Commons Admin Interviews
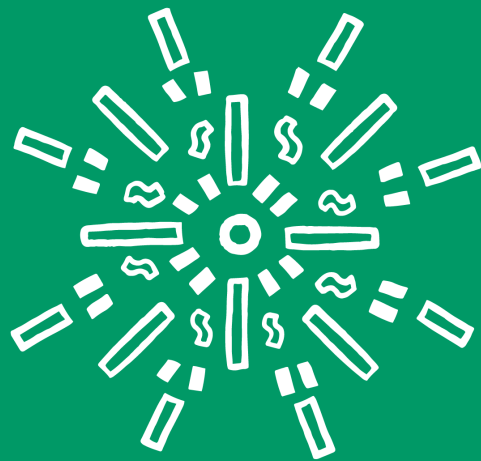
Upload Wizard Improvements & Beyond
Preliminary Results Summary

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Design Strategy

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15 interviews [English]

1 week to 17 years experience as Admin on Commons

Languages represented are Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Telugu, Turkish

Most Common Deletions

Speedy
- Blatant copyright violations
- Personal images

Regular DR
- Copyright
  - Freedom of Panorama
  - Threshold of Originality
  - Derivative
  - "Own work"
  - Public domain / free license
- Scope
  - Poor quality
  - No encyclopedia value
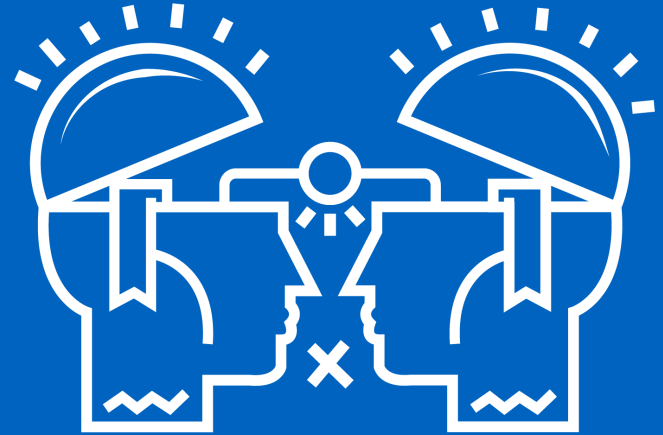 - Politically controversial

Difficulty Level

Easy
- Speedy deletions

Moderate
- copyright issues that require some research or investigation
- Nuanced scope cases

Difficult
- Copyright issues that require specialized knowledge of copyright law in various countries
- copyright issues that require debate about which laws apply
- Controversial scope and political issues

Author & Licenses

"Own work" selected when file is not own work

- often author and source are provided in the description

"Not own work" selected for copyrighted files

- uploaded as free license / public domain
- Uploaded as CC Sharealike 4.0 license

Example copyrighted image uploaded as "own work"

Summary [edit]

Description	Slovenčina: Jozef Moravčík
Date	8 September 2023
Source	Own work
Author	UserName

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Comment
Uploaded while editing "Jozef Moravčík (politik)" on sk.wikipedia.org

Upload process

- It is **too easy** to upload files.

- Upload processes are designed for **uploading quickly**, not accurately.

- **New users** are the source of most copyright vios, spam, and junk.

- Images uploaded to illustrate **WP articles** are often problematic (WP uploader and Upload Wizard).

- **WP upload tool** encourages "own work" selection.

- Many ineligible files are claimed by uploader as "**own work**".

- Files are **improperly licensed**.

- Uploaders are not changing the **defaults**.

Problems with Upload Wizard

Lacking filters for bad files

Preselected options

Order of author and license options

Upload many files at once

Too many license options

Users can skip the Learn step

Learn infographic is ineffective

Admin Suggestions for Improvement

Filters

- Size and resolution
- Meta data [FB/IG meta data]
- CR owner in the description
- Screening for instances on the internet
- Descriptive file name

Interrupt the upload process

- Stops, verification messages, info boxes
- No preselections, no defaults
- Reorder
  - "This is not my own work" first
  - "I found this on the internet" first
- Simplify
  - Fewer licenses
  - Better explanations of license differences
  - Easier category navigation

Admin Suggestions for Improvement

Limits for new users / user rights

- X# edits before users can upload logos or images of people
- Block new users from mass uploads
- New users cannot skip tutorial
- Block new users from uploading public domain images
- And more

Change cross-wiki uploads

- "Own work" is the only option
- All required fields of the UW should apply to the the Wikipedia uploader
- Separate Wikipedia and Commons

Thank you