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# Using Wikimedia Commons





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## → Main focus:

- **MediaWiki consultant**
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  - Wikimedia Commons photographer
  - Wikipedia author
- OpenStreetMap mapper





# Wikimedia Commons Facts



- Wiki by Wikimedia Foundation (WMF)
- Repository for WMF projects
- > 5,000,000 files
- Images, audio, video
- jpg/png/gif/tif/djvu/ogg/ogv/pdf

# Wikimedia Commons

## The problem

Current situation: Files uploaded locally  
Often with wrong/missing information

Good:

- Name attribution

Wrong:

- No license info

- Source incomplete



The screenshot shows a Wikimedia Commons file page for 'Bild:Köln - Rheinufer Panorama.jpg'. The page includes a navigation menu on the left, a search bar, and a main content area with a large image of the Cologne skyline. Below the image, there is a table of 'Dateiversionen' (file versions).

**Navigation**

- Hauptseite
- Meilensteine
- Aktuelle Ereignisse
- Letzte Änderungen
- Zufällige Seite

**Suche**

Seite Suchen

**Werkzeuge**

- Links auf diese Seite
- Änderungen an verlinkten Seiten
- Hochladen
- Spezialseiten
- Druckversion
- Permanenter Link

**Bild:Köln - Rheinufer Panorama.jpg**

Dies ist eine alte Version. Zeitpunkt der Bearbeitung: 20:35, 11. Nov. 2008 durch [Diskussion](#) | [Beiträge](#).  
(Unterschied) ← [Nächstältere Version](#) | [Aktuelle Version \(Unterschied\)](#) | [Nächstjüngere Version](#) → (Unterschied)

Bild Dateiversionen Verwendung

Keine höhere Auflösung vorhanden.  
Köln\_-\_Rheinufer\_Panorama.jpg (800 × 211 Pixel, Dateigröße: 33 KB, MIME-Typ: image/jpeg)

Quelle: Commons. Autor: [Raimond Spekking](#)

**Dateiversionen**

Klicke auf einen Zeitpunkt, um diese Version zu laden.

Version vom	Maße	Benutzer	Kommentar
aktuell <a href="#">20:35, 11. Nov. 2008</a>	800×211 (33 KB)	<a href="#">Raimond Spekking</a> ( <a href="#">Diskussion</a>   <a href="#">Beiträge</a> )	(Quelle: Commons. Autor: <a href="#">Raimond Spekking</a> )



# Wikimedia Commons History



- Proposal: Feb. 2006 by Erik Möller  
(Deputy Director of WMF since Dec. 2007)
- Developed: by Brion Vibber, WMF CTO
- Released: Feb. 2008 as ForeignAPIRepo



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## The solution

Syntax as usual:

```
[[File:Köln Panorama.jpg|thumb|Cologne: Main mapping area]]  
[[File:Raymond.jpg|thumb|Raymond]]
```

Local files get precedence.



The screenshot shows a user profile page for 'Raymond de' on the OpenStreetMap Wiki. The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'benutzerseite', 'diskussion', 'bearbeiten', etc. The main content area features a magnifying glass icon over a map, a bio stating 'I am active at the German Wikipedia as Wikipedia:de:User:Raymond too.', a large photo of Cologne, and a smaller photo of Raymond holding a camera. The caption for the Cologne photo is 'Cologne: Main mapping area'. On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'letzte änderungen' (Last changes) and 'navigation' (Main page, The map, OpenStreetMap-Portal, Map Features, Hilfe, Blog, Shop, Donations). At the bottom left, there is a search box with 'Seite' and 'Suchen' buttons.

My userpage on <http://wiki.openstreetmap.org>

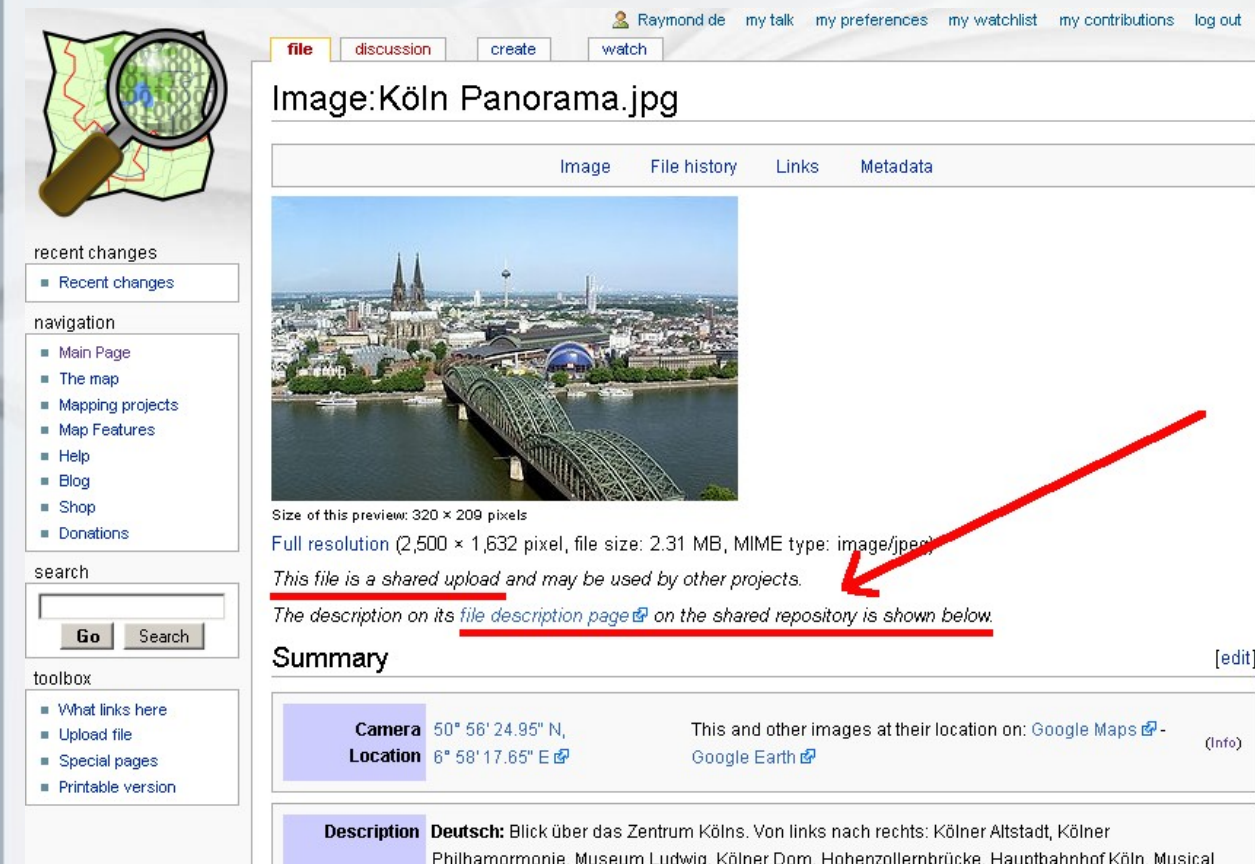
# Wikimedia Commons

## The solution

### Local description page

- Transcludes summary, author and license

- Shows link to Wikimedia Commons



The screenshot shows a Wikimedia Commons local description page for the file 'Image:Köln Panorama.jpg'. The page includes a navigation menu with options like 'file', 'discussion', 'create', and 'watch'. A map icon is visible on the left. The main content area features a large image of the Cologne skyline, including the Hohenzollern Bridge and the Cologne Cathedral. Below the image, there is a summary section with a red arrow pointing to the text: 'This file is a shared upload and may be used by other projects.' The summary also includes camera and location information, and a description in German: 'Deutsch: Blick über das Zentrum Kölns. Von links nach rechts: Kölner Altstadt, Kölner Philharmonie, Museum Ludwig, Kölner Dom, Hohenzollerbrücke, Hauptbahnhof Köln, Musical'.



# Wikimedia Commons Pros



- Instant access to more than 5,000,000 media files under a free license
- No upload to own wiki, no copy & paste of the file description
- Proper attribution of author and license
- Less traffic – less space





# Wikimedia Commons Cons



- WMF server broken – no files served
- Image vandalizing
- Copyvios still possible



# Wikimedia Commons Requirements



→ What you need:

MediaWiki 1.13.x or newer



# Wikimedia Commons Weblinks



## → **Weblinks**

- Proposal: [InstantCommons](#)
- Erik Möller: <http://intelligentdesigns.net/blog/?p=91>

## → **Photos**

- All images in the presentation are licensed under  
Creative Commons CC-by-SA-3.0/de  
Quelle: [Category:Files by User:Raymond](#) from [de.wikipedia](#)



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**Thank you!**

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