

# How Knowledge Representation is changing in a world of Large Language Models

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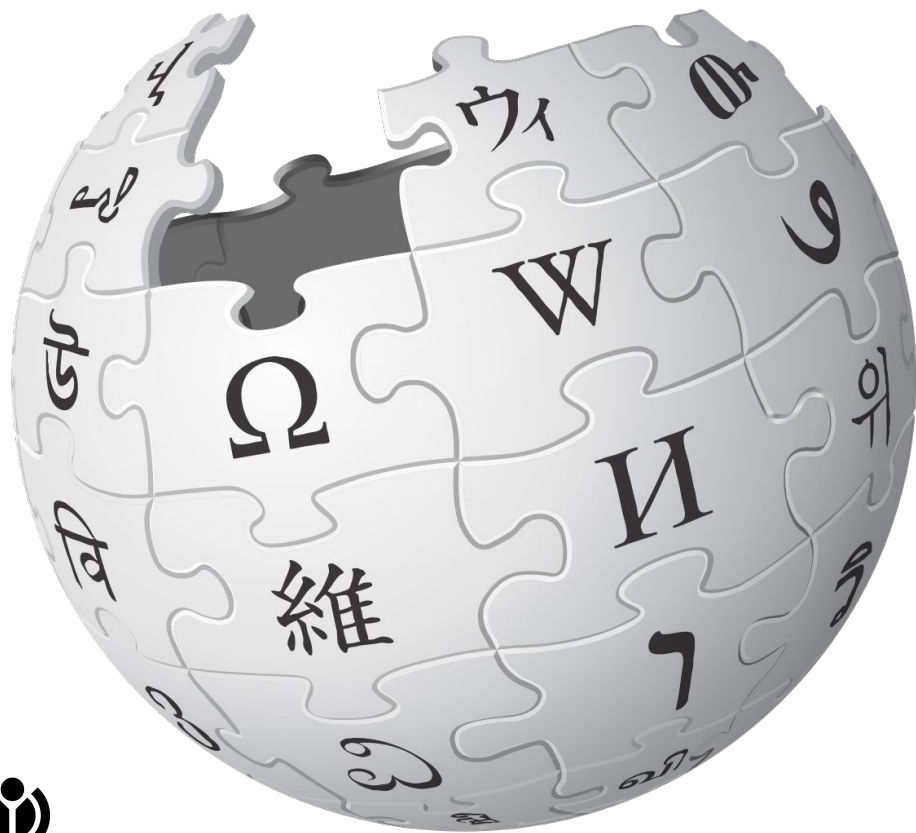


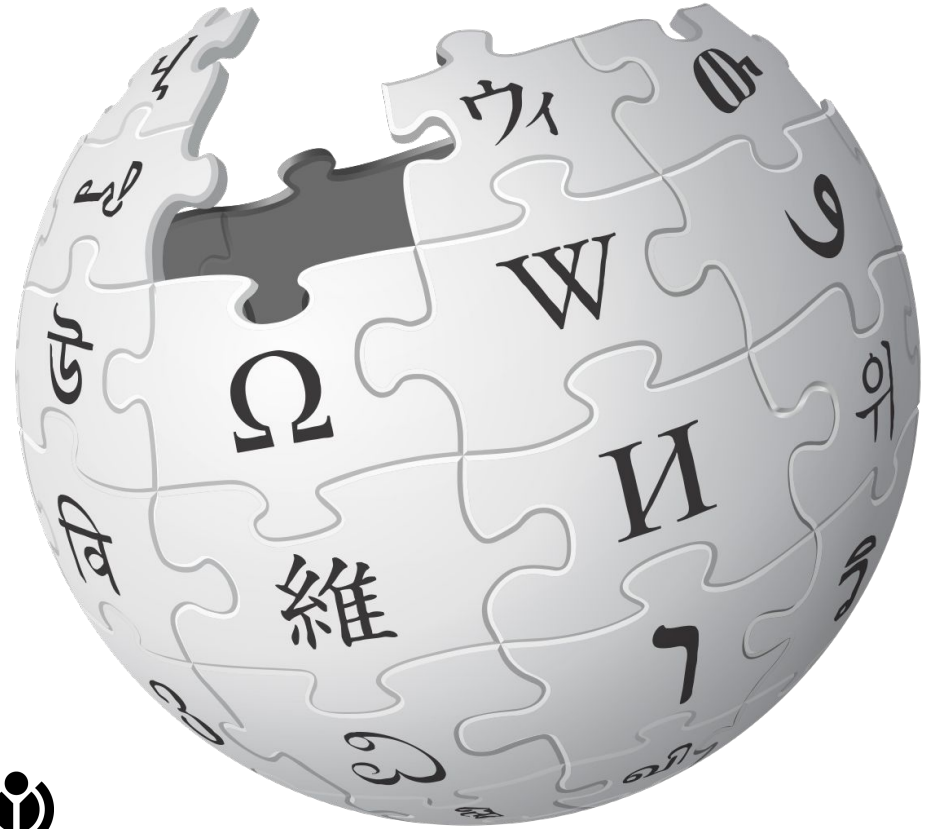
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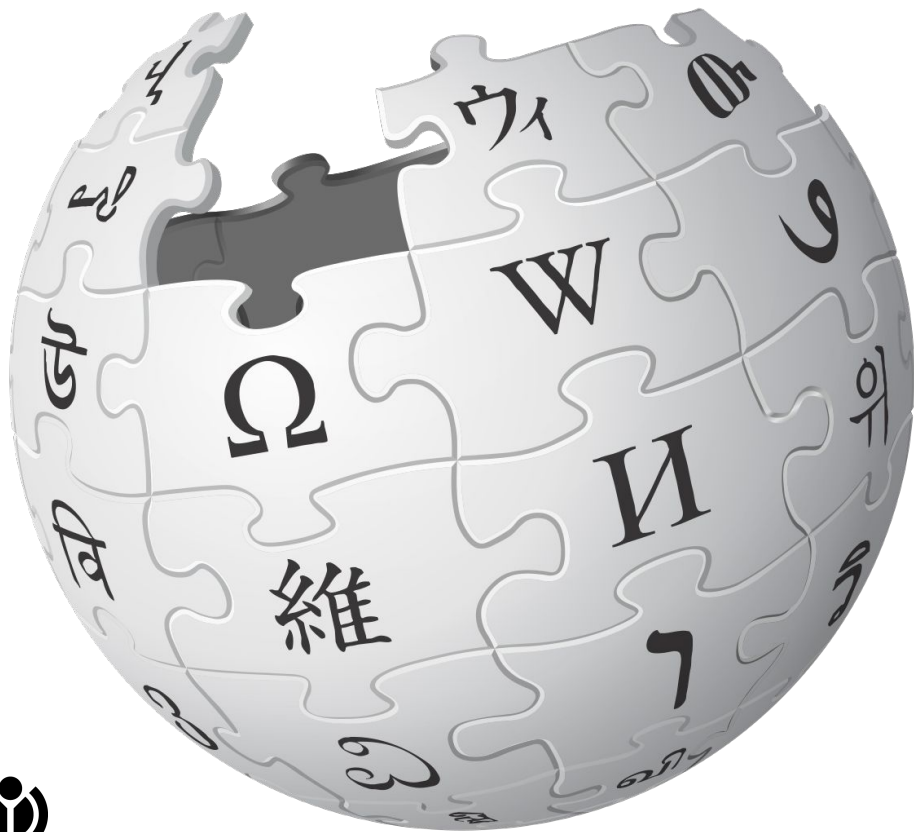






  
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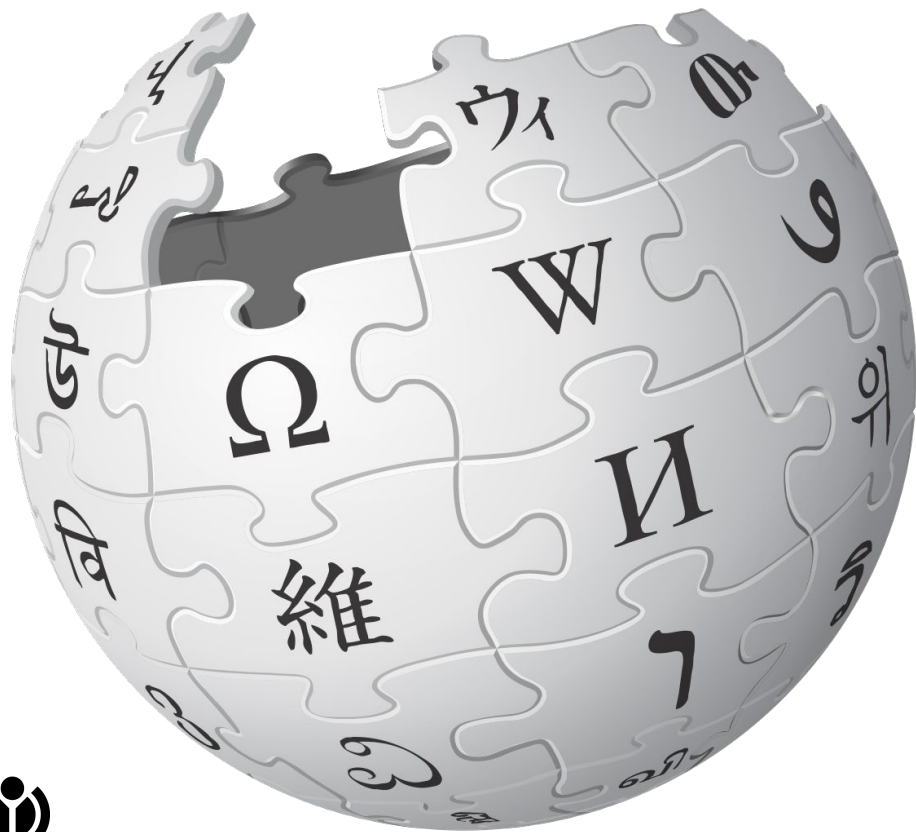
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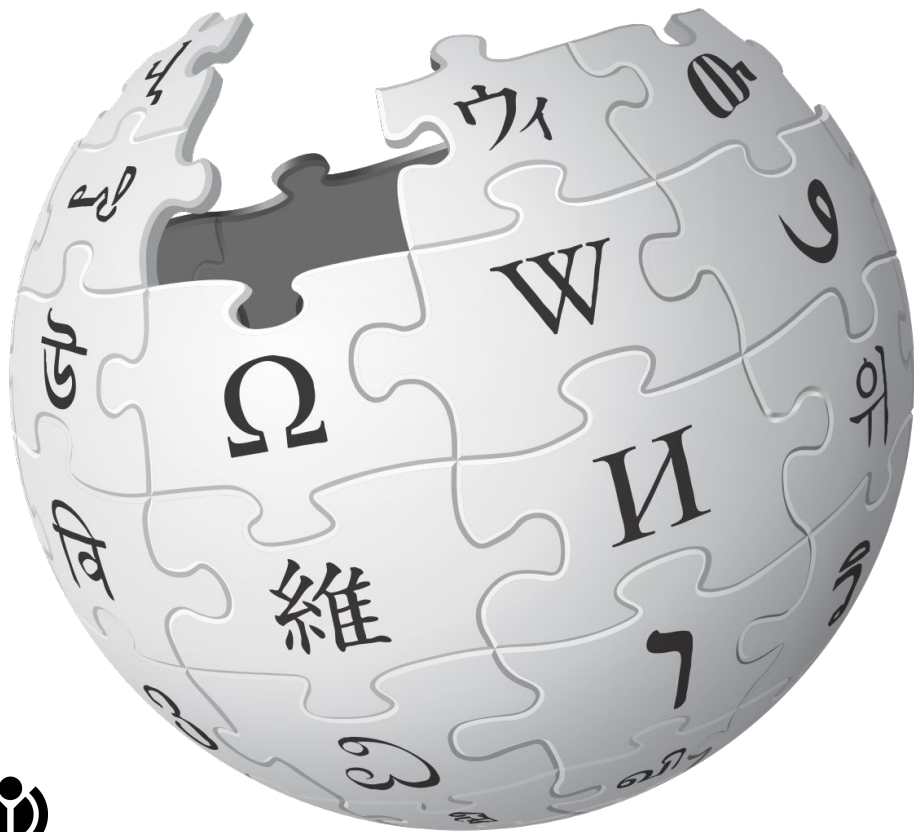
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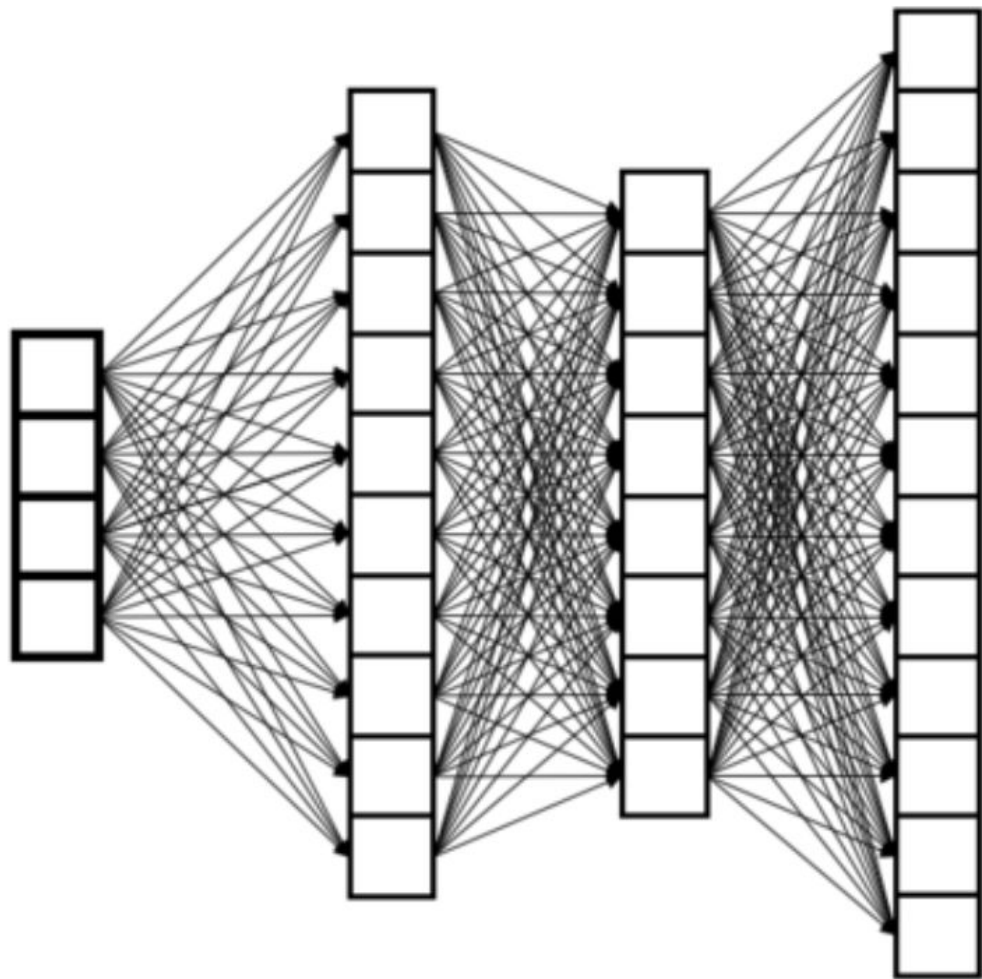
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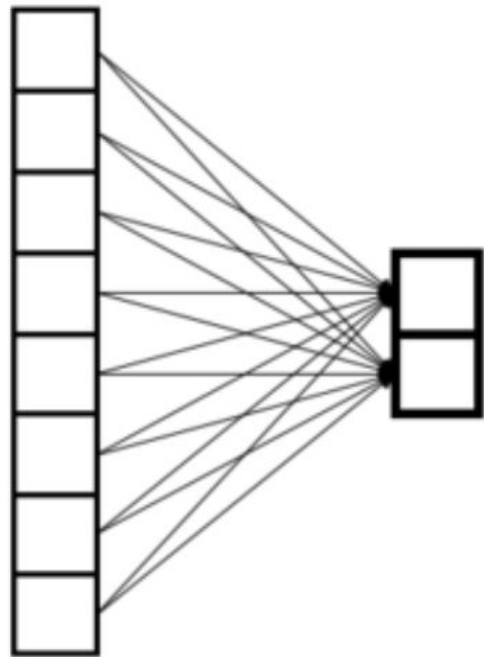
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Where was Denny Vrandečić born?



Denny Vrandečić, the founder of Wikidata, was born in **Stuttgart, Germany**.

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Gdje je rođen Denny Vrandečić?



Denny Vrandečić je rođen u Splitu, Hrvatska.



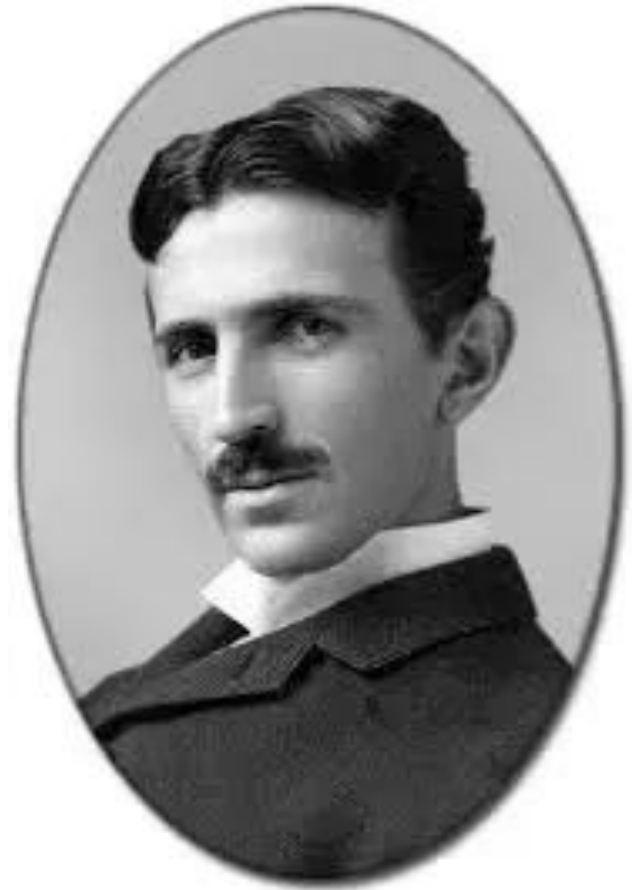
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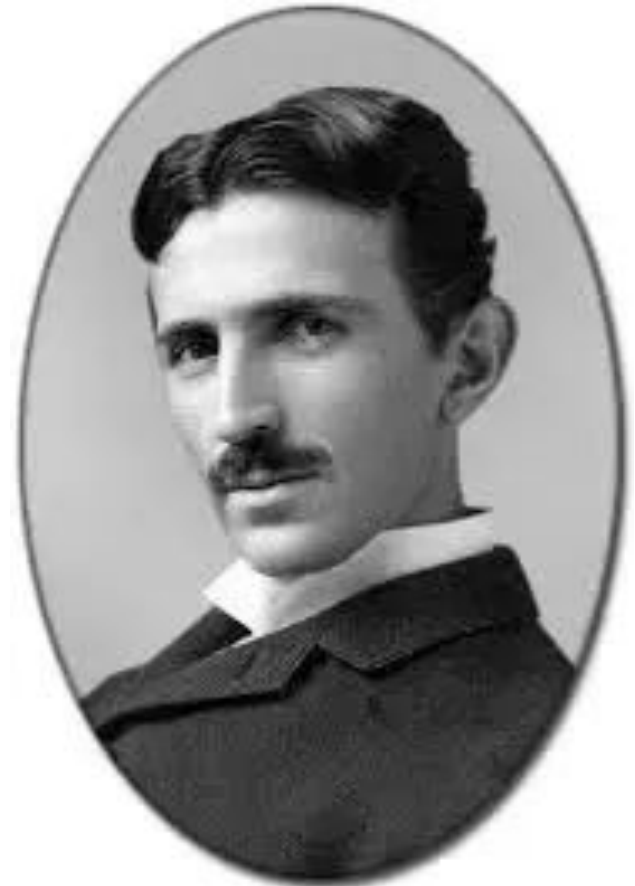


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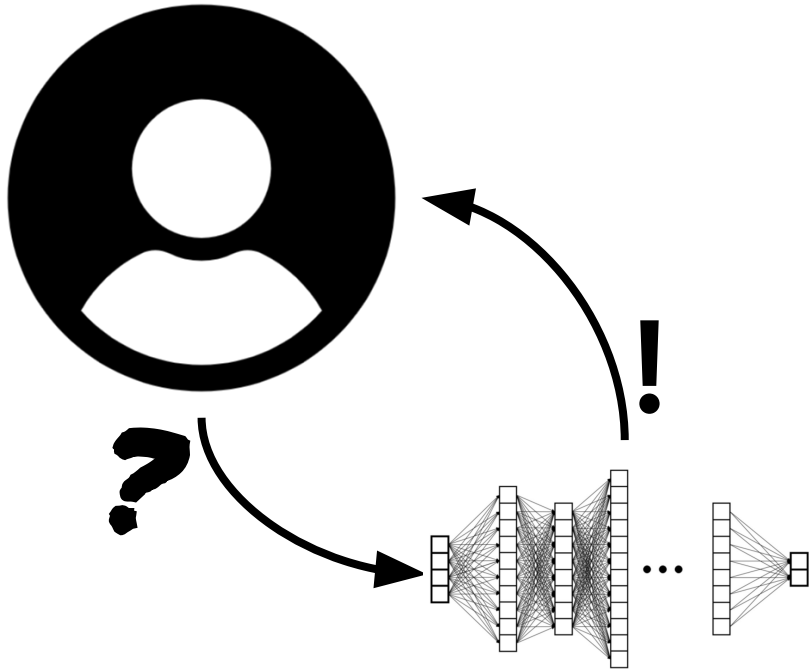


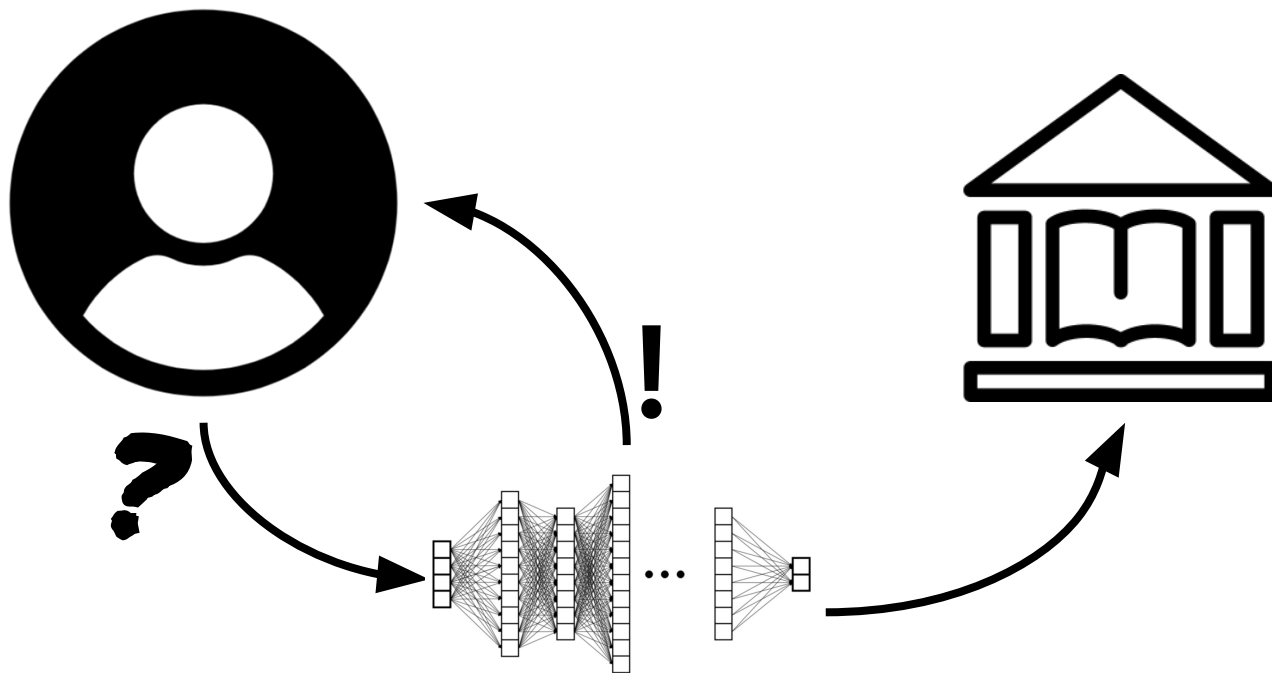
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## What are the ten largest cities with a female mayor?



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Here are ten of the largest U.S. cities currently led by female mayors:

1. **Los Angeles, CA** - Mayor Karen Bass (since 2022), population ~3.97 million
  2. **Phoenix, AZ** - Mayor Kate Gallego (since 2019), population ~1.7 million
  3. **Philadelphia, PA** - Mayor Cherelle Parker (since 2024), population ~1.57 million
  4. **Jacksonville, FL** - Mayor Donna Deegan (since 2023), population ~950,000
  5. **Fort Worth, TX** - Mayor Mattie Parker (since 2021), population ~928,000
  6. **Charlotte, NC** - Mayor Vi Alexander Lyles (since 2017), population ~900,000
  7. **San Francisco, CA** - Mayor London Breed (since 2018), population ~867,000
  8. **Washington, D.C.** - Mayor Muriel Bowser (since 2015), population ~713,000
  9. **Boston, MA** - Mayor Michelle Wu (since 2021), population ~692,000
  10. **Las Vegas, NV** - Mayor Carolyn Goodman (since 2011), population ~662,000
- (Wikipedia)(Ballotpedia)(Women Mayors).

What are the ten largest cities with a female mayor world wide?



Searched 2 sites

Here are ten of the largest cities worldwide currently led by female mayors:

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3. **Paris, France** – Anne Hidalgo
4. **Bangkok, Thailand** – Aswin Kwanmuang (acting mayor)
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can you list their populations?



Searched 3 sites

Here are ten of the largest cities worldwide currently led by female mayors, along with their estimated populations:

1. **Tokyo, Japan** - Governor Yuriko Koike: Approximately 14 million residents.
2. **Paris, France** - Mayor Anne Hidalgo: Around 2.1 million people.
3. **Mexico City, Mexico** - Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum: 9.2 million people.
4. **São Paulo, Brazil** - Mayor Marina Helou: About 12.4 million people.
5. **Lima, Peru** - Mayor Patricia Chirinos: 9.7 million people.
6. **Hong Kong, China** - Chief Executive Carrie Lam: Around 7.5 million people.
7. **Melbourne, Australia** - Lord Mayor Sally Capp: Population around 5 million.
8. **Barcelona, Spain** - Mayor Ada Colau: Approximately 1.6 million people.
9. **Stockholm, Sweden** - Mayor Karin Wanngård: About 975,000 people.
10. **Montreal, Canada** - Mayor Valérie Plante: Roughly 1.8 million people (C40 Cities)  
(World Bank Blogs).

These mayors are also recognized for their roles in various global initiatives, including climate action and urban development.

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## Largest cities in the world and their mayors

### Largest cities with women mayors

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### The largest cities in the world with women mayors

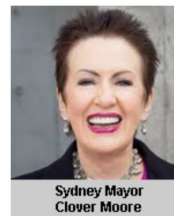
**July 2017:** The table lists the largest cities in the world with women mayors. Of the world's largest 300 cities only 25 are governed by women, although a number of European capitals, including Rome, Madrid, Paris, Warsaw and Stockholm, have women mayors. The world's most powerful woman in local government is Yuriko Koike the Governor (Mayor) of Tokyo. Other influential female city leaders include the mayors of Sydney, Surabaya, Havana, Perth, Barcelona and Cape Town.



**Tokyo Mayor**  
**Yuriko Koike**



**Surat Mayor**  
**Ashmita Shiroya**



**Sydney Mayor**  
**Clover Moore**

The research was carried out during May and June 2017. For the population data, the researchers consulted numerous national and international sources and in cases of large statistical inconsistencies elected to publish cautious averages. The figures for city populations comprise the number of residents within the unified administrative areas of cities, while the data for metro populations include residents of urban areas that are socially, culturally and economically dependent on the core city. (Please note, there is no internationally agreed definition of metro areas.) Readers and scholars are invited to inform of any discrepancies and/or provide missing facts and figures.

### Largest cities with women mayors

World rank	City (caps denote capital cities)	Country	City population	Metro population	Mayor
6	<b>TOKYO</b>	Japan	<b>13,617,000</b>	37,800,000	<b>Yuriko Koike (Ms)</b>
56	<b>Sydney</b>	Australia	<b>5,005,000</b>	5,005,000	<b>Clover Moore (Ms)</b>
62	<b>Surat</b>	India	<b>4,467,000</b>	4,591,000	<b>Ashmita Shiroya (Ms)</b>
74	<b>Yokohama</b>	Japan	<b>3,733,000</b>	3,733,000	<b>Fumiko Hayashi (Ms)</b>

what are the largest cities with a female mayor in the south of Germany?



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In southern Germany, several significant cities currently have female mayors:

1. **Munich (München)** - Eva Weber has been the mayor of Augsburg since 2020, representing the conservative CSU party. With a population of around 297,000, it is one of the largest cities in Bavaria with a female leader [GERMAN BRIEF](#) [WIKIPEDIA](#) .
2. **Regensburg** - Gertrud Malts-Schwarzfischer, affiliated with the SPD (center-left), has been mayor since 2020. Regensburg has a population of approximately 154,000 [GERMAN BRIEF](#) [WIKIPEDIA](#) .
3. **Freiburg im Breisgau** - Though smaller than Munich, it is a key city in Baden-Württemberg with a population of about 237,000. However, its current mayor is not female [WIKIPEDIA](#) [RU GELD](#) .

These examples highlight a growing presence of female leadership in prominent southern German cities, especially in Bavaria. Let me know if you want more details about their tenure or political background!



Was sind die zehn größten Städte im Süden Deutschlands mit einem weiblichen Bürgermeister, sortier nach Bevölkerungszahl?



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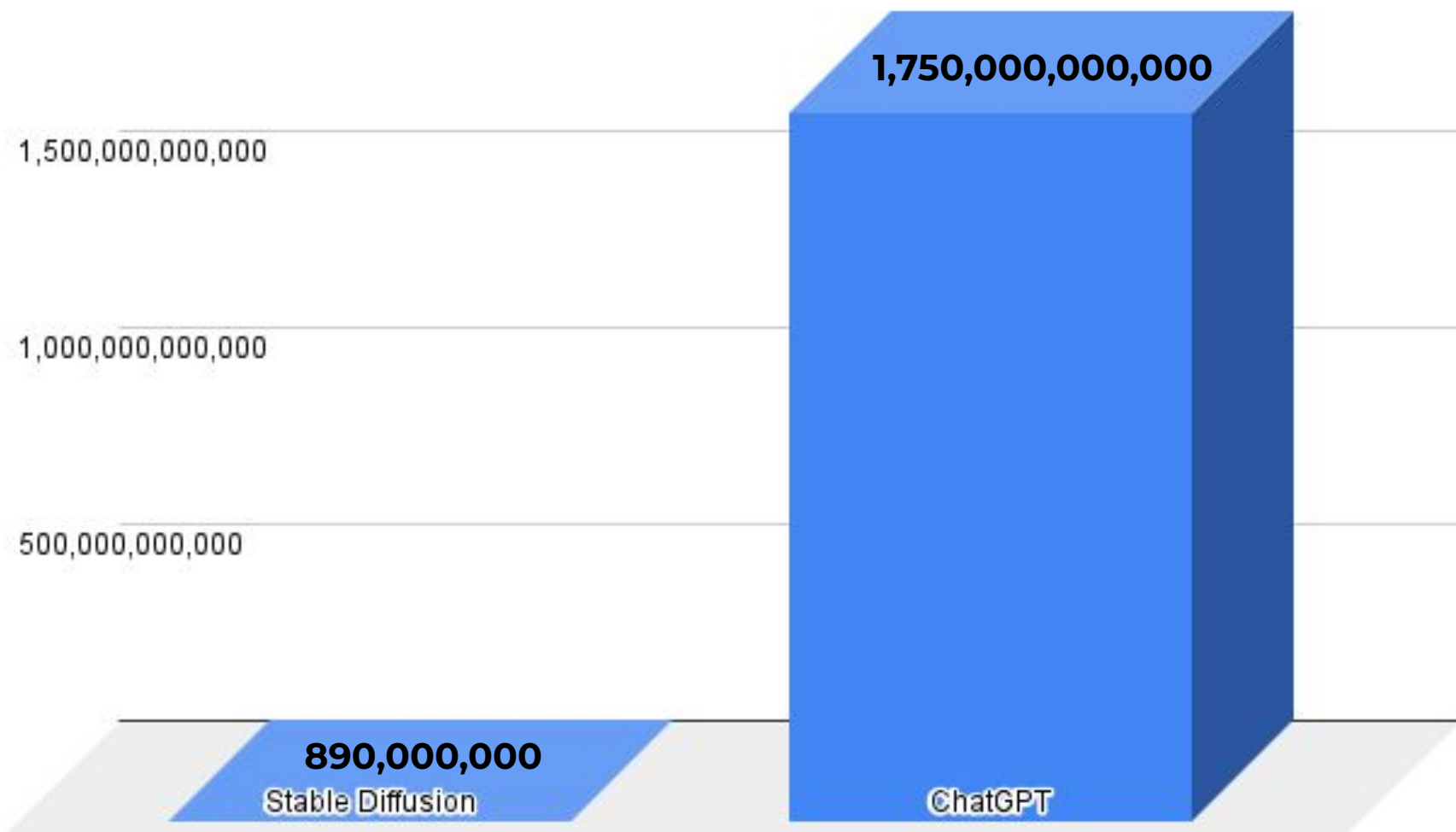
In Süddeutschland gibt es nur wenige Großstädte mit einer weiblichen Bürgermeisterin, da Frauen in solchen Positionen immer noch unterrepräsentiert sind. Hier sind die zehn größten Städte mit weiblichen Stadtoberhäuptern, soweit verfügbar, basierend auf der Einwohnerzahl (Stand: 2024):

1. **München, Bayern** – Dietlind Grabe-Bolz (*Beispiel für den Frauenanteil in städtischen Gremien*)
2. **Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg** – Frank Mentrup (*Männlich, kein Beispiel von Frauen – geringe Dichte Frauen Spitzenämter*)

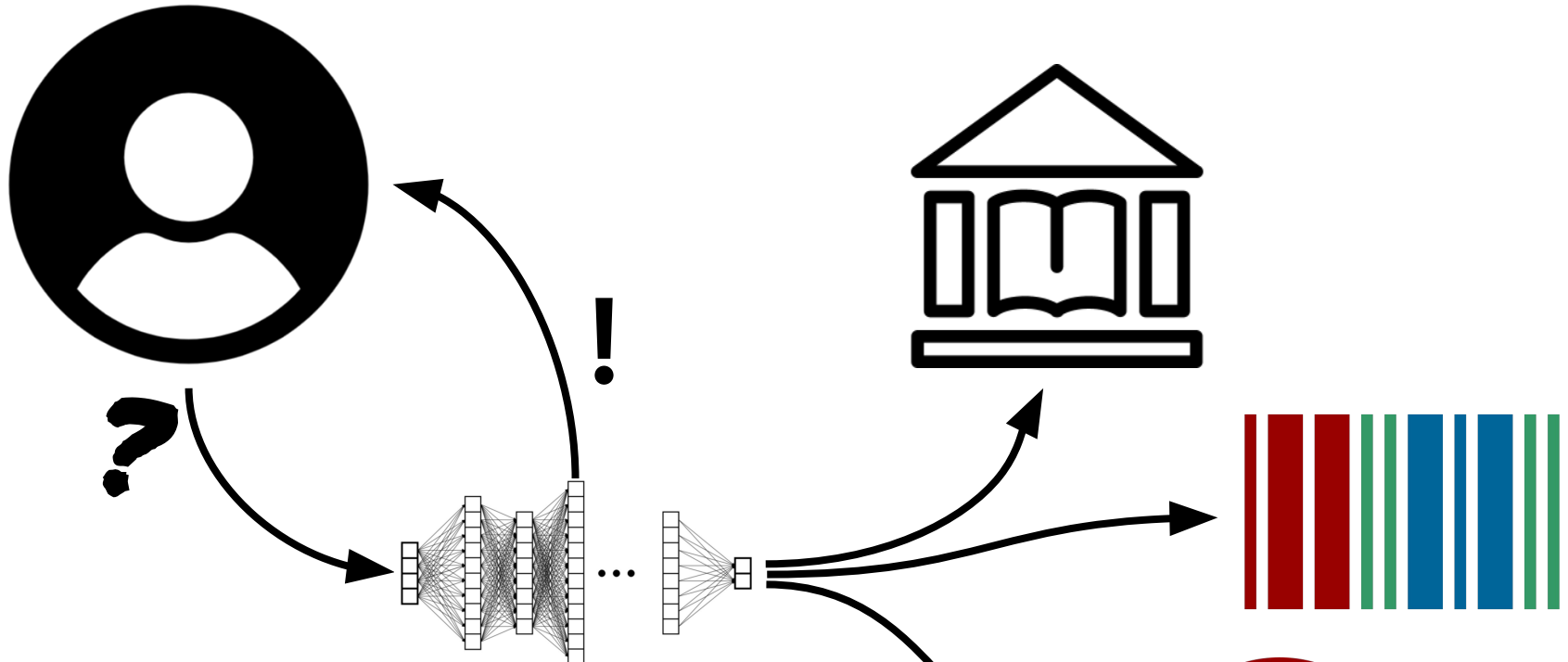
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- Open Knowledge Graph
- Launched 2012
- Structured linked data
- Persistent identifiers
- Multilingual
- Used by Wikipedia



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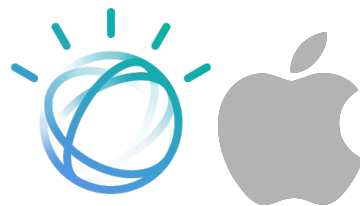
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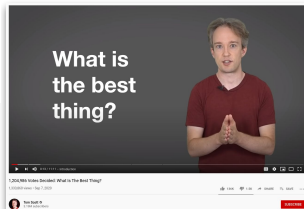
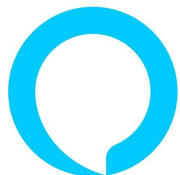
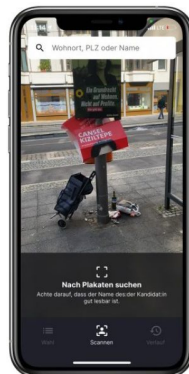
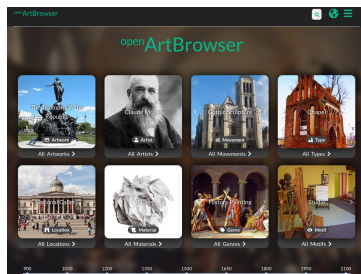
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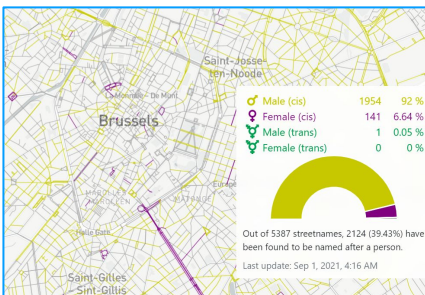
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**114,580,647**  
**items**



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**1,623,612,796**  
**statements**



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**Can I ask Wikidata for a list of the world's ten largest cities with a female mayor?**

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<a href="#">Q3624</a>	Addis Ababa	5228000	Adanech Abebe
<a href="#">Q34647</a>	Johannesburg	4434827	Mpho Phalatse
<a href="#">Q65</a>	Los Angeles	3898747	Karen Bass
<a href="#">Q7903</a>	Casablanca	3499000	Nabila Rmili
<a href="#">Q245023</a>	Taichung	3033885	Lu Shiow-yen
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<a href="#">Q1475</a>	Quezon City	2960048	Joy Belmonte
<a href="#">Q172</a>	Toronto	2794356	Olivia Chow

can you write a SPARQL query for wikidata asking for the ten largest cities with a female mayor in the world?



Here is a SPARQL query you can use to retrieve the ten largest cities with a female mayor from Wikidata:

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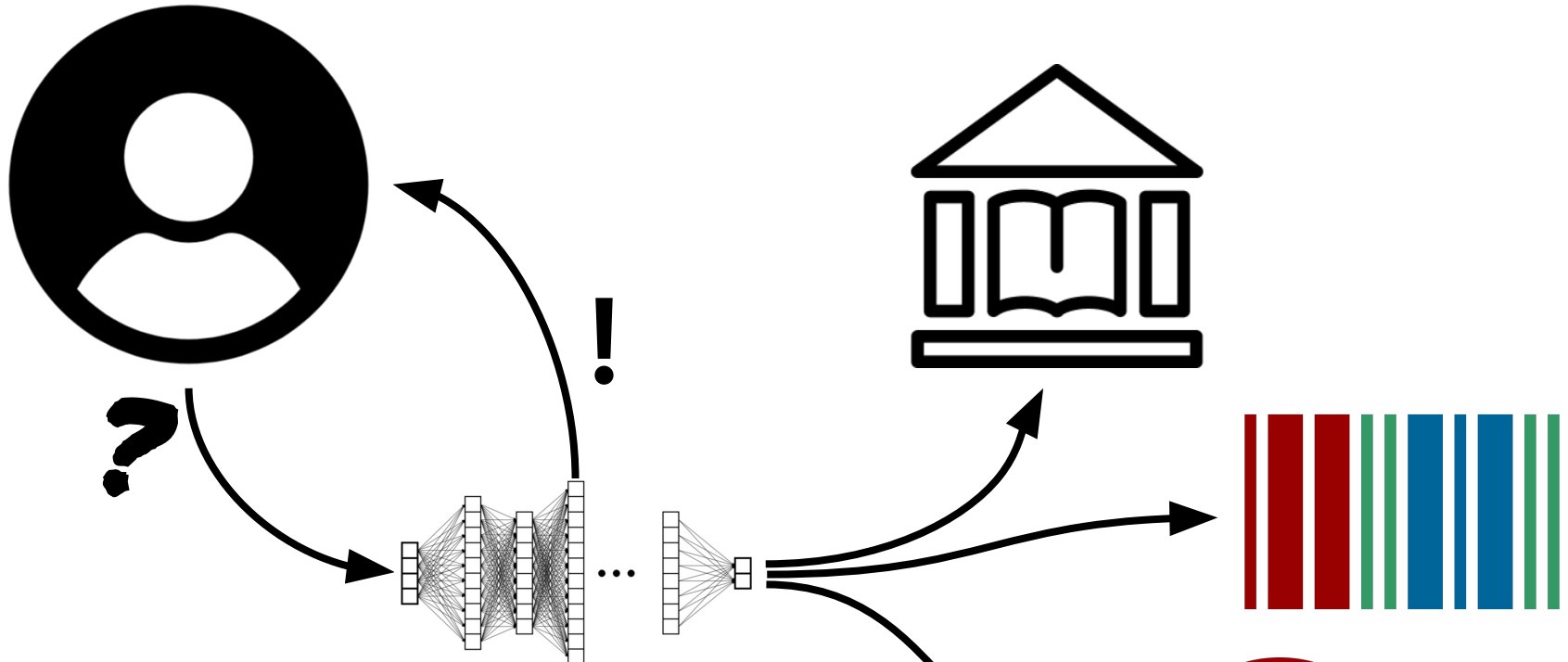
SELECT ?cityLabel ?population ?mayorLabel ?countryLabel WHERE {
  ?city wdt:P31 wd:Q515;           # Find cities
      wdt:P6 ?mayor;              # Get their mayor
      wdt:P1082 ?population;      # Get population
      wdt:P17 ?country.           # Get the country

  ?mayor wdt:P21 wd:Q6581072.     # Filter to only female mayors

SERVICE wikibase:label {        # Get the labels (names)
  bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "[AUTO_LANGUAGE],en".
}
}

ORDER BY DESC(?population)       # Order by population (largest first)
LIMIT 10                          # Limit to 10 results
```

You can run this query on [Wikidata's Query Service](#) to get up-to-date information.





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- First new Wikimedia project since 2012
- Started last year
- Multilingual  
(natural & programming)
- Library of functions



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# Caesar cipher (Latin alphabet) Z12812

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## About

English



Caesar cipher (Latin alphabet)

rotates letters in the Latin alphabet forward by a defined number of places

Caesar shift

### Inputs

string: [String](#)

shift: [Natural number](#)

### Output

[String](#)

🌐 10 languages

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

▪ string ...

SWIB

> shift ...

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Run function

### Result

▪ "DHTM"

[Details](#)

## Implementations



<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Language	Passed tests
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Caesar cipher in Python</a>	<span>Connected</span>	Python	5/5

# encode NATO phonetic alphabet code Z10309

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### English

encode NATO phonetic alphabet code

requires ALLCAPS input, e.g.

EXAMPLE

No aliases provided.

### Inputs

value: String

### Output

String

8 languages

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

- value

SWIB

Run function

### Result

- "SIERRA WHISKEY INDIA BRAVO"

Details

## Implementations

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# Is Gregorian year leap year? Z20181

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## About

^ **English**

Is Gregorian year leap year? 

No description or aliases provided.

## Inputs

Year: [Gregorian year](#)

## Output

[Boolean](#)

[🌐 1 language](#)

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

• Year ...

▪ type ...

Gregorian year

▪ era ...

AD

> number ...

1900

[Run function](#)

### Result

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# Celsius to Fahrenheit Z16487

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## About

^ **English**

Celsius to Fahrenheit 

Converts Celsius (°C) to Fahrenheit (°F)

No aliases provided.

### Inputs

Celsius (°C): [String](#)

### Output

[String](#)

[🌐 3 languages](#)

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

- Celsius (°C) ...

-3

[Run function](#)

### Result

- "26.6"

[Details](#)

## Implementations +

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# 1792 functions



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# 126 languages



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**52**  
**countries**

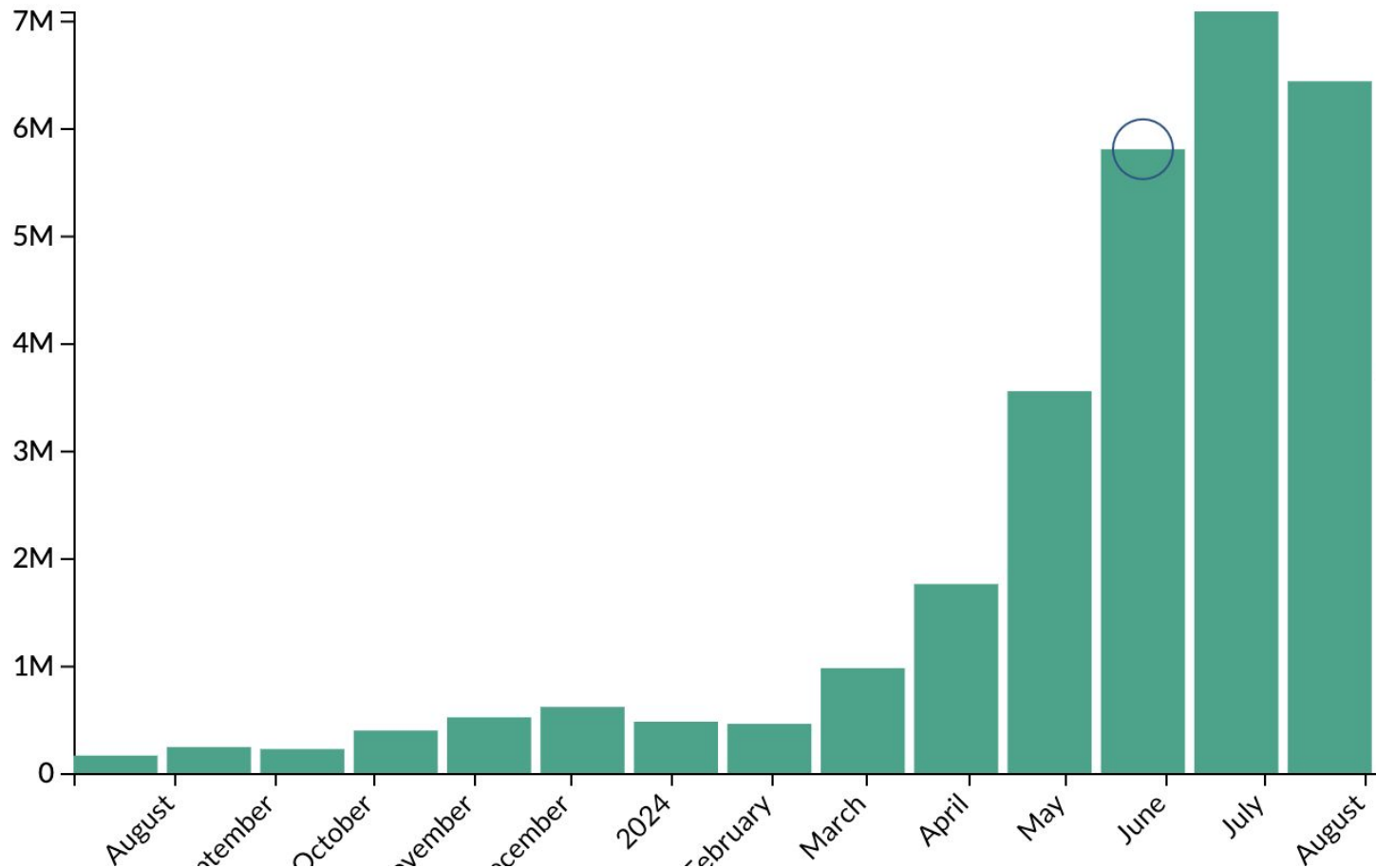


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# Wikifunctions

- Allow everyone access to functions
- Allow implementations without knowing English
- Natural language generation library for 300+ languages
- ... to create Wikipedia text





# Suffix a verb to get it imperative form (Igbo) Z11353



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## About

English

Suffix a verb to get it imperative form (Igbo)



Suffixing a verb to get it imperative verb as long as the verb ends with any vowel letter. E.g imperative form of 'ga' is 'gaa'

Igbo imperative verb

Igbo add suffix to form imperative verb

## Inputs

Enter verb: [String](#)

## Output

[String](#)

5 languages

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

Enter verb

gụ

Run function

### Result

"gụọ"

[Details](#)

## Implementations

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Language	Passed tests
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Get the imperative form</a>	<span>Connected</span>	JavaScript	3/3



# plural form of lexeme as monolingual text Z19260

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## About

### English

plural form of lexeme as monolingual text



returns the first listed plural form of a lexeme as monolingual text

No aliases provided.

### Inputs

lexeme: [Wikidata lexeme](#)

### Output

[Monolingual text](#)

[2 languages](#)

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

> lexeme

[Run function](#)

### Result

> EN geese

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## Implementations



<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Language	Passed tests
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">plural form of lexeme, composition</a>	<span>✓ Connected</span>	Composition	3/3
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">plural form of lexeme as monolingual string, JS</a>	<span>✓ Connected</span>	JavaScript	3/3

# English possessive Z11302

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## About

English

English possessive

makes a noun or pronoun (either subjective or objective) possessive, but use a different function for possessive determiners. see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English\\_possessive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_possessive)

No aliases provided.

### Inputs

noun or pronoun to be made possessive: [String](#)

### Output

[String](#)

6 languages

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

- noun or pronoun to be made possessive

Germany

Run function

### Result

- "Germany's"

Details

## Implementations

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Language	Passed tests
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">add ' if it ends with "s", otherwise add 's</a>	Disconnected	Composition	2/7
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">English possessive, python</a>	Connected	Python	7/7

## Tests

cardinal direction of a location( South, Germany, English ) →  
“the south of Germany”

cardinal direction of a location( South, Germany, German ) →  
“der Süden Deutschlands”

cardinal direction of a location( South, Germany, Croatian ) →  
“jug Njemačke”

cardinal direction of a location( South, Germany, French ) →  
“le sud de l'Allemagne”

cardinal direction of a location( South, Germany, Malayalam ) →  
“ജർമ്മനിയുടെ തെക്ക്”

class with qualifier( mayor, female, English ) →  
“female mayor”

class with qualifier( mayor, female, German ) →  
“weiblicher Bürgermeister”

class with qualifier( mayor, female, Croatian ) →  
“ženski gradonačelnik”

class with qualifier( mayor, female, French ) →  
“femme maire”

class with qualifier( mayor, female, Malayalam ) →  
“വനിതാ മേയർ”

“female mayor  
in southern Germany”



“Käthe Winkelmann was  
the first female mayor  
in southern Germany.”



WIKIFUNCTIONS



Käthe Winkelmann  
is the first female  
mayor in the south  
of Germany.

**FirstWho**

*Person:* Käthe Winkelmann

*Role:* **Role**

*Role:* **SpecifiedClass**

*Specifier:* female

*Class:* mayor

*Location:* **CardinalLocation**

*Cardinal:* South

*Location:* Germany



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# Very unevenly distributed

English: 6,487,359

Turkmen: 6,888

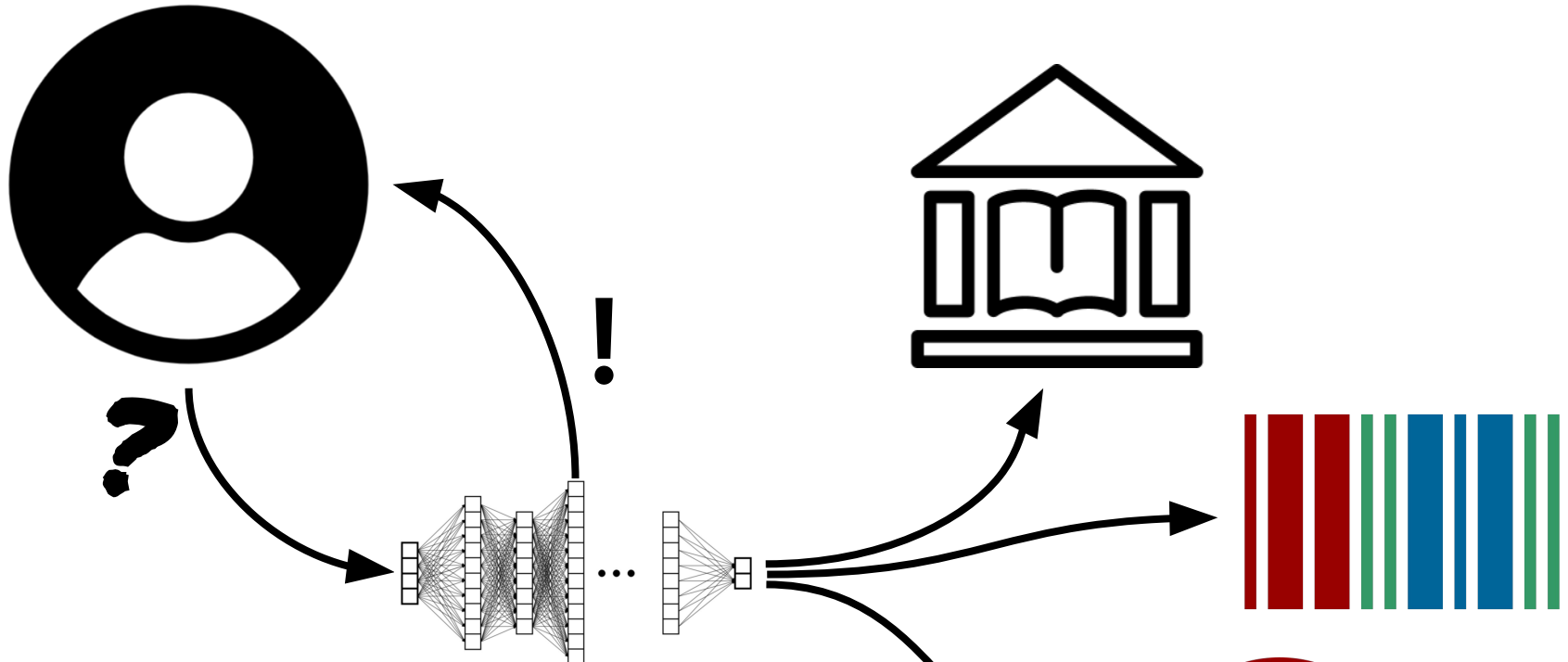


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# How can LLMs help with Knowledge Representation

- LLMs: good formal translators
- Example: questions to SPARQL
- Allows complex formalisms
- Beyond brittleness of Wikidata
- Cover exceptions and fuzziness
- Less training required





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where everyone  
can share in the  
sum of all knowledge**



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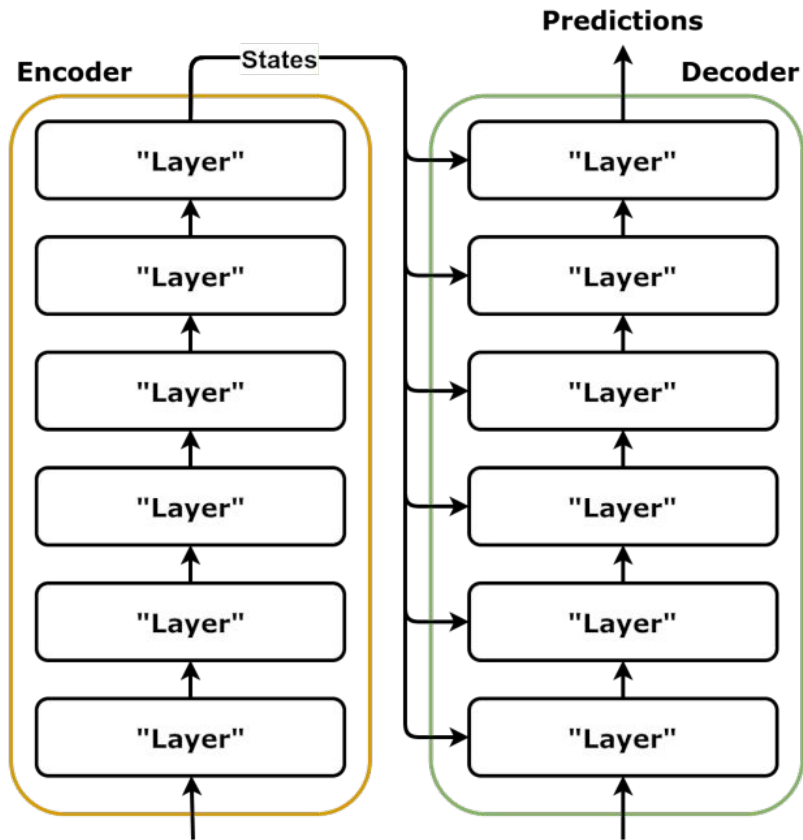
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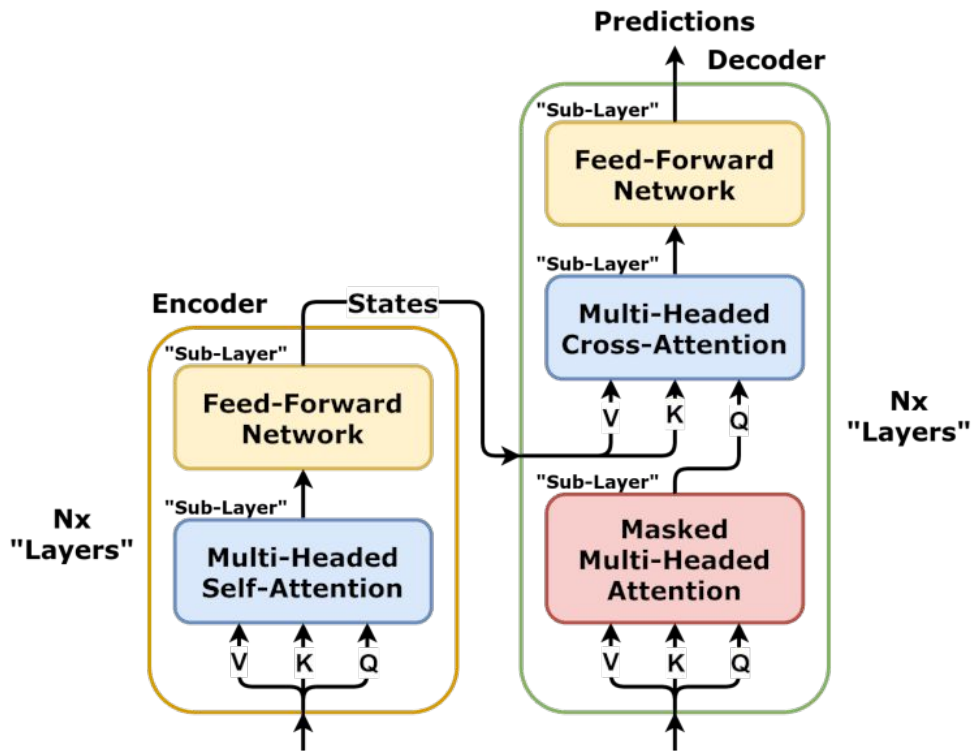


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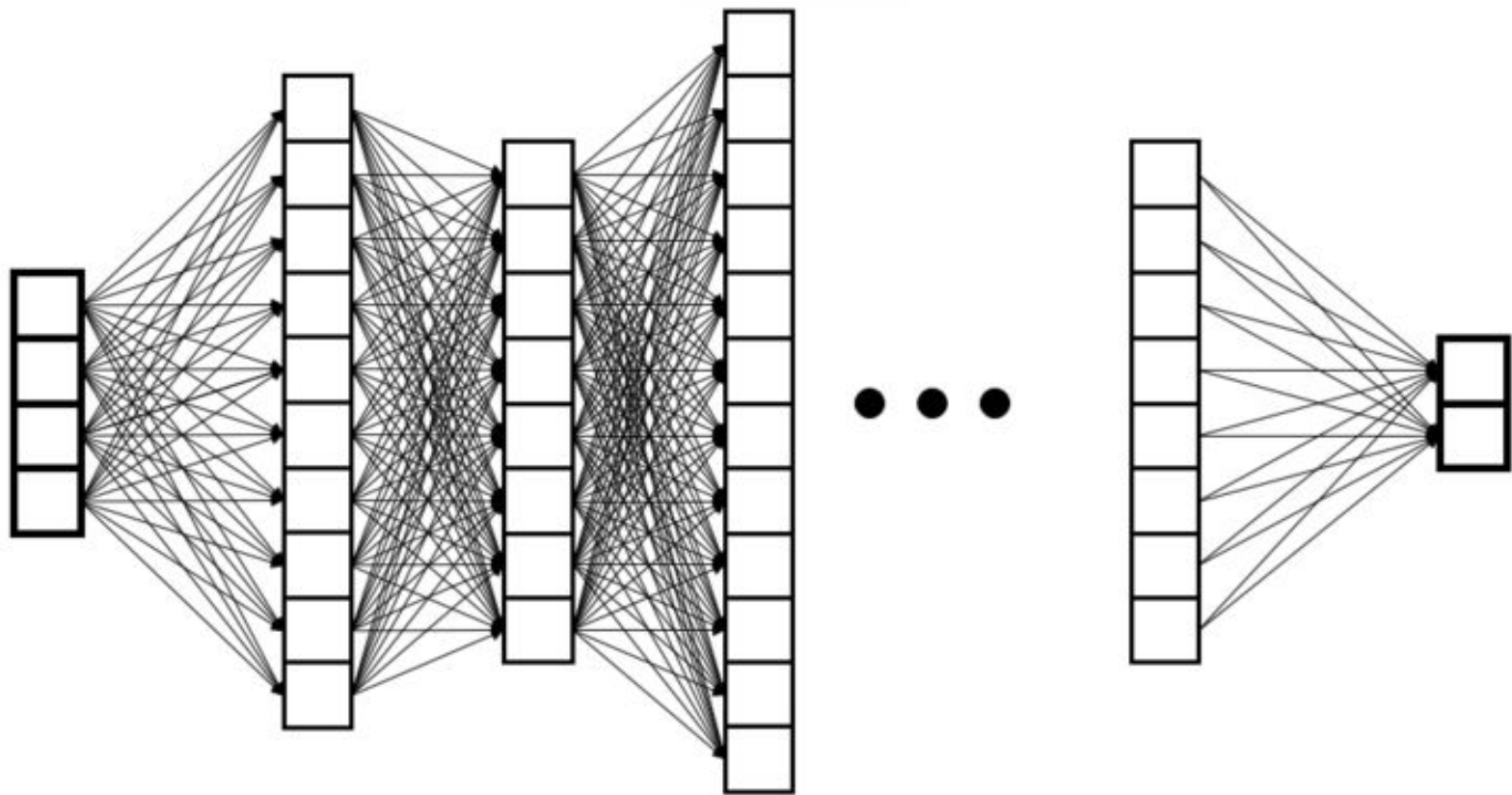




(a) Stacked "Layers"



(b) Stacked "Layers" in detail







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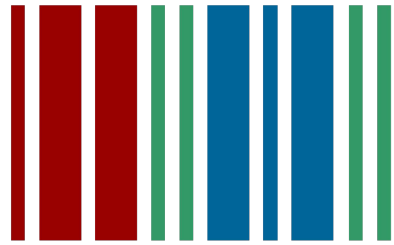
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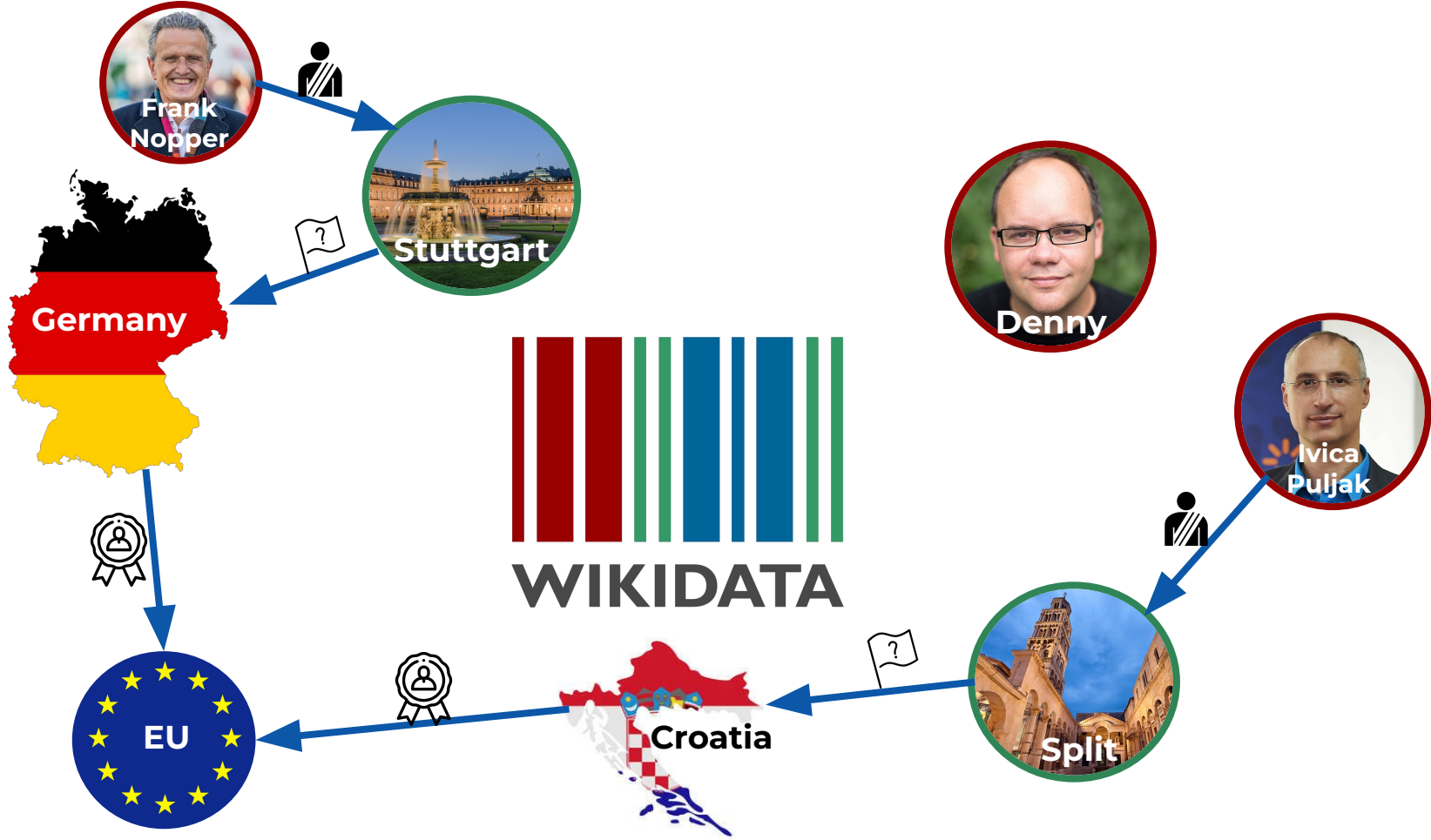
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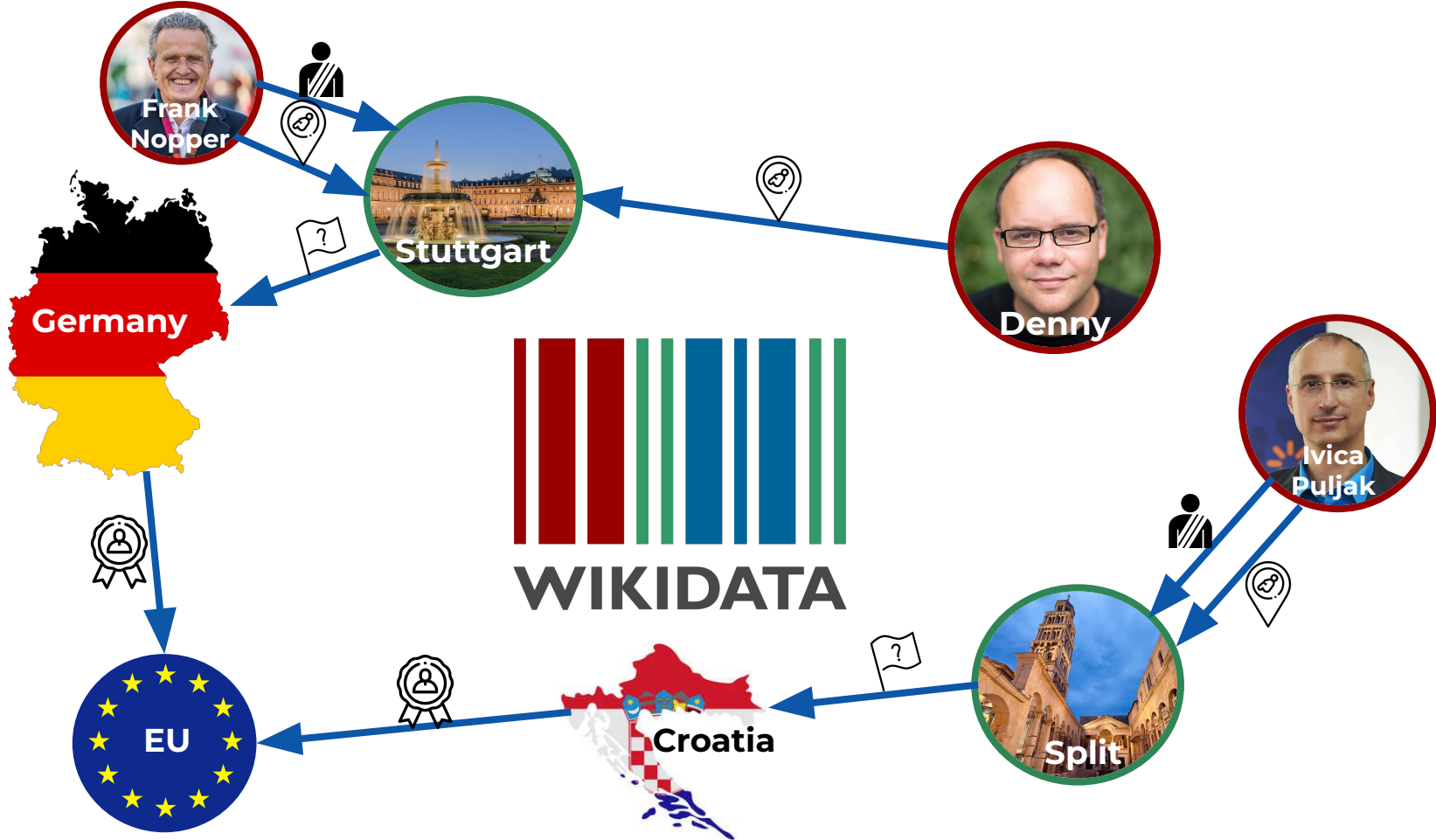


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Ivica Puljak









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10 Digit

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TWIN POWER CALCULATOR

RATE SET RATE RECALL

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-TAX

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## How Many R's in 'Strawberry'? This AI Doesn't Know

Though this very powerful technology remains full of promise, a recently discovered glitch shows AI is imperfect, so keep double-checking its results. [🔗](#)

BY KIT EATON @KITEATON

AUG 28, 2024

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## About

∧ **English**

multiply two natural numbers 

calculate the product of two natural numbers

[multiplication](#) [product](#) [\\*](#) [+2](#)

### Inputs

multiplicand: [Natural number](#)

multiplier: [Natural number](#)

### Output

[Natural number](#)

 [6 languages](#)

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

▪ multiplicand ...

▪ type ...

Natural number [∨](#)

▪ value ...

111

▪ multiplier ...

▪ type ...

Natural number [∨](#)

▪ value ...

111

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### Result

▪ type

[Natural number](#)

▪ value

"12321"

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# count substrings Z14450

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## About

English

count substrings



returns the number of times a substring occurs in a string

`string.count`

## Inputs

string: [String](#)

substring: [String](#)

## Output

[Natural number](#)

[5 languages](#)

## Try this function

### Enter inputs

string ...

strawberry

substring ...

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[Run function](#)

### Result

type

[Natural number](#)

value

"3"

[Details](#)



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What's 37635674386 times 985344389348?



The product of 37,635,674,386 and 985,344,389,348 is 37,084,100,595,573,334,840,328. [\[->\]](#)

# Analysis



```
python
```

```
# Calculating the product
```

Always show details



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```
result = 37635674386 * 985344389348
```

```
result
```

Result

```
37084100595573334840328
```