

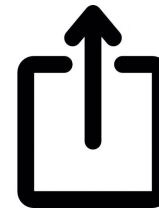
Introduction to Wikimedia Commons

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Goals
- Contribution
- Photo wishlists
- Photo tour
- Interactive upload session
- Category system



[[Category:]]

Introduction

- What is Wikimedia Commons?



“Wikimedia Commons is a database of content that is licensed such that it can be reused outside of Wikimedia projects. Anyone can contribute materials that are in the public domain, Creative Commons-licensed or otherwise available for reuse and based on these contributions, Wikimedia Commons already has over 23.3 million media files available. You can search for items or browse through the available items by media type, subject, location, license, or author.”

<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/wikipedia>

Aim of Wikimedia Commons

<https://commons.wikimedia.org>

- ... that makes available public domain and freely-licensed educational media content to all, and
- ... that acts as a common repository for the various projects of the Wikimedia Foundation.

The screenshot shows the Wikimedia Commons homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with options like 'Diskussion', 'Einstellungen', and 'Beitrag verwalten'. Below that, the main content area is divided into several sections: 'Bild des Tages' (Image of the Day) featuring a snake, 'Fotowettbewerb' (Photo Contest) with a call to action, 'Höhepunkte' (Highlights) about image quality, 'Inhalte' (Content) with a list of categories, and 'Milmachen' (Media) with instructions on how to upload content. The footer contains logos for various Wikimedia projects and a disclaimer.

Project pillars (similarities and differences to Wikipedia)

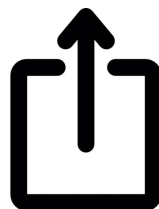
| | Wikipedia | Wikimedia Commons |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Free license | ✓ (CC BY-SA 3.0) | ✓ (many to choose) |
| Content Focus | Text | Media files |
| Items evolving | ✓ | (✓) |
| Project scope | Notability | Educational value |
| NPOV | ✓ | (✗) |
| Contributors | Everyone | Upload limited to registered users |

Possible contribution



Creation of media files:

- photographs
- diagrams
- maps
- Video
- Audio
- ...



Uploading free content from other sources:

- Libraries and Archives
- Flickr
- Unsplash
- Army.gov
- ...



Organizing existing content

- check license status
- add maintenance templates
- add categories
- create/curate gallerie pages
- ...

Photo list

<https://tools.wmflabs.org/wikishootme>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Requested_pictures

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Picture_requests

- Many different lists on different wikis with different structures, aims. One example:
- lists get updated very infrequent, same object can be on multiple lists, or has been uploaded long time ago

Photo tour

- 3 Groups
 - Lichterfelde West (ca. 7 km/4.5 mi)
 - Lichterfelde Ost (ca. 4 km/2.5 mi)
 - Lankwitz (ca. 6 km/4 mi)
- 2.5-3 h
- Objects to photograph
 - Stolpersteine in context
 - Cultural heritage monuments
 - ...



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Photo tour rules

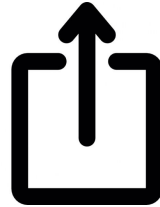
- The routes are recommendations
- Feel free to divert
- Take photographs from objects you like
- Stay on public property
- Avoid taking photographs of people
- Be respectful

[Map link](#)



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Break



Interactive upload session

[\[\[Commons:Upload tools\]\]](#)

- [\[\[Commons:UploadWizard\]\]](#)
- Webapps ([URL2Commons](#), [Flickr2Commons](#))
- standalone computer programs ([VicuñaUploader](#), [Commonist](#))
- Program extensions (LrMediaWiki)
- Smartphone-Apps ([Commons:Mobile app](#))

[[Commons:Categories]]

Why?

- Provide structured information
- Help to find suitable content
- ...

How?

- By topic
- By date
 - Century, decade
- By location
 - Country, city, etc.
- By media type
- By source

[[Commons:Categories]]

- ASAP - As Specific As Possible
- Preferably non-redundant
- Should answer all questions
- Does not substitute good description

Category creation

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipedia_for_Peace_2017

More Information

[Commons brochure](#)

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