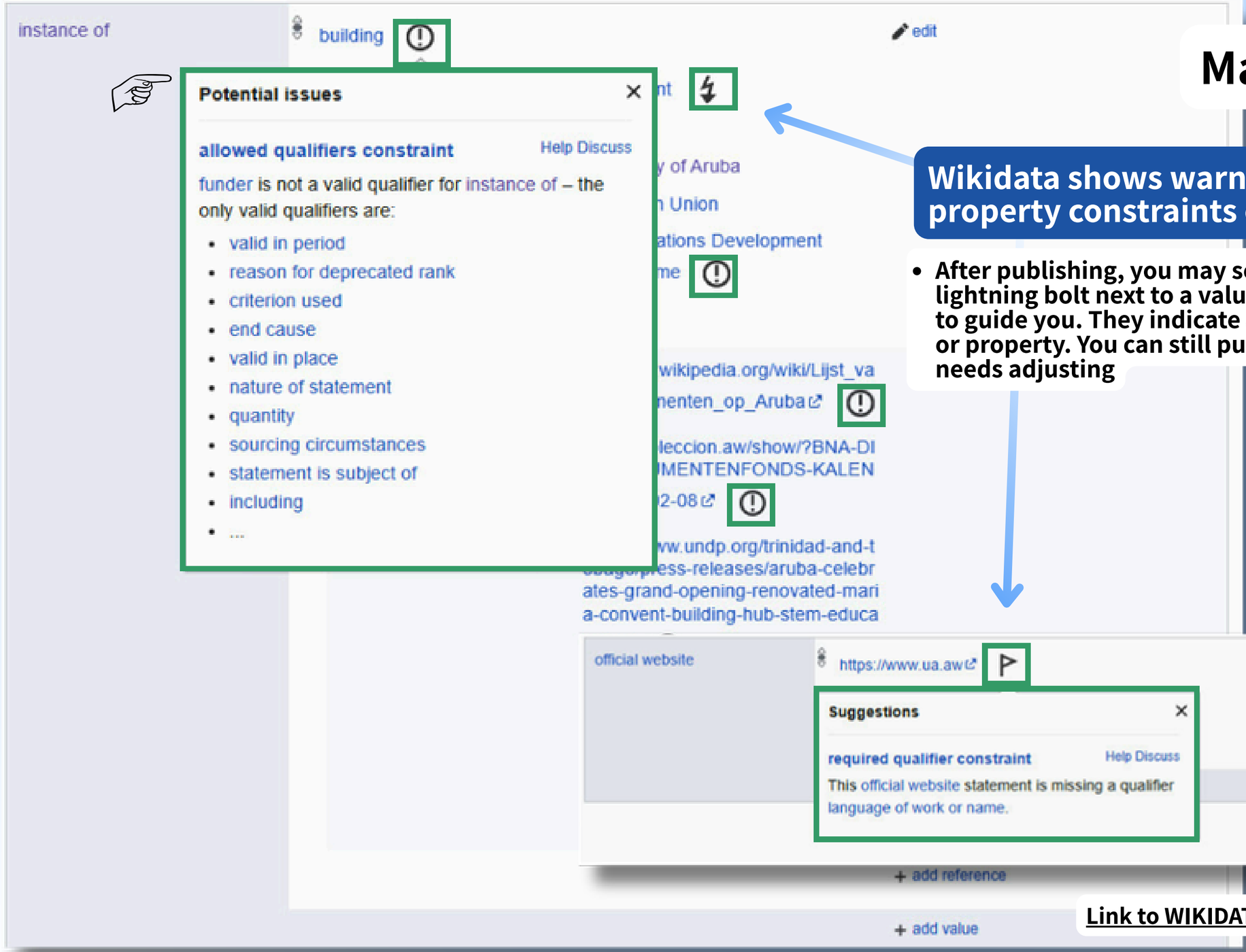
- Add a reference whenever possible.
- Some statements require references.
- External identifiers can be used as references.
- Don't use Wikipedia as a reference; link to it using the appropriate property.
- Some statements show a warning when no reference is provided.

See the Wikidata: Verifiability page for guidance on citing sources

Maria Convent Aruba

Wikidata shows warnings if a statement breaks property constraints or doesn't fit the system.

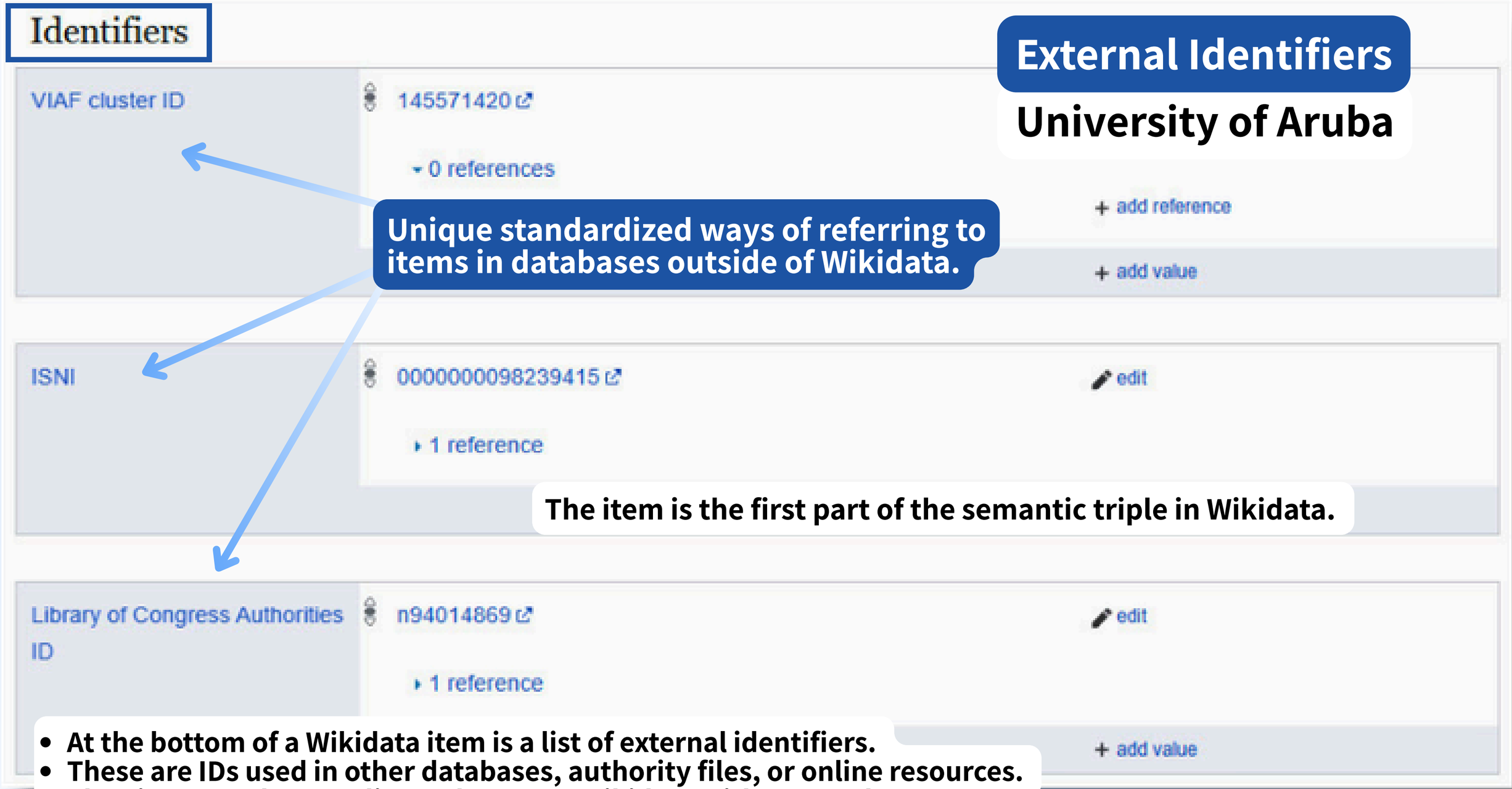
- **After publishing, you may see a flag, exclamation mark, or lightning bolt next to a value. Don't worry, these icons are there to guide you. They indicate a constraint issue with the statement or property. You can still publish, but click the icon to see what needs adjusting**



Link to WIKIDATA item (Maria Convent Aruba)

External Identifiers

University of Aruba



Unique standardized ways of referring to items in databases outside of Wikidata.

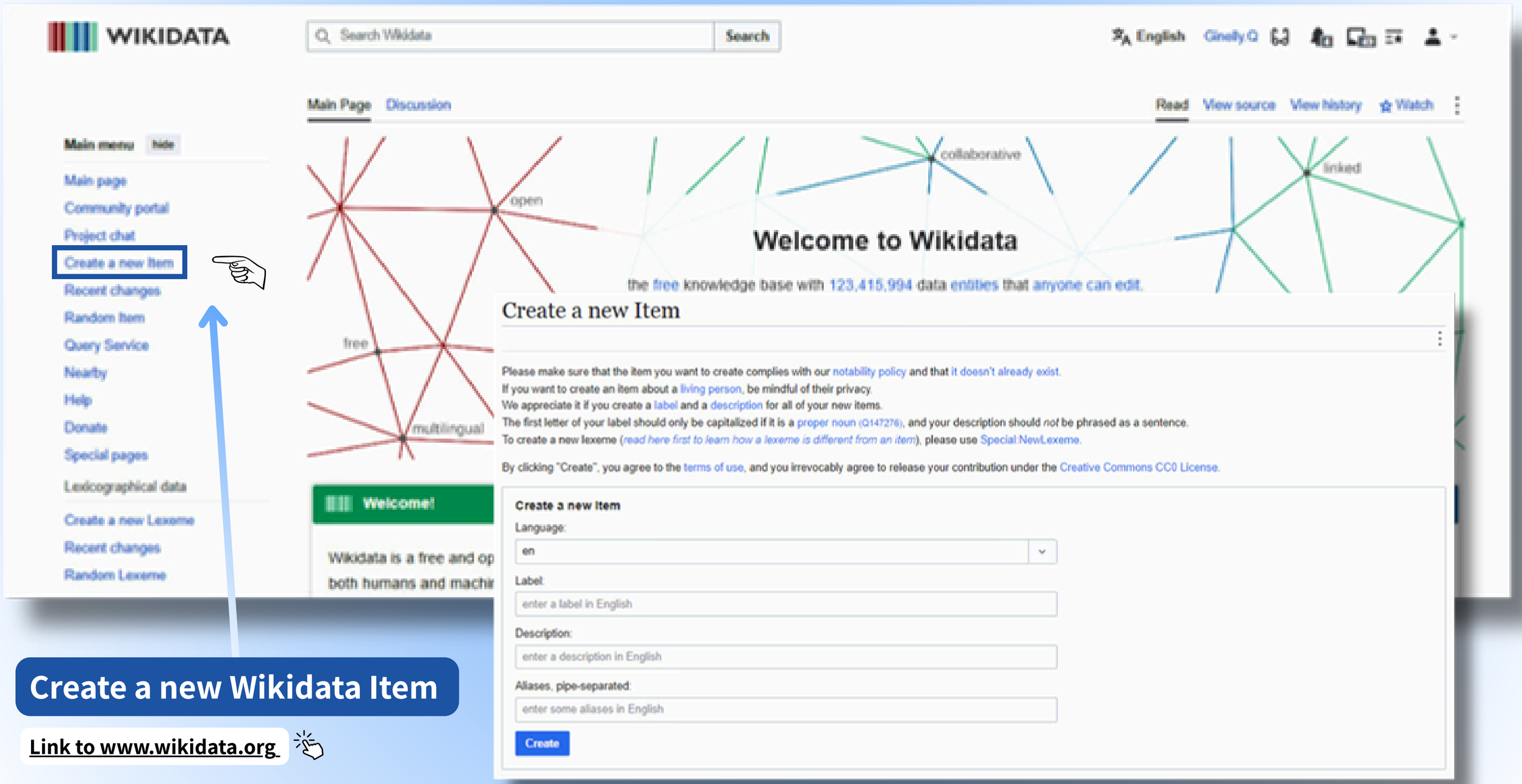
The item is the first part of the semantic triple in Wikidata.

- At the bottom of a Wikidata item is a list of external identifiers.
- These are IDs used in other databases, authority files, or online resources.
- They improve data quality and connect Wikidata with external systems.
- External identifiers link to additional information and help systems connect related data.

Start editing or create a new Wikidata Item



Choose an **item** from the spreadsheet by adding your initials in the last column.



Create a new Wikidata Item

Link to www.wikidata.org

Item quality considerations

- **Accuracy** – Are the statements accurate?
- **Sourcing** – Are the statements well-cited?
- **Appropriate, consistent, and complete descriptions:**
  - Are all properties and values appropriate and consistently applied across items?
  - Should any statements be qualified or ranked? Should any other properties be included?
- **Multilingual support** – Are the label/description/aliases available in multiple languages?

Thank you for your contributions and participation!

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