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Using Wikimedia Commons





Me



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→ Main focus:

- **MediaWiki consultant**
 - **MediaWiki developer**
 - 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 with options like 'Hauptseite', 'Meilensteine', and 'Suche'. The main content area shows the file name, a description of the image (a panoramic view of the Cologne skyline from the riverbank), and a table of 'Dateiversionen' (file versions). The table lists one version: 'aktuell 20:35, 11. Nov. 2008' by user 'Raimond Spekking', with dimensions of 800x211 pixels and a size of 33 KB. The source is listed as 'Quelle: Commons. Autor: Raimond Spekking'.

Version vom	Maße	Benutzer	Kommentar
aktuell 20:35, 11. Nov. 2008	800×211 (33 KB)	Raimond Spekking (Diskussion Beiträge)	(Quelle: Commons. Autor: Raimond Spekking)



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', 'navigation', and 'suche'.

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

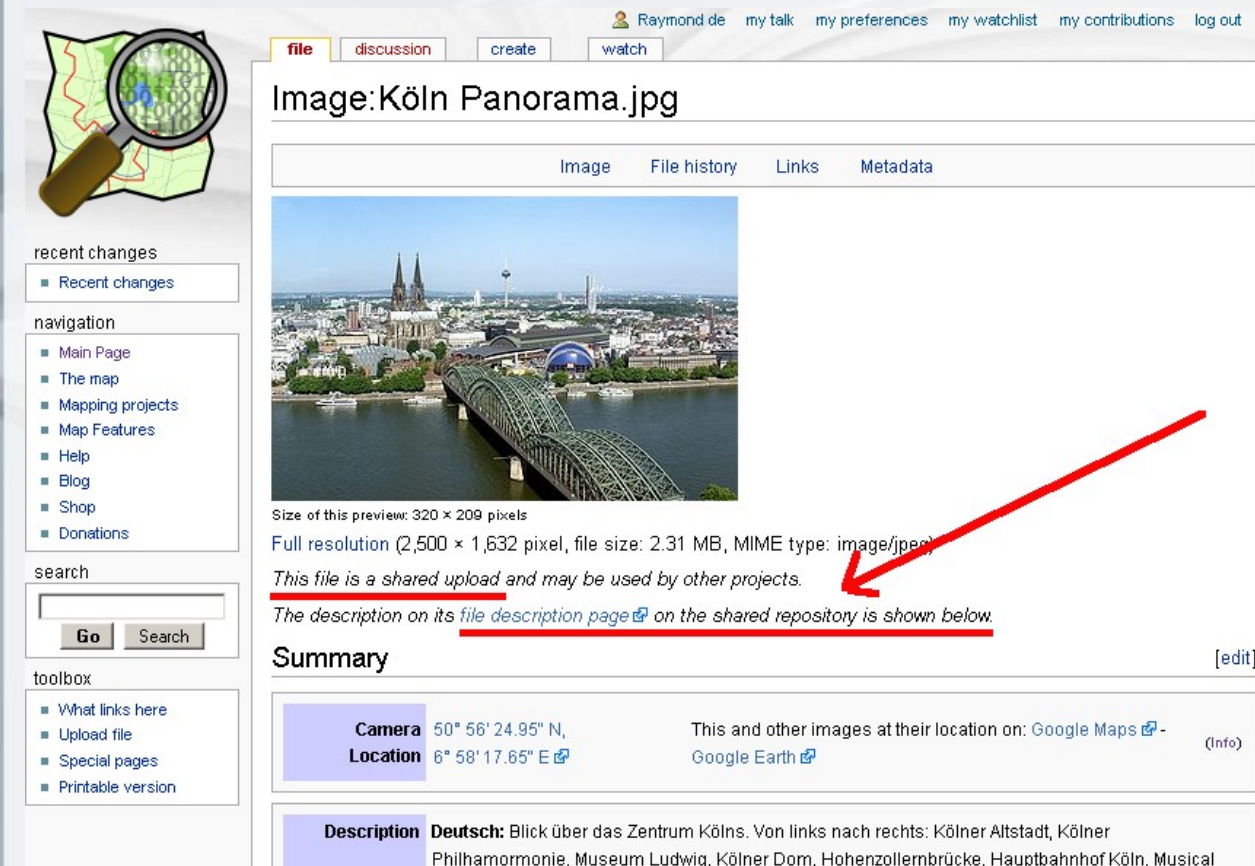
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The solution

Local description page

- Transcludes summary, author and license

- Shows link to Wikimedia Commons



The screenshot shows a Wikimedia Commons file page for 'Image:Köln Panorama.jpg'. The page includes a navigation menu at the top with options like 'file', 'discussion', 'create', and 'watch'. Below the title, there are tabs for 'Image', 'File history', 'Links', and 'Metadata'. The main content area features a large image of a panoramic view of Cologne, Germany, showing the city skyline and the Hohenzollern Bridge over the Rhine river. 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 a link to the file's description page on the shared repository. The page also displays technical details such as the camera location (50° 56' 24.95" N, 6° 58' 17.65" E) and a description in German: 'Deutsch: Blick über das Zentrum Kölns. Von links nach rechts: Kölner Altstadt, Kölner Philharmonie, Museum Ludwig, Kölner Dom, Hohenzollernbrücke, 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**

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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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