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## USENIX LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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PRESENTED AT THE 2010 USENIX FEDERATED CONFERENCES WEEK TO WARD CUNNINGHAM

Ward Cunningham has always been a computer scientist on the cutting edge of programming, with a remarkable ability to see the future. His work has focused on the art of programming and helping people do things in a better, speedier, more "agile" way. While others in the community were arguing C vs. Pascal, Ward was experimenting with object-oriented programming, developing Extreme Programming and pattern languages. Realizing that the most significant projects are developed collaboratively, he began to consider how to facilitate communication in collaborative work. The result? His most famous and perhaps his most lasting contribution: the invention of the first wiki, which he called the WikiWiki-Web after the Hawaiian word for "fast."

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## STUG AWARD

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PRESENTED AT THE 2010 USENIX FEDERATED CONFERENCES WEEK TO MEDIAWIKI AND THE WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

The STUG Award recognizes significant contributions to the community that reflect the spirit and character demonstrated by those who came together in the Software Tools User Group (STUG).

Most computer users, particularly our youngest ones, may find it hard to imagine a world without wikis and especially hard to imagine one without Wikipedia. We are proud to present the USENIX STUG Award to MediaWiki and to its parent organization, the Wikimedia Foundation, which operates some of the largest collaboratively edited reference projects in the world, including Wikipedia.

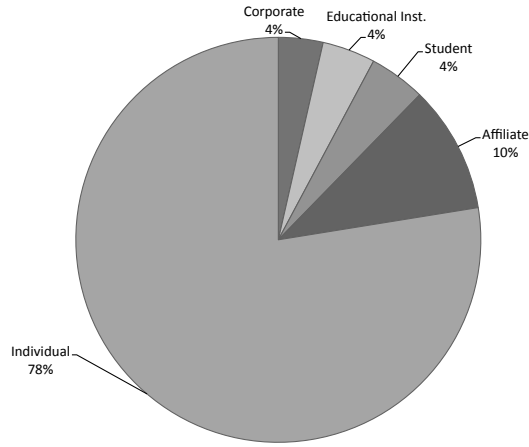
But we also know that this wonderful piece of code did not just appear. The ideas behind them were not new, but a few people had to come forward to implement a wiki that could underlie a real scalable, worldwide service. That service was MediaWiki. It took a com-

munity to collaborate, putting in many many hours of work to make the idea great and make it lasting. We recognize Magnus Manske, Lee Crocker, Brion Vibber, and Tim Starling as the major contributors to MediaWiki, but we all realize that their work has been refined and improved by many others. MediaWiki is a wonderful example of a software tool that changed our world.

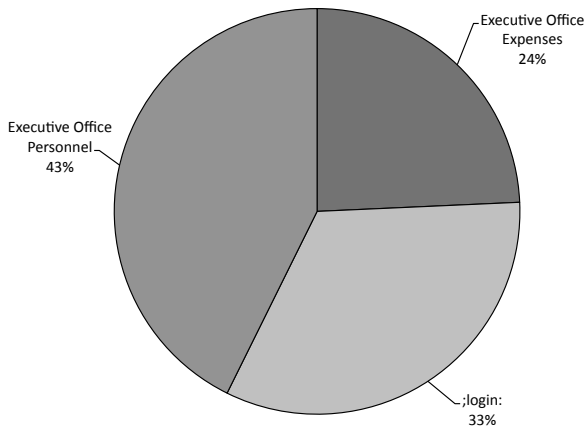
**USENIX ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2009**

*Ellie Young, Executive Director*

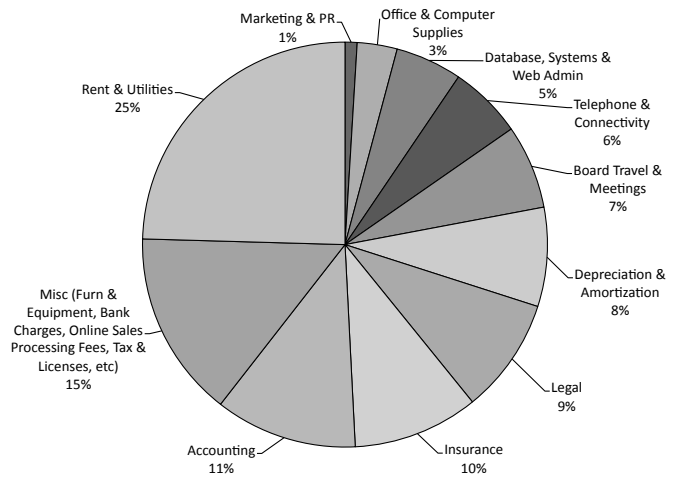
The following information is provided as the annual report of the USENIX Association's finances. The accompanying statements (p. 79) have been reviewed by Michelle Suski, CPA, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The 2009 financial statements were also audited by McSweeney & Associates, CPAs. Accompanying the statements are several charts that illustrate where your membership dues go. The Association's complete financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, are available on request.



**CHART 1: USENIX MEMBER REVENUE SOURCES 2009**



**CHART 2: WHERE YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES WENT**



**CHART 3: USENIX ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 2009**

**USENIX ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As of December 31, 2009 & 2008**

<b>ASSETS</b>	2009	2008
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 210,710	\$ 507,714
Receivables	40,184	47,511
Prepaid expenses	93,180	53,319
Inventory	-	2,433
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Total current assets	344,075	610,977
Investments at fair market value	5,765,887	5,530,751
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Office furniture and equipment	306,308	564,353
Leasehold improvements	29,631	29,631
Less: accumulated depreciation & amortization	<u>(277,837)</u>	<u>(509,139)</u>
Net property and equipment	58,102	84,845
Other assets	284,757	194,341
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	<b>\$ 6,452,821</b>	<b>\$ 6,420,914</b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 41,066	\$ 219,009
Accrued expenses	56,528	157,830
Deferred revenue	<u>97,810</u>	<u>108,240</u>
Total current liabilities	195,404	485,079
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>284,757</u>	<u>194,341</u>
Total liabilities	480,161	679,420
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>5,972,660</u>	<u>5,741,494</u>
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**USENIX ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 & 2008**

	2009	2008
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Conference & workshop revenue	\$ 2,282,899	\$ 3,360,576
Membership dues	489,578	567,608
Product sales	1,542	4,333
SAGE dues & other revenue	<u>115,102</u>	<u>141,504</u>
Total revenues	2,889,121	4,074,021
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Conferences & workshops	2,175,669	2,848,684
Membership; login:	385,268	434,737
Projects & GoodWorks	148,687	311,129
SAGE	122,931	185,494
Management and general	461,173	573,645
Fund raising	<u>39,984</u>	<u>42,649</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,333,712</u>	<u>4,396,338</u>
Net operating deficit	(444,591)	(322,317)
<b>NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY</b>		
Interest & dividend income	193,439	238,825
Gains & losses on marketable securities	543,214	(97,095)
Investment fees	(57,531)	(64,891)
Other non-operating	<u>(3,364)</u>	<u>(89,299)</u>
Net investment income & non-operating expense	<u>675,757</u>	<u>(912,460)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net assets	231,166	(1,234,777)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>5,741,494</u>	<u>6,976,271</u>
Net assets, end of year	<b>\$ 5,972,660</b>	<b>\$ 5,741,494</b>