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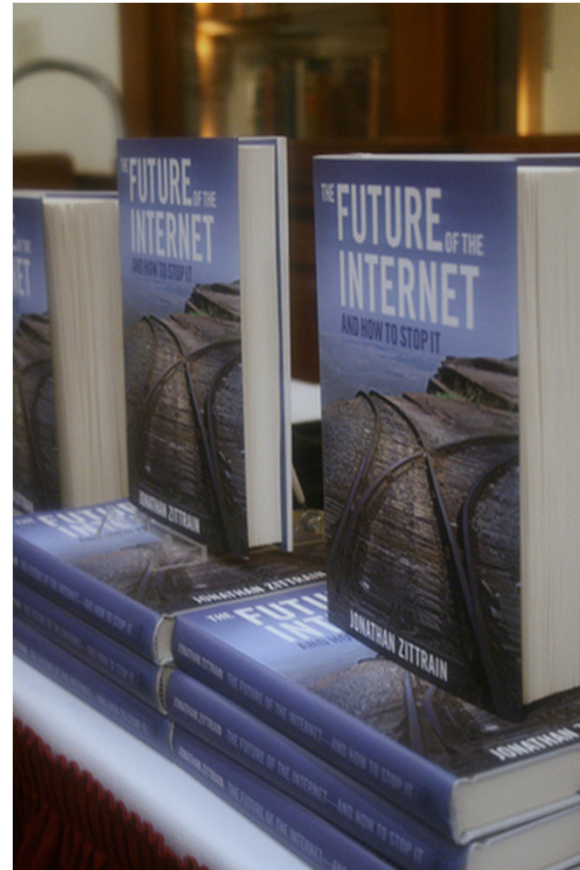## Week 5b: Lessons of Wikipedia

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- Who is Luciano Floridi and why should you care?
- Information Ethics
- Infosphere and implications
- Critiques of Information Ethics

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- Bomis (like promise) – the origins of Wikipedia "exposed"
  - http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.bomis.com
- Nupedia (sort of predecessor to Wikipedia)
  - http://web.archive.org/web/*/www.nupedia.com/
  - "As such we will not allow any individuals to "edit" articles, thus opening GNE to the possibility of bias."
- Citizendium – a peer reviewed effort
  - http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Welcome_to_Citizendium
  - See: Doom
  - http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Doom_%28video_game%29

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- MyWikiBiz – author your legacy!!!!
  - http://www.mywikibiz.com/Main_Page

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- Thanksgiving (United States).
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(United_States)
- Thanksgiving Day.
  http://www.answers.com/topic/thanksgiving-day
- Thanksgiving.
  http://www.reference.com/browse/thanksgiving

WHY WIKIPEDIA IS WORKING

- Light regulatory touch + openness
- Earnest discussion
- Core of people who model an ethos

- "User generated content"

- (p. 147) "... involvement of people in the information they read—whether to fix a typographical error or to join a debate over its veracity or completeness—is an important end itself..."

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