

Fandom Redesign

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Abstract: This project explores potential design alternatives to improve the user experience for Fandom wiki users. Since most users visit wiki pages to learn something new, it is important that these pages are structured to facilitate easily finding whatever knowledge the user is searching for. An example of a wiki that could have its ease-of-use improved is the Fandom wiki. For example, the article <https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/R2-D2> has extremely long content, which makes it hard for the user to identify what sort of information could be present in the article. This is made more challenging by the difficulty of viewing the table of contents while scrolling through the article. By adding informative sidebars and removing distracting content, a redesign of this page was created to address usability issues with the original site. The redesigned version of the original article can be found here: <https://zachz3394.github.io/wiki/R2-D2>.