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Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board [Public domain]

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List of inventors killed by their own inventions

List of animals with fraudulent diplomas

List of people who have lived at airports

List of sexually active popes

~~**List of lists of lists of lists**~~

List of cetacean species

For extinct cetaceans, see List of extinct cetaceans.

Cetacea is an infraorder that comprises the 89 species of whales, dolphins, and porpoises. It is divided into toothed whales (Odontoceti) and baleen whales (Mysticeti), which diverged from each other some time in the Eocene 26 to 17 million years ago (mya). Cetaceans are descended from land-dwelling hoofed mammals, and the now extinct archaeocetes represent the several transitional phases from terrestrial to completely aquatic.[1] Historically, cetaceans were thought to have descended from the wolf-like mesonychids, but cladistic analyses confirm their placement with even-toed ungulates in the order Cetartiodactyla.[2][3][4][5][6]

Whale populations were drastically reduced in the 20th century from intensive whaling, and the activity was globally banned in 1982.[7] Smaller cetaceans are at risk of accidentally getting caught by fishing vessels using, namely, seine fishing, drift netting, or gill netting operations.[8]

How's it run?

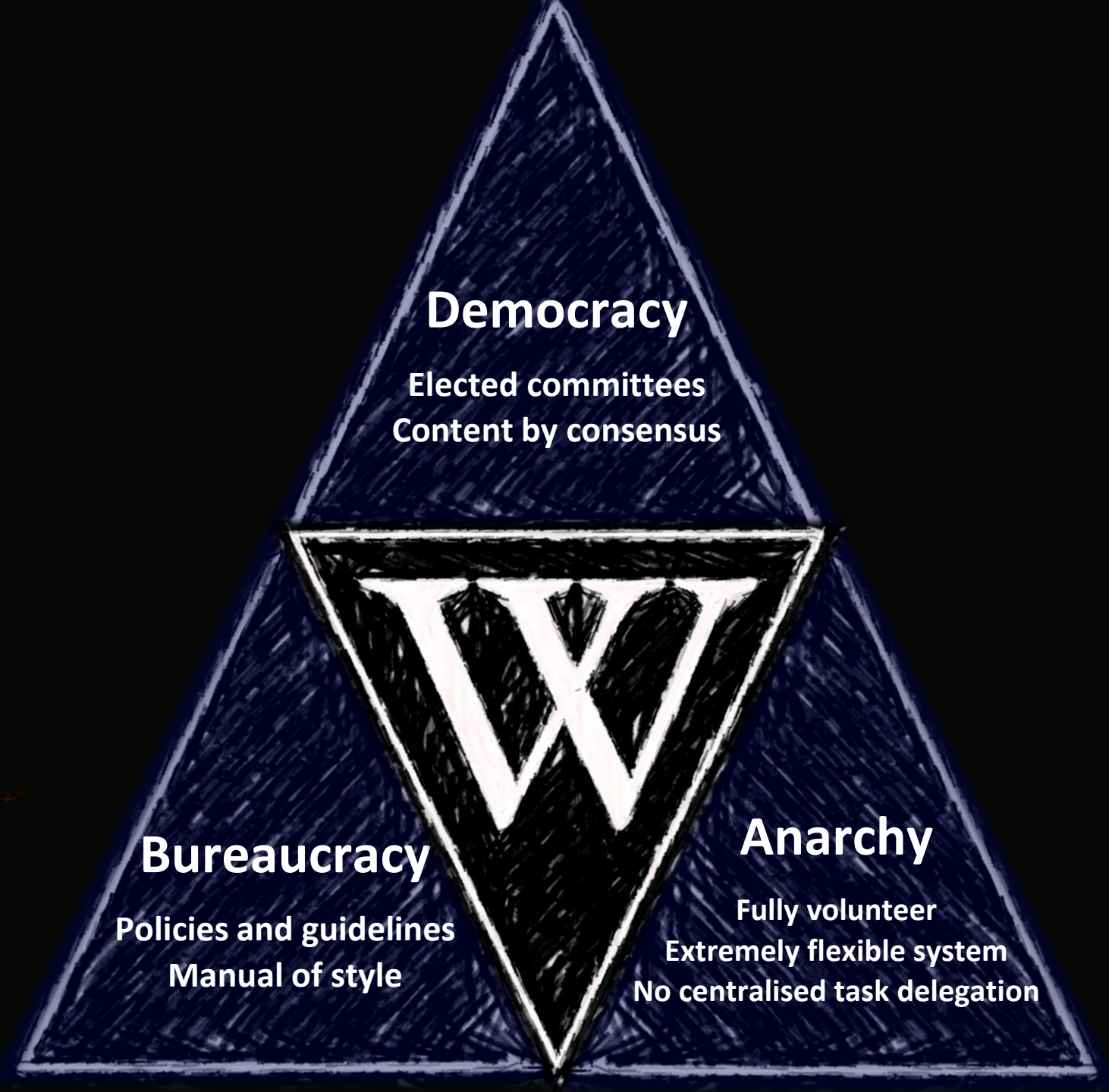Parliament of Victoria
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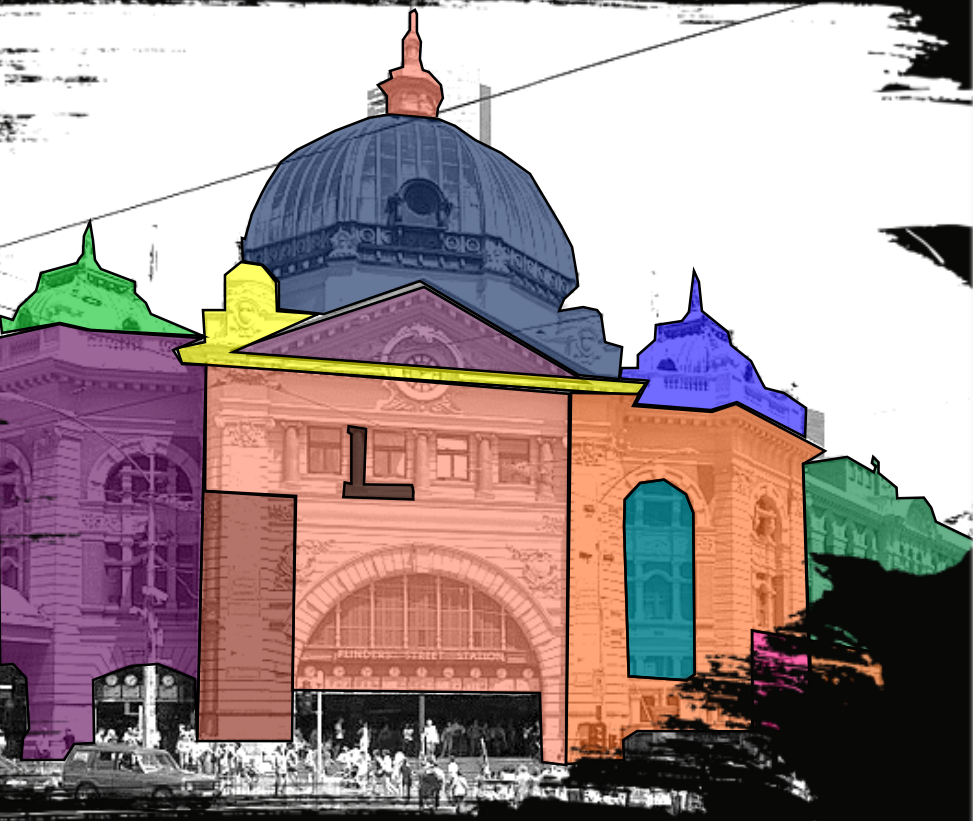
Elected committees
Content by consensus

Bureaucracy

Policies and guidelines
Manual of style

Anarchy

Fully volunteer
Extremely flexible system
No centralised task delegation

How's it built?

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Flinders Street railway **station** is a railway station on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. It serves the entire metropolitan rail network.[4] Backing onto the city reach of the Yarra River in the heart of the city, the complex covers two whole city blocks and extends from Swanston Street to Queen Street.

Flinders Street is served by Metro's suburban services, and V/Line regional services to Gippsland. It is the busiest station on Melbourne's metropolitan network, with over 77,153 daily entries recorded in the 2017/18 fiscal year.[3] It was the first railway station in an Australian city and the world's busiest passenger station in the late 1920s.

The main station building, completed in 1909, is a cultural icon of Melbourne. The art nouveau style building, with its prominent dome, arched entrance, tower and clocks is one of the city's most recognisable landmarks. It is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. The Melburnian saying "I'll meet you under the clocks" refers to the row of clocks above the main entrance, which indicate the time-tabled time of departure for trains on each line; another saying, "I'll meet you on the steps", refers to the wide staircase underneath these clocks. Flinders Street Station is responsible for two of Melbourne's busiest pedestrian crossings, both across Flinders Street, including one of Melbourne's few pedestrian scrambles.

Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, the station has Australia's longest platform which is 708-metres long and is also the fourth longest railway platform in the world.[5]

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Ballroom [edit]

I heard rumours that the ballroom is being refurbished - does anybody know this for sure? Lochok 03:24, 18 June 2006 (UTC)

It has been stated that it was getting a refurbishment but now new rumours state that a new rock museum would be set up in the ballroom so I'm a little confused with whats it's ultimate use will be. Lakeyboy 12:47, 1 July 2006 (UTC)

The ballroom is apparently rather damaged by water leakage, and will require significant work to restore. There have been various proposals as to what to do with the site, but the decision, as I understand it, is still up in the air. 60.242.35.115 16:51, 24 June 2007 (UTC)

1500 Trains Per Day? [edit]

It seems that 1500 trains per day (over one per minute for every single minute of the day) is a little excessive.--perhaps 150 trains per day is the correct number. I don't know--I'm just an estimator by profession and this doesn't seem right to me.Waynebarkr (talk) 14:51, 24 July 2009 (UTC)

Location? [edit]

Technically, isn't the station located at the corner of Flinders Street and St. Kilda Road, not Swanston Street? Ozzieboy (talk) 02:18, 26 July 2011 (UTC)

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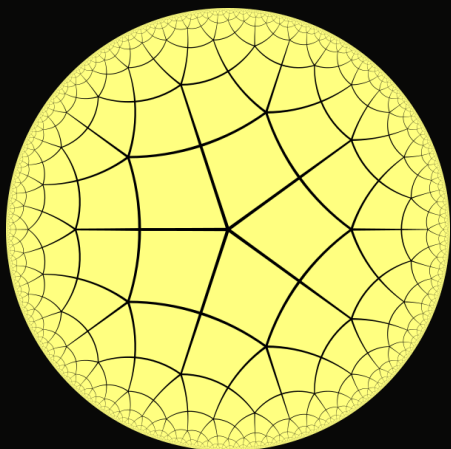Kidsoljah added 3 bytes to TJ Perenara (en)

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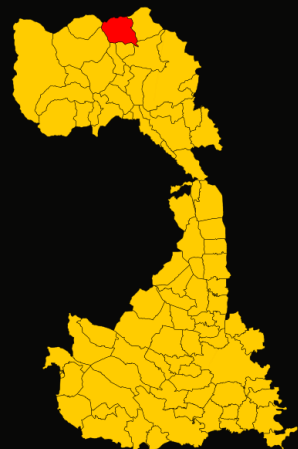
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>2000 new articles per day,
     ... of which 70-80% are deleted

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     Speedy deletion (1 day)
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50 per day

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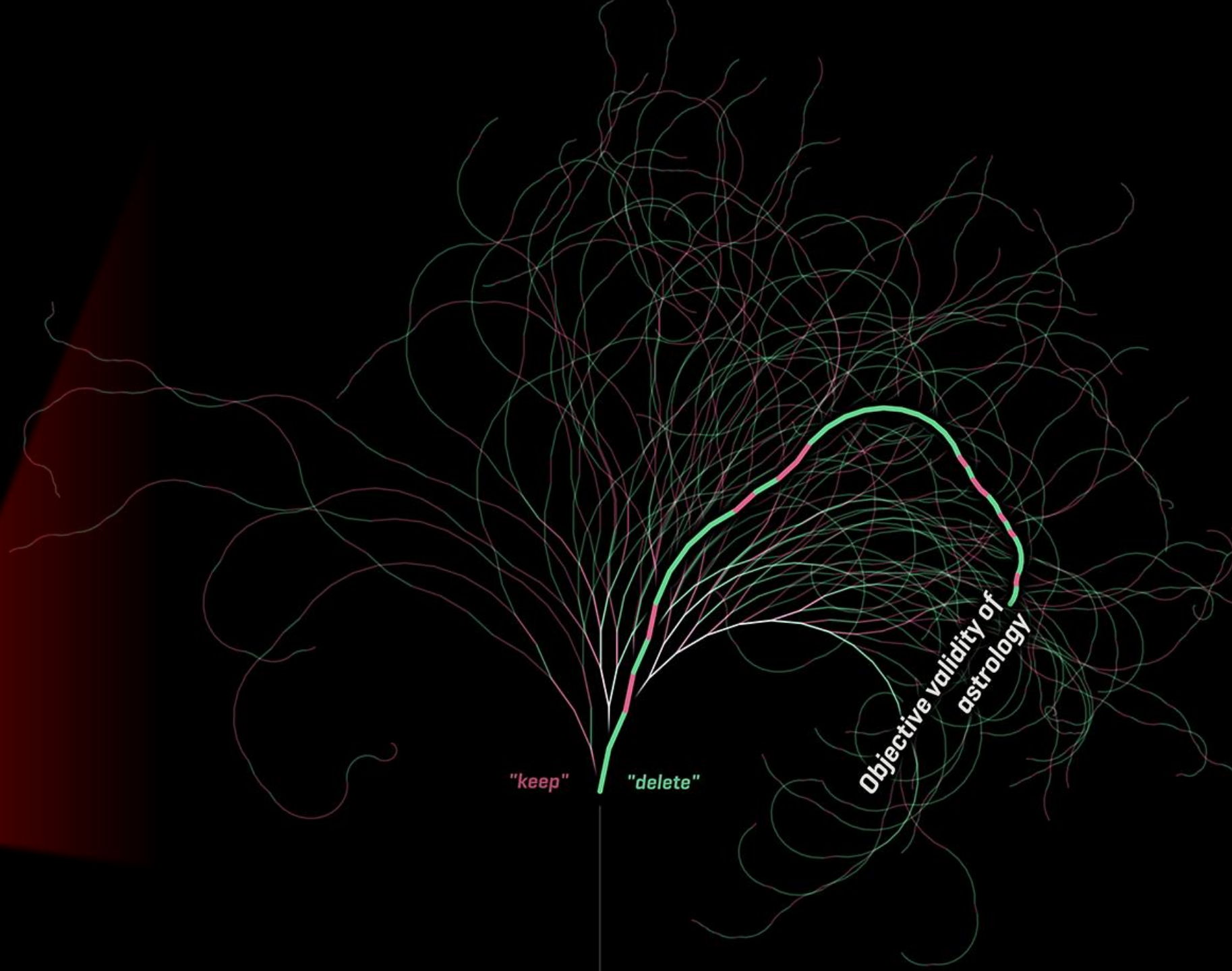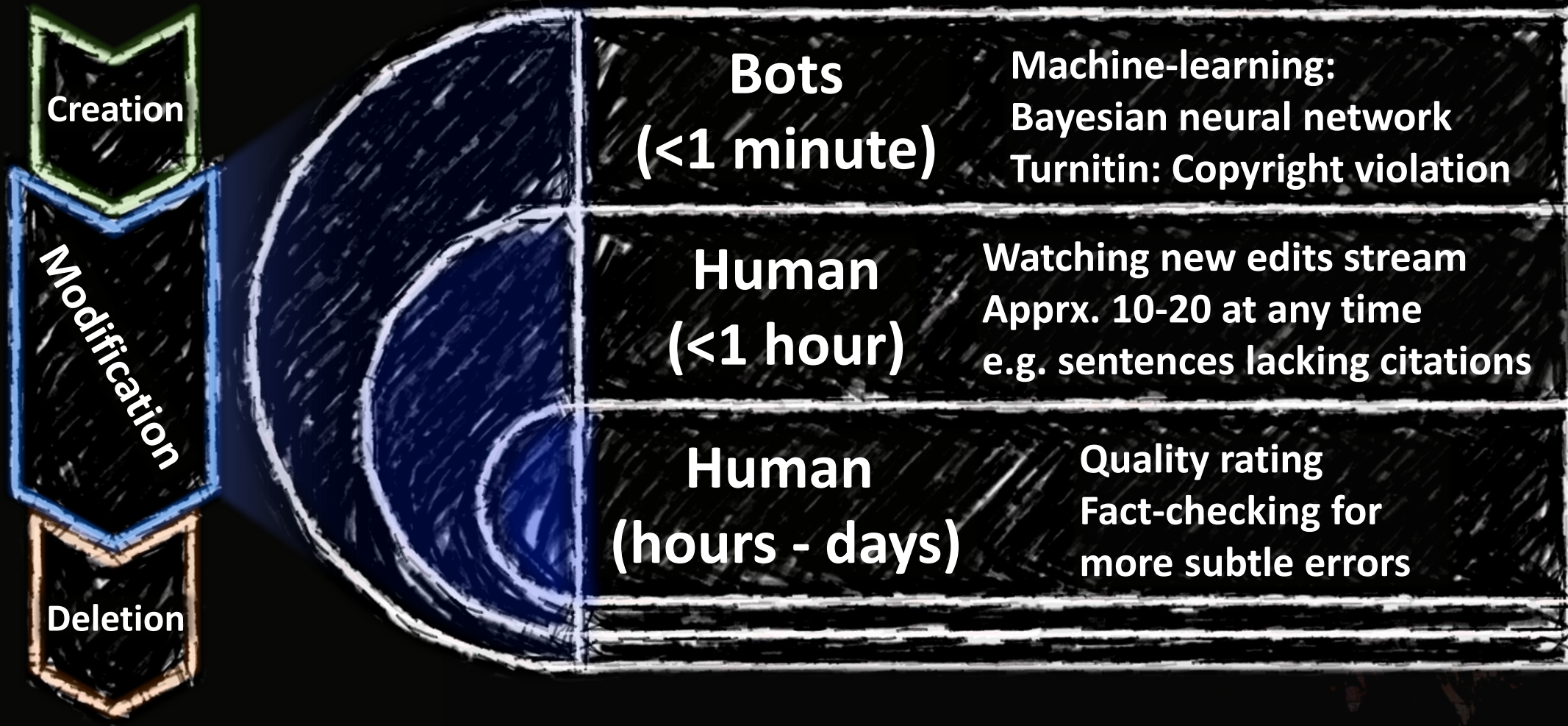
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5-15 other editors
Top 0.01% of articles

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6,011,272 articles in English

From today's featured article

Adele Spitzeder (9 February 1832 – 27 or 28 October 1895) was a German actress, folk singer, and confidence trickster. Initially a promising young actress, Spitzeder became a private banker in Munich when her theatrical success dwindled. Running what was possibly the first recorded Ponzi scheme, she offered large returns on investments by continually using the money of new investors to pay back the previous ones. At the height of her success, contemporary sources considered her the wealthiest woman in Bavaria, although she maintained the persona of a pious Christian woman who helped the poor. Brought to trial in 1872, she was convicted of bad accounting and mishandling customers' money, since Ponzi schemes were not yet illegal, and sentenced to three years in prison. In her later years, Spitzeder performed as a folk singer, living off friends and benefactors, but never completely left her criminal life, resulting in further trials and periods of incarceration. (Full article...)

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- ... that **Edwin S. Votey**, while president of the **Farrand & Votey Organ Company** with **William R. Farrand** as partner, is credited with inventing the first practical player piano *(pictured)*?
- ... that the **Battle of the Aegates** in 241 BC ended the First Punic War after 23 years?
- ... that **Kapoli Kamakau**, who composed music with a future queen and a princess, later contracted leprosy and died in exile?
- ... that the **2001 International Formula 3000 Championship** featured the series's first round in the modern era to be held outside Europe?
- ... that **Bishop Monkton Ings** in North Yorkshire, England, provides a habitat for the semi-parasitic **marsh lousewort**?
- ... that actor Carl Weathers agreed to play **Greef Karga** on the *Star Wars* television series *The Mandalorian* on the condition that he direct future episodes of the show?
- ... that heat from the **Mount Rittmann** volcano in Antarctica allows mosses to grow?
- ... that **Bonanza City, New Mexico**, was founded in 1880 and largely abandoned by 1890?

Edwin S. Votey (right) with the player piano

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A brief history of terrible ideas

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Jimmy Wales 2002 [paraphrased]

We hate this idea so much we're leaving and founding Enciclopedia Libre

Bascially the whole of Spanish Wikipedia 2002 [paraphrased]

Now we've made our point we'll come back, but sit in the corner and think about what you did

Most of Spanish Wikipedia 2004-2006 [paraphrased]

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Other Wikipedians 2005 [paraphrased]

Pfft, if you're going for both cute and disquieting…

Some more Wikipedians 2004 [paraphrased]

Yes and this is what we have voted for

A brief history

Other
Wikipedians 2004
[paraphrased]

Yet moar
Wikipedians growing
sentiment over the next
six years [paraphrased]

Dear god what are
we doing, lets never
speak of this again

Some more Wikipedians 2004 [paraphrased]

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