

Automation



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Time is the most valuable contribution

My Goals

- For this Discussion to be:
 - **Friendly**, Respectful, Productive
- Bridge the Gap
 - Recognize there is a problem
 - Our opinions may differ
 - Let's find common ground to benefit everyone

Data Consumer Goals

- Low barrier of entry
 - Understand Everything
 - Do as Little as Possible - Clear Contract

Contributor Goals

- Flexibility
- Convenience/Guidance (esp for beginners)
- Be **Valued** and **Needed**

Woes

- 70794 !!!
- Communication Breakdown
 - Participants don't speak the same "contract" language, even in the same community
- Data Without Meaning has Negative Net Value

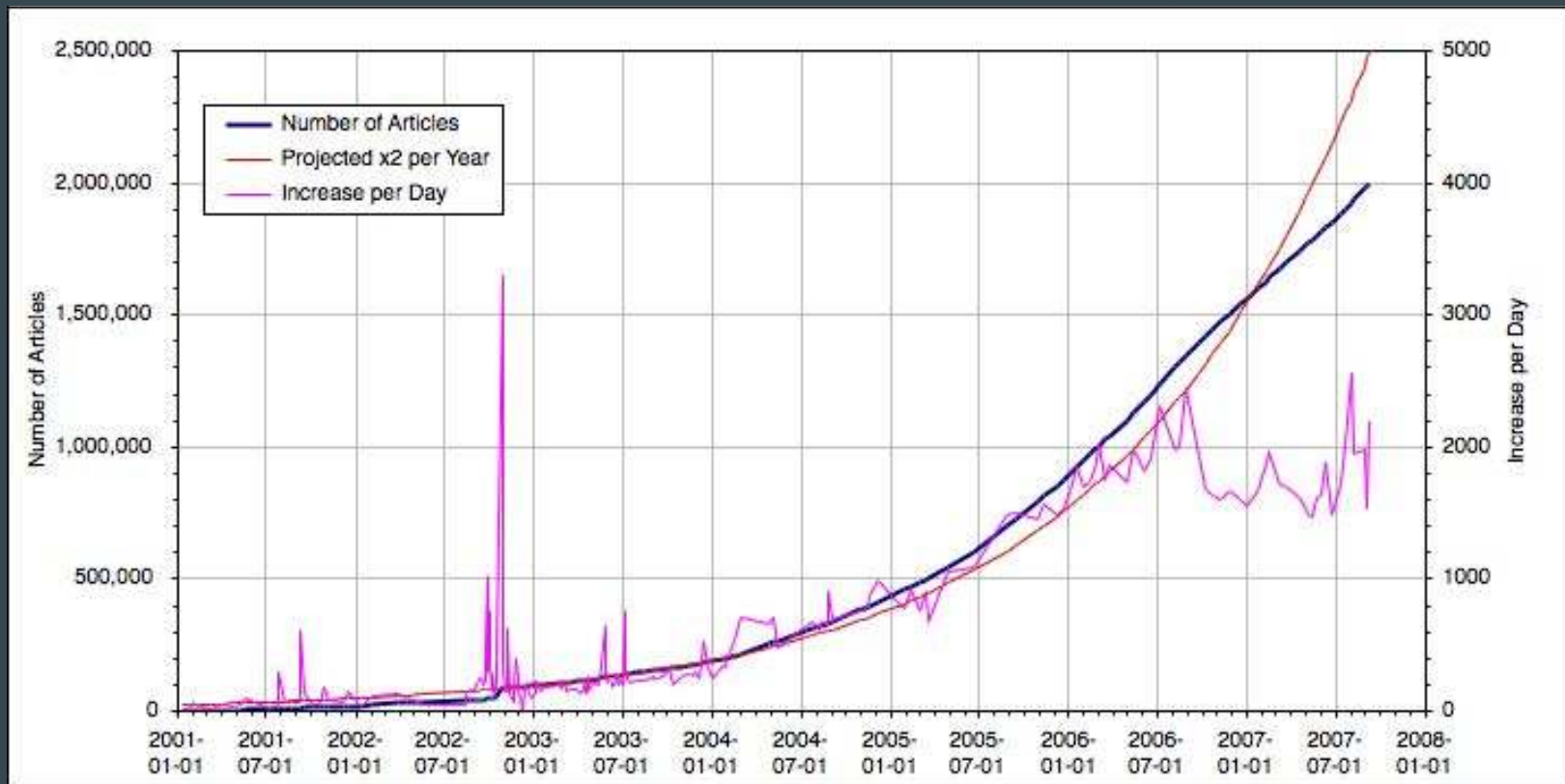
Wikipedia Bot Lessons

- Caused Many Problems
 - Botopedias
 - Interfered with Editing
- Solved Many Problems
 - Vandalism
 - Quality
 - Tedious Tasks
 - **Welcome New Users**

Wikipedia Lessons 2

- Bots must be easy to stop and **revert**
 - Community must be in control
- Bots must be easy to create
 - Low barrier of entry
 - Avoids “hidden bots” (semi-automated edits) problem

Been There... Done That... Still Alive...



How can we?

- Improve communication of “concepts”
- Make reverts easier
- Increase the number of **useful** bots

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