

1 User's Guide

To use the Wikibox, plug it into the wall and into your TV. Give it five minutes to fully start up. It behaves like a VCR or DVD player - you will need to find the TV/AV mode where you can see a globe that says *Wikipedia* in the top left.

To get started, you can read through this guide or you can immediately begin by using the mouse to interact with the Wikibox. If you get stuck or lost, unplug the Wikibox to turn it off, and plug it back in to start it up again. When it restarts you will be back at the start page, just like before.

2 The Mouse

The mouse is used to control the Wikibox. It does four things:

1. Left click
2. Right click
3. Scroll wheel
4. Movement

2.1 Movement

The most important technique to master is *movement*. Place the mouse on a solid, flat, non-glossy surface, like a bound book, a desk, or a table. Position the mouse so the cord faces away from you. Then, by moving the mouse to the left, you will see that the pointer on the screen moves to the left. Similarly, moving the mouse up, down, or to the right will move the pointer on the screen up, down or to the right. If you lift the

mouse up from the table, you can move it around without the pointer on the screen moving around. This is useful if you reach the edge of the surface and need to reposition the mouse to reach the edge of the screen with the pointer.

2.2 Left click

This is the second most important tool. The *left click* is how you interact with the Wikibox. You will use it to navigate articles by left clicking on blue text. Move the pointer over some blue text and notice that it changes into a pointing hand. Press down with your finger on the left side of the top of the mouse (it will make a click noise). If you did this correctly, the Wikibox will “follow” the link. For example, if you found that the word *apple* was blue, by clicking on this word you will be taken to the Wikipedia page for *apple*.

The left click does some other things, too, but they aren’t important here. If you hold down the left click and move the mouse around, it will highlight text. If this happens, don’t worry, just move to a place where the cursor looks like a pointer again and left click quickly to remove the highlighting.

2.3 Scroll wheel

The scroll wheel will allow you to move backwards and forwards on the page. It is like turning the pages of a book, but on the Wikibox, pages are continuous, kind of like an ancient Roman scroll of paper, which you can move up and down on the screen by using the scroll wheel. Rotate the scroll wheel and notice that your screen will display different parts of the document.

2.4 Right click

Pressing on the right side of the top of the mouse is the right click. On the Wikibox, however, it does nothing.

3 Navigating to Articles

From the beginning page, you can read the text to learn a little bit about navigating. There are two main options to navigate, in the top right of the screen.

3.1 Subject Index

Left clicking the blue text that says “Subject Index” will take you to a page with different categories that you can use to find articles that you can use to learn about things. This is useful if you just want to explore.

3.2 Title Word Index

Left clicking the blue text that says “Title Word Index” will allow you to find a specific article. This is like looking something up in an encyclopedia. You will see a set of alphabetical characters. Left click on the letter that corresponds to the first letter of the thing you want to look up. Then, you will see a set of lower-case alphabetical characters appear below the upper-case ones. To narrow down the results, left click on the lower-case letter that corresponds to the second letter of the thing you want to look up. Then, use the scroll wheel to look through the results (they are in alphabetical order). When you find the title of the article you want, left click it to see that article.

4 Advanced Navigation

The Wikibox keeps track of the articles you have viewed since it was turned on. You can go back and forward in this list using a special type of movement with the mouse. Notice that the scroll wheel on the mouse makes a clicking sound when you press it down. This is known as a “middle click”. If you want to go backwards in the list of articles you have viewed, press down the scroll wheel, and while holding it down move the mouse to the left, then let go of the scroll wheel. Make sure you do your best to make a straight line when you move the mouse to the left.

If you accidentally click the middle mouse button, move the mouse downwards, and let go, there may be unexpected results. If it takes you out of the Wikibox interface, you may see an image at the top of the screen (it looks like a house) which you can click to get back. Otherwise, unplug the Wikibox and plug it back in to get back to the starting page.

You can also click the middle mouse button, hold down, move the mouse to the right, and let go. This will move forward in your history. If you have accidentally moved backwards, you can use this motion to fix that mistake.

Finally, there is an alternative to using the scroll wheel to move up and down in the document. There is a vertical bar on the right hand side of the page. Inside this bar is a differently coloured smaller grey block. If you left click on this block and move the mouse up or down while holding down on the left click, you will move quickly through the article. The block will be at the top of the bar if you are at the beginning of the article, and at the bottom of the bar if you are at the end of the article.