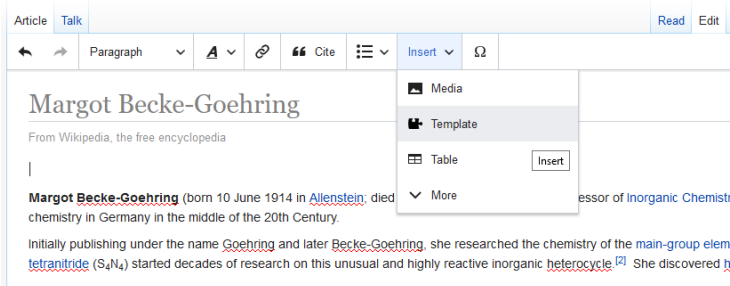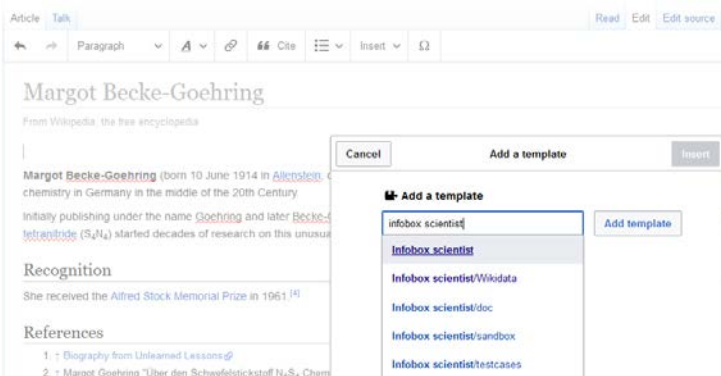# Infoboxes for beginners

Infoboxes are sidebars that give quick summaries of information about the topic of an article and to improve the appearance of a page.
This guide shows you how to insert them into an article that you're editing.
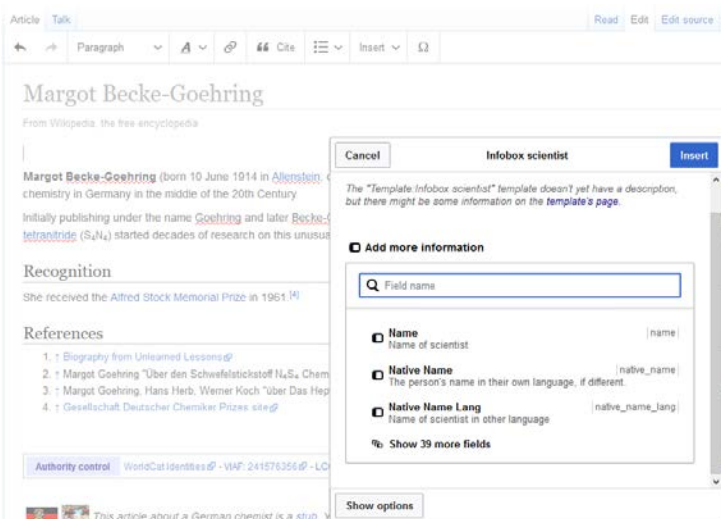
Visual Editor

Click Insert, Template

Choose type of infobox (type for suggestions)

Add fields

OR Source Editor

- Open a new tab in browser.

- Open Wikipedia and search for "Category:Infobox templates".

- Choose subcategory, e.g. "People and person infobox templates".

- Find template from the alphabetised list, e.g. "Template:Infobox scientist".

- From this page, copy all the Blank Syntax – the bit between {{wiggly brackets}}.

- Return to the page you're creating/editing.

- At the top of the page (but if you're in Sandbox, below {{User sandbox}} <!-- EDIT BELOW THIS LINE -->), paste in the blank syntax.

- Fill in the blanks!

See over the page for examples of filling in "Infobox scientist"

Visual Editor

Infobox scientist

Cancel | Infobox scientist | Apply changes

The "Template:Infobox scientist" template doesn't yet have a description, but there might be some information on the template's page.

Name
Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell

Image
File:Launch of IYA 2009, Paris - Grygar, Bell Burnell cropped jp

Image Size

Caption
Bell Burnell in 2009

Birth Name
Susan Jocelyn Bell

Birth Date
{{birth date and age|df=yes|1943|7|15}}{{sfn|Who's Who|2017}}

Birth Place
[[Lurgan]], Northern Ireland{{sfn|"Lurgan Mail"|2007}}

Death Date

Death Place

Nationality

Workplaces
{{Plainlist |

Alma Mater
{{Plainlist |

Thesis Title
The Measurement of radio source diameters using a diffraction

Thesis Url
http://ethos.bl.uk/OrderDetails.do?uin=uk.bl.ethos.449485

Thesis Year
1968

Doctoral Advisor
[[Antony Hewish]]{{sfn|Bell|1968}}

Known For
Discovering the first four [[pulsar]]s

Influences
{{Plainlist|
* [[Fred Hoyle]] "Frontiers of Astronomy" (1955)
* Mr Tillott (her school physics teacher)
}}

Website
{{URL|physics.ox.ac.uk/astro/people
/SJocelynBellBurnell.html|Official Website}}

Spouse
Martin Burnell (1968–93, divorced)

Children
Gavin Burnell

field
[[Astrophysics]]

honorific_suffix
{{postnominals|country=GBR|size=100|DBE|FRS|FRSE|FRAS
}}

module
{{Listen
| embed   = yes
| filename = Dame_Jocelyn_Bell-
Burnell_BBC_Radio4_The_Life_Scientific_25_Oct_2010_b016
812j.flac
| title   = Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell's voice
| type   = speech
| description = from the BBC programme "[[The Life
Scientific]]", 25 October 2011 {{sfn|"The Life Scientific"|2011}}
}}

prizes
{{Plainlist|
* [[Herschel Medal]] (1989)
* [[Fellow of the Royal Society|FRS]] (2003)
* [[FRSE]] (2004)
* [[Order of the British Empire|DBE]] (2007)
}}

☐ Add more information

Show options

Visual Editor

Click the blue "Apply changes" button at the top to preview.

Source Editor

Click "Show preview" at the very bottom of the page to preview.

For both editors:

Add Wikilinks (to other Wiki-pages) by writing the article name with square brackets around it, e.g. [[London]].

Create a tidy list using this template:
{{Plainlist|
* Item 1
* Item 2
}}
Add as many items as you like, just be sure to use wiggly brackets at the start AND end.

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{{Infobox scientist
| honorific_prefix =
| name =
| honorific_suffix =
| native_name =
| native_name_lang =
| image = <!--(filename only, i.e. without "File:" prefix)-->
| image_size =
| image_upright =
| alt =
| caption =
| birth_name = <!-- if different from "name" -->
| birth_date = <!--{{birth date |YYYY|MM|DD}}-->
| birth_place =
| death_date = <!--{{death date and age |YYYY|MM|DD |YYYY|MM|DD}} (death date then birth date)-->
| death_place =
| death_cause =
| resting_place =
| resting_place_coordinates = <!--{{coord|LAT|LONG|type:landmark|display=inline,title}}-->
| other_names =
| pronounce =
| residence =
| citizenship =
| nationality =
| fields =
| workplaces =
| patrons =
| education =
| alma_mater =
| thesis_title = <!--(or | thesis1_title = and | thesis2_title = )-->
| thesis_url = <!--(or | thesis1_url = and | thesis2_url = )-->
| thesis_year = <!--(or | thesis1_year = and | thesis2_year = )-->
| doctoral_advisor = <!--(or | doctoral_advisors = )-->
| academic_advisors =
| doctoral_students =
| notable_students =
| known_for =
| influences =
| influenced =
| awards =
| author_abbrev_bot =
| author_abbrev_zoo =
| spouse = <!--(or | spouses = )-->
| partner = <!--(or | partners = )-->
| children =
| signature = <!--(filename only)-->
| website = <!--{{URL|www.example.com}}-->
| footnotes =
}}
```