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GOOGLE JOINS WIKIMANIA 2012 AS A DIAMOND-LEVEL SPONSOR

WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 30, 2012: Wikimedia District of Columbia (Wikimedia DC) is pleased to announce that Google has joined Wikimania 2012 as a Diamond Level sponsor. Google's support of Wikimania helps bring hundreds of people around the world who support open source, open culture, and free access to global knowledge.

"Google has been a strong advocate of open source, and we welcome their support of Wikimania 2012," says Nicholas Michael Bashour, President of Wikimedia DC. "Through their Open Source Programs Office, Google has supported open source organizations and developers through such programs as *Google Summer of Code* and *Google Code-in*. Their support of Wikimania 2012, an international conference attended by hundreds of open source developers and advocates, shows a continued commitment to help expand and maintain an active, vibrant, and global open source community."

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