

WIKIPEDIA EDUCATION PROGRAM



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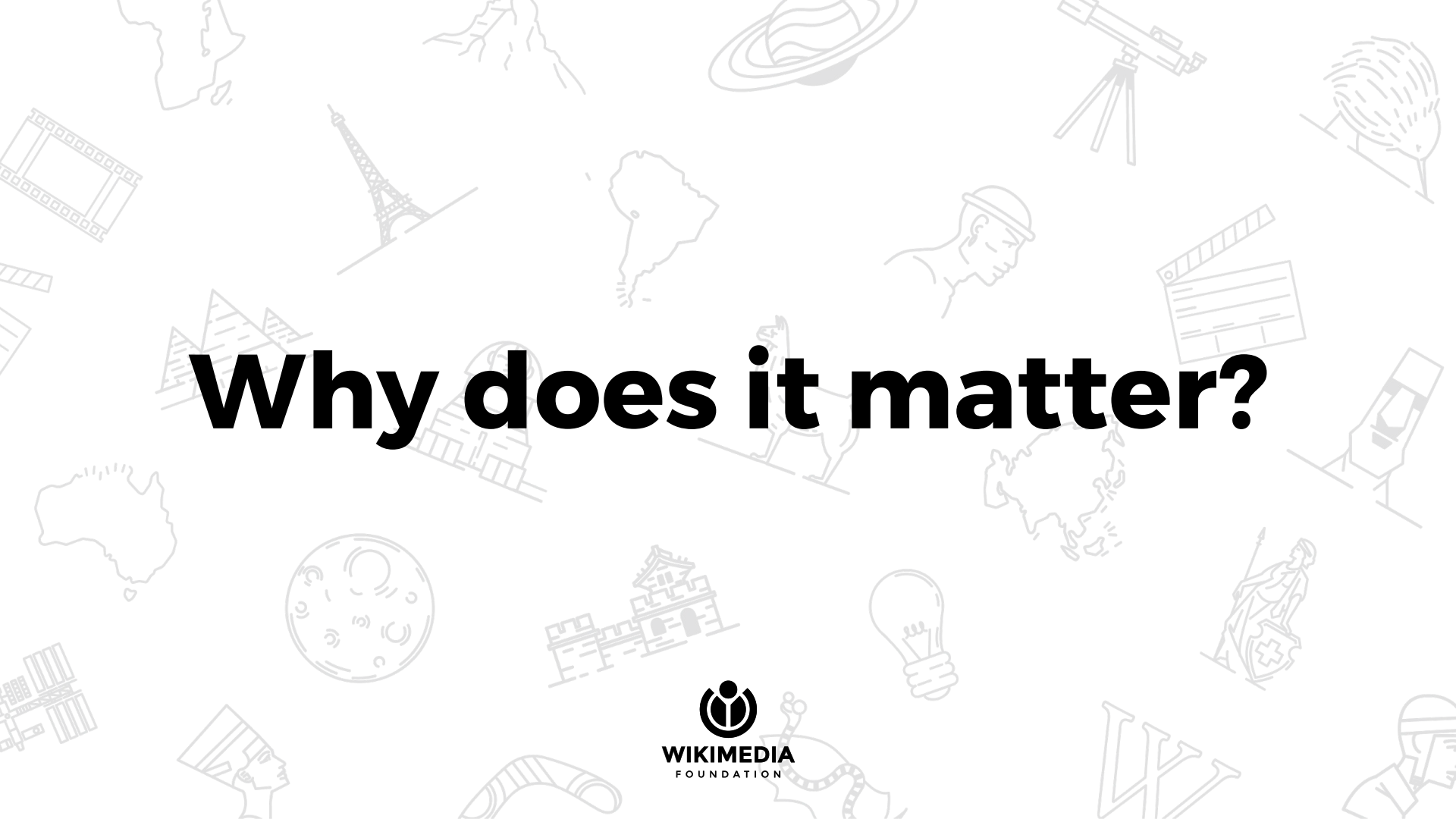
**Wikipedia Education
Program =
open knowledge +
practical skills**



It's a win-win (-win-win- win-win...)



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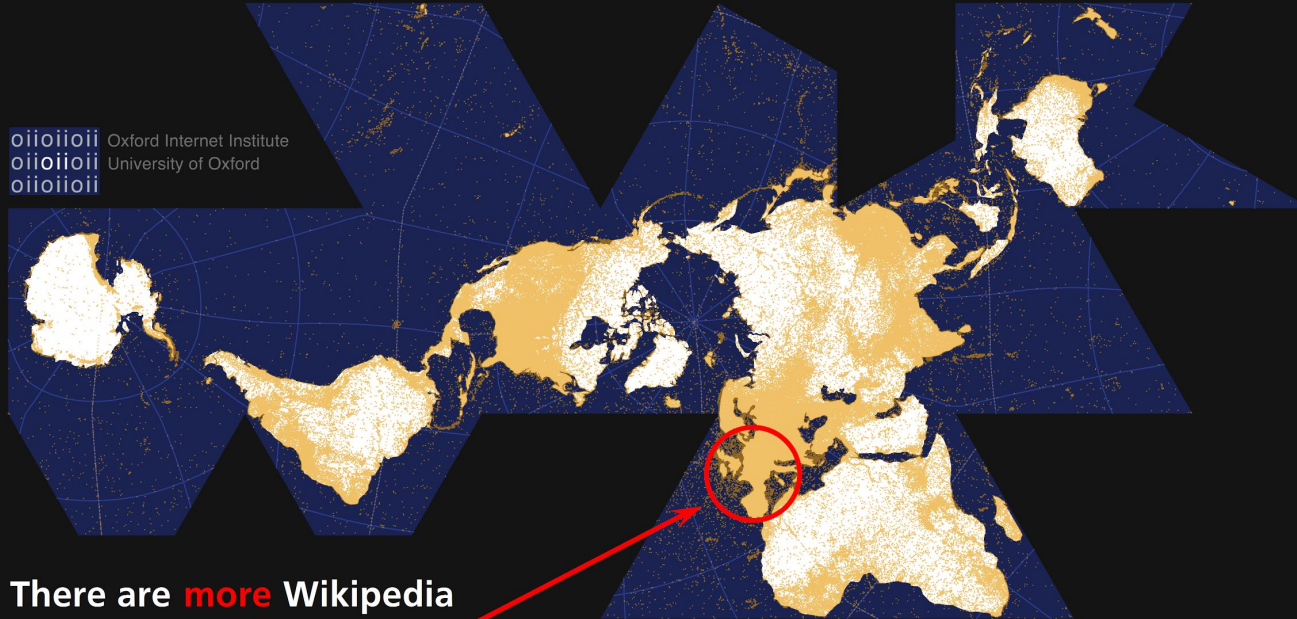
The background is a light gray field filled with numerous small, faint line-art icons. These icons represent a wide variety of subjects: geographical locations like Australia, South America, and the Eiffel Tower; scientific concepts like a telescope, a planet with rings, a lightbulb, and a microscope; cultural and historical symbols like the Sphinx, pyramids, and a classical statue; and creative elements like a film strip, a clapperboard, and a camera. The central text 'Why does it matter?' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, black sans-serif font.

Why does it matter?



The Geographically Uneven Coverage of Wikipedia

While it is an invaluable resource of knowledge for numerous users, Wikipedia's articles have a strong bias in their geographic distribution. Below map is based on 3,336,473 geotagged articles in November 2012 data dumps of 44 language versions. Each article is represented by an orange dot.



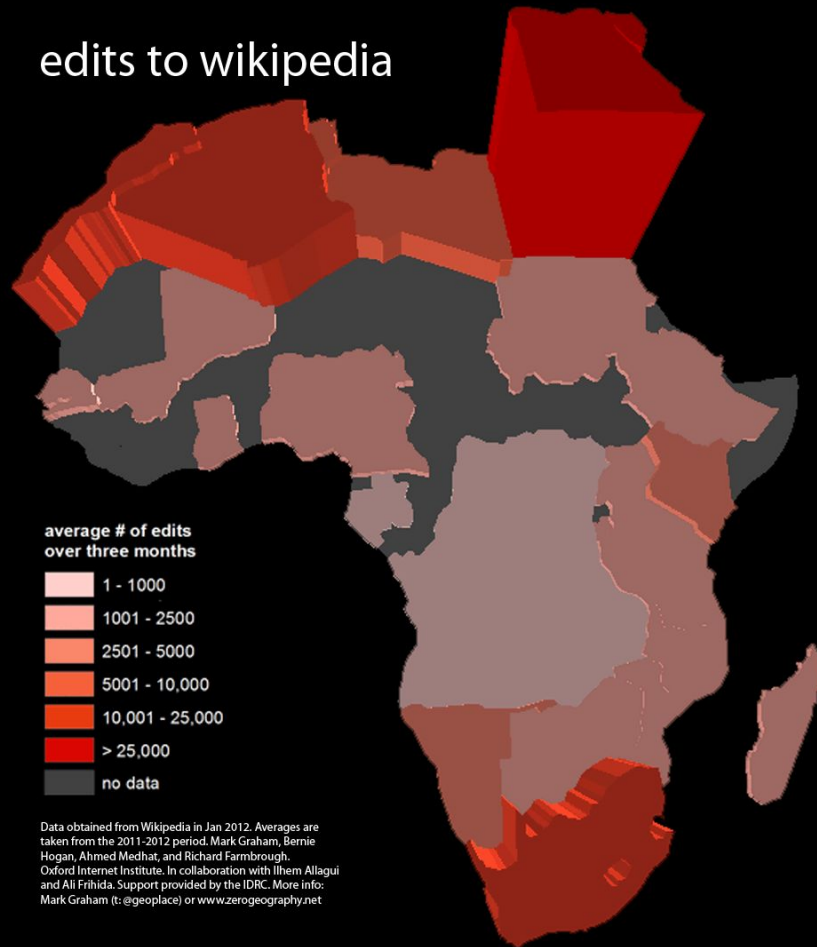
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There are **more** Wikipedia
articles **inside** this circle
than outside of it

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Wikipedia

Knowledge gaps

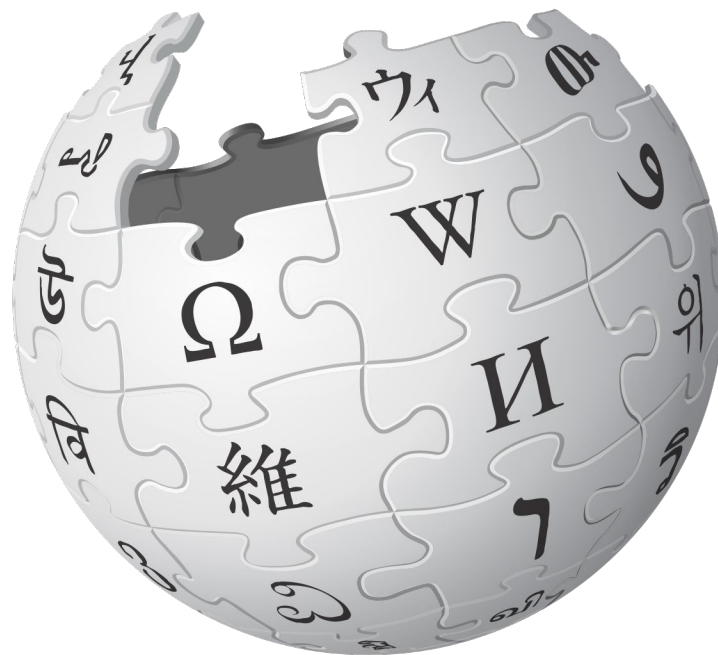
- Content written about Africa is generally not written by Africans

What's an encyclopedia?

- Students take part in knowledge production and become critical digital consumers

Practical skills

- Practical application of skills learned in the classroom



How does it work?



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Flexible models



Design an assignment that works for your students and for Wikipedia

Adjust to learner's skill level, manage expectations

Think outside the article (photo competitions, group work, audio recording)

Connect with communities



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Regional context



Initiatives in Africa



Algeria (University pilots)

Egypt (University programs)

Ethiopia (Summer 2017 intern)

Ghana (Wiki Clubs and university pilots)

Nigeria (Wiki Club and university pilots)

South Africa (OER, offline access)

Tunisia (Cultural heritage)

Uganda (ISOC funded initiative!)



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How to get involved?

Count me in!

What next?

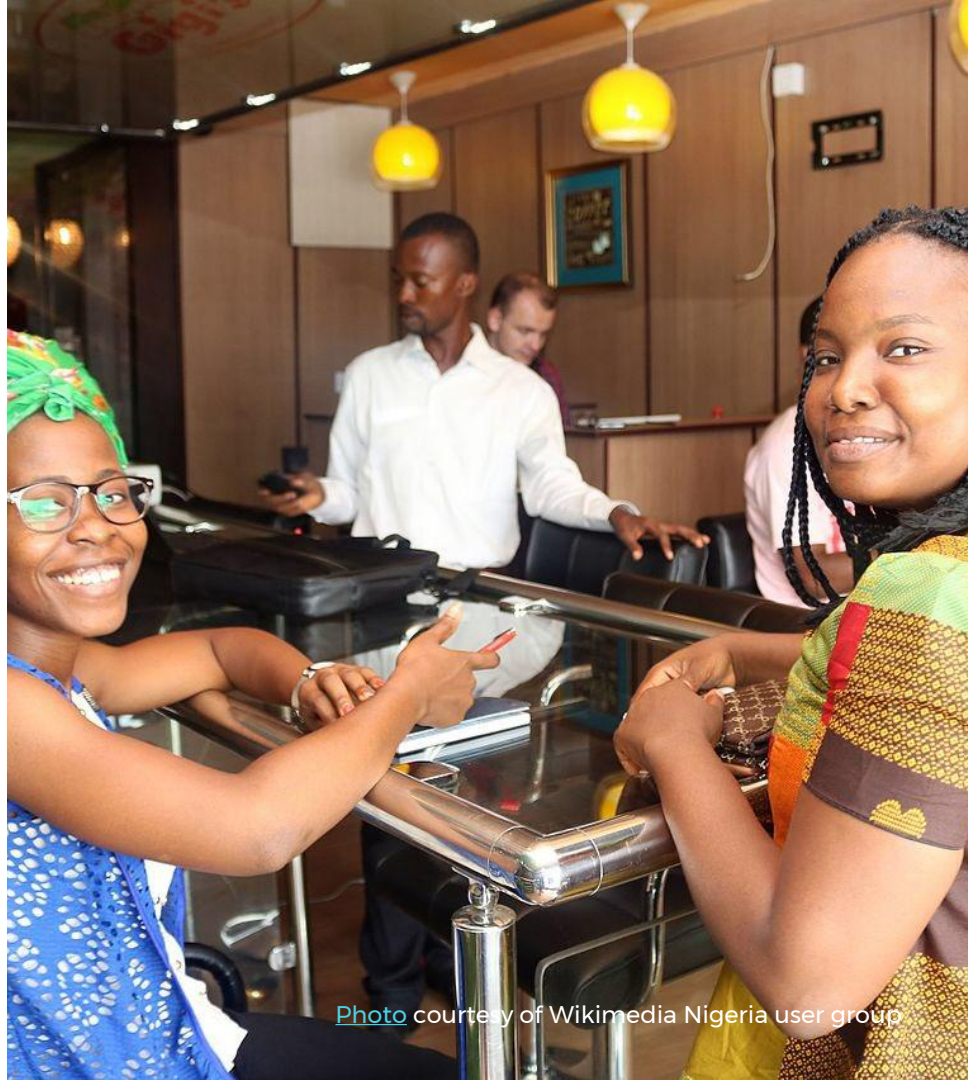
Identify partners (schools, professors, administrators, ministers, ISOC Chapters?)

Identify a goal (local language content, specific topic area)

Connect with community (each wiki is different)

Start small and iterate (learn from mistakes)

Wiki Indaba 2018 in Tunis

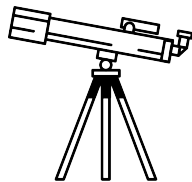


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Resources

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<http://education.wikimedia.org>



Case studies, example syllabus

Toolkit (steps from start to finish)

Newsletter with global updates

Direct consultation, mentoring and support

Grants to support your work

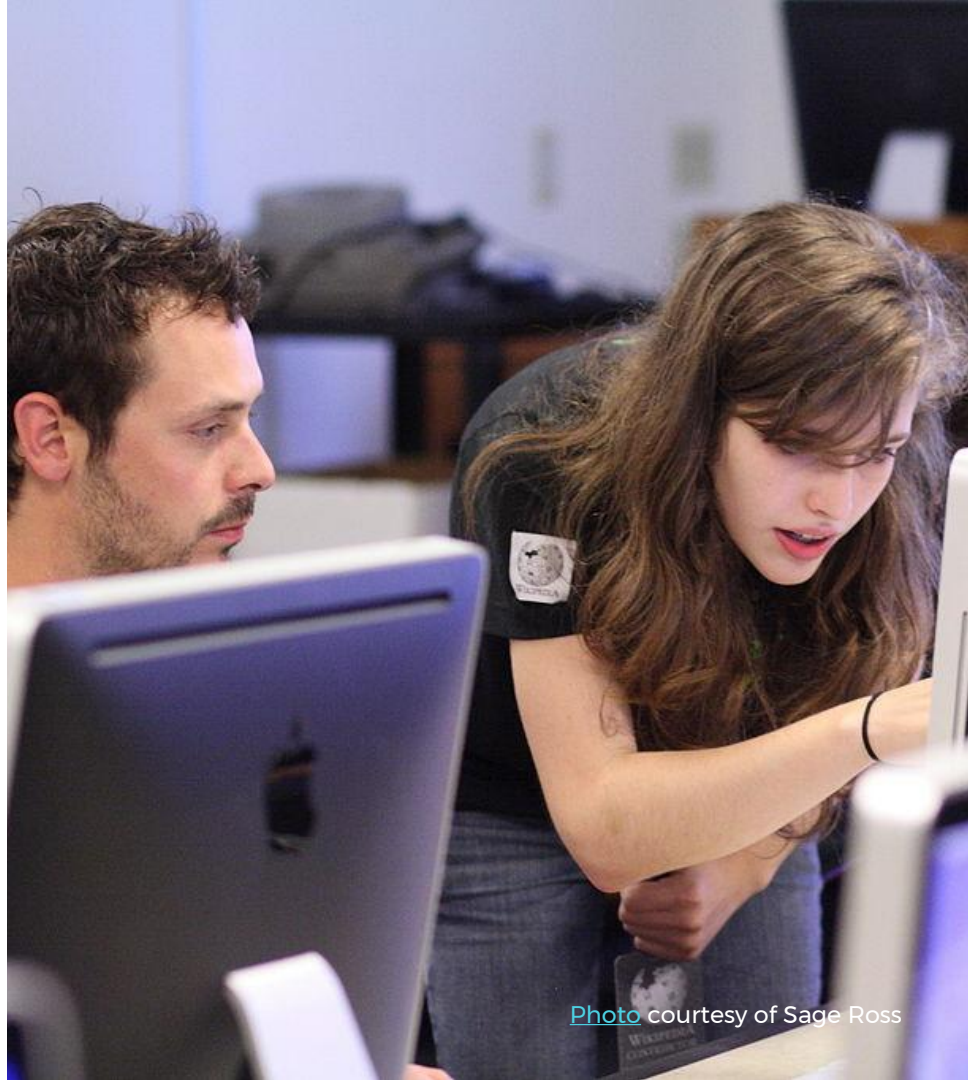


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Wiki Indaba 2017

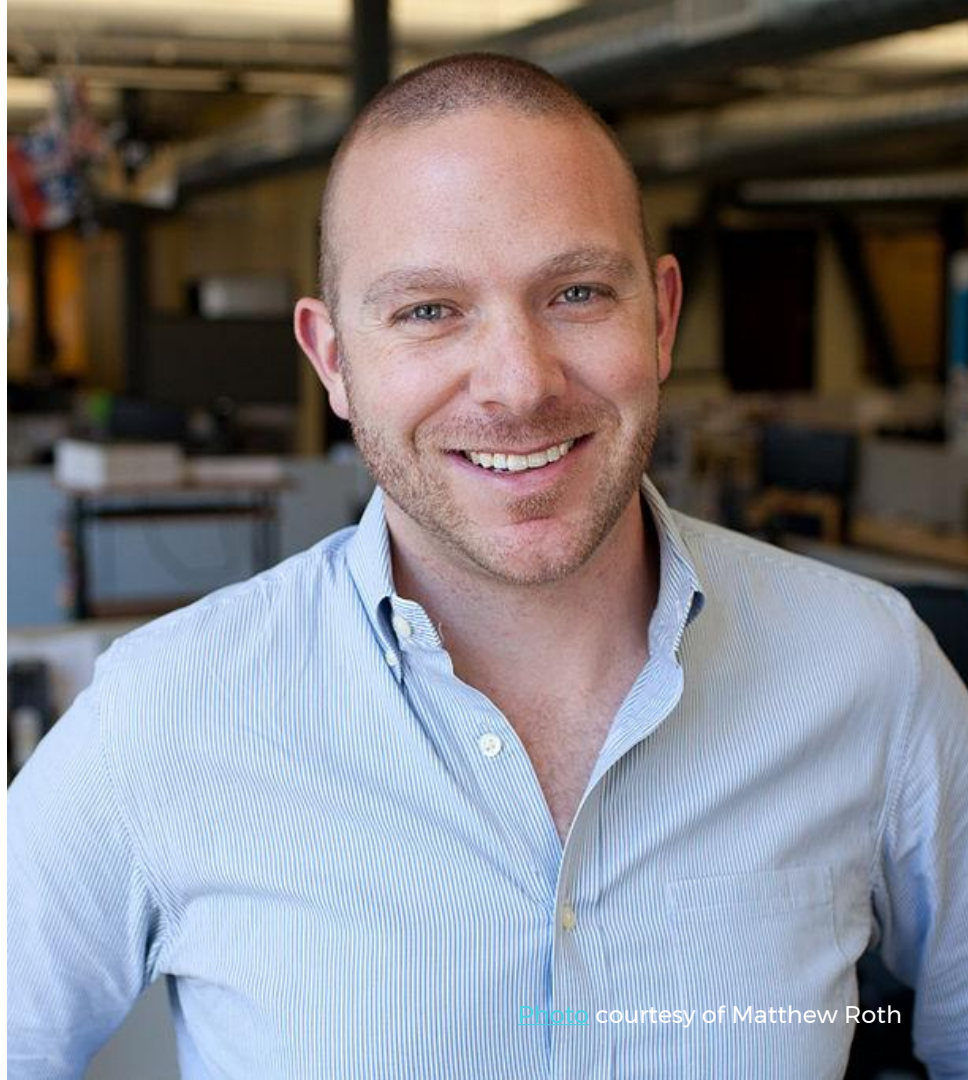


Thank you!

Merci :)

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