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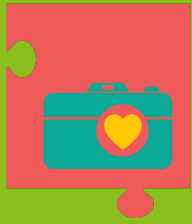
8 Things You Need To Know About Wikimedia Commons Categories

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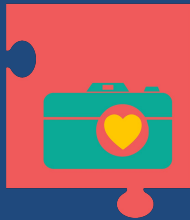
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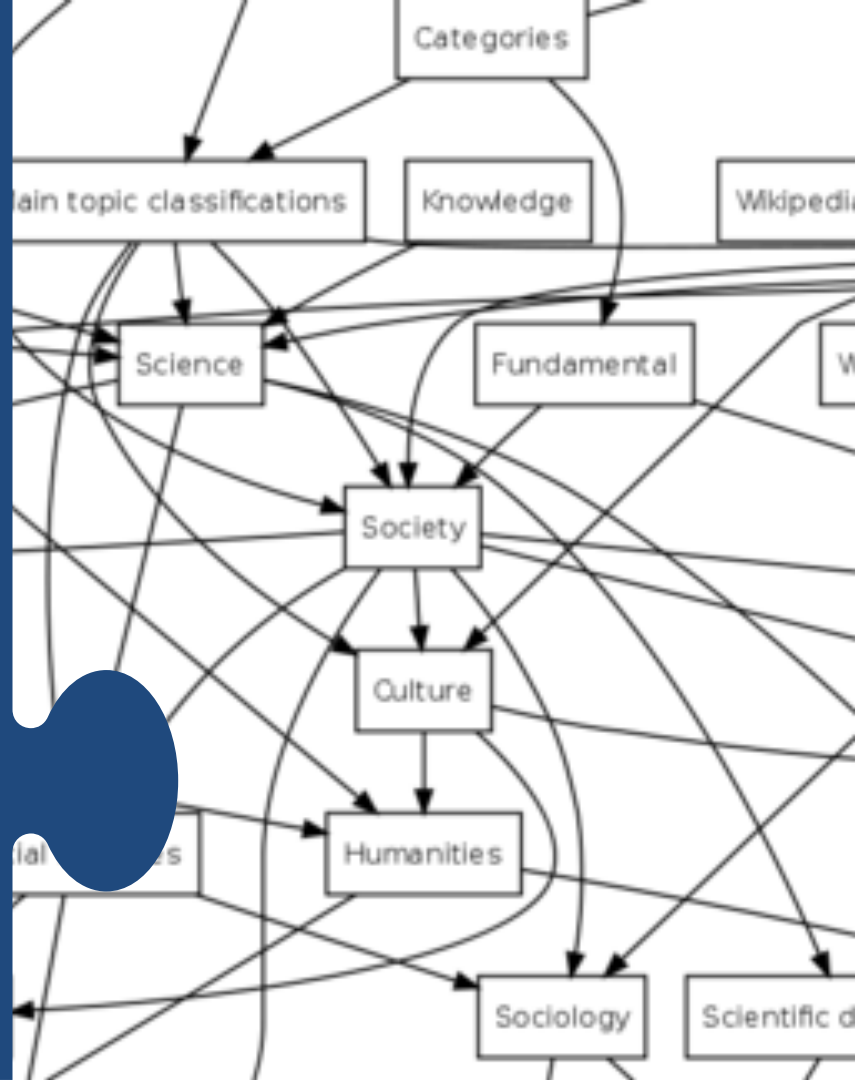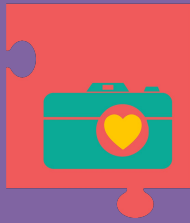
Use Categories!

Finding stuff!

- Categories group related pages and media
- The category structure is the main way to organise and find files
- Categories are arranged in hierarchies from general to specific
  - e.g. Category:Weaving
- Each category should itself be in more general categories, forming a hierarchical structure.

- **ALWAYS put your uploads into categories**
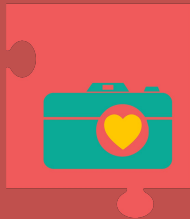
2. Finding Categories

Searching Categories

- Find categories with the search engine (see #Categorization tips)
- or
- check how similar files are categorised (some may not be categorised though)
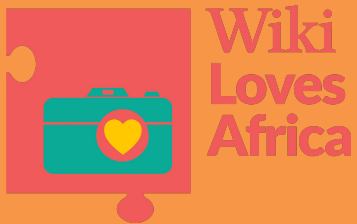- or
- start from the main topical category (Category:Topics)
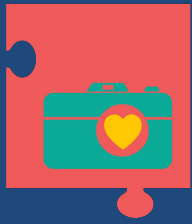
3. Using Categories

When to Use Categories

1. **When you upload!!**
   (research categories before upload)

2. **Naming Categories**
   - Category names should be obvious enough to guess the subject
   - Make sure it is very specific
     - Not **Weaving**, but **Table Loom**
     - Not **Weaving**, but **Weaving machines by [country]**, etc.
     - Unidentified building in [Country]

3. **Add them after** ... how do you do that?
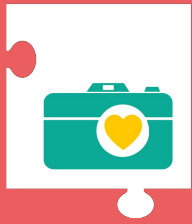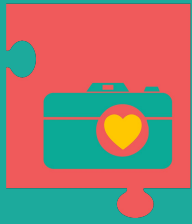
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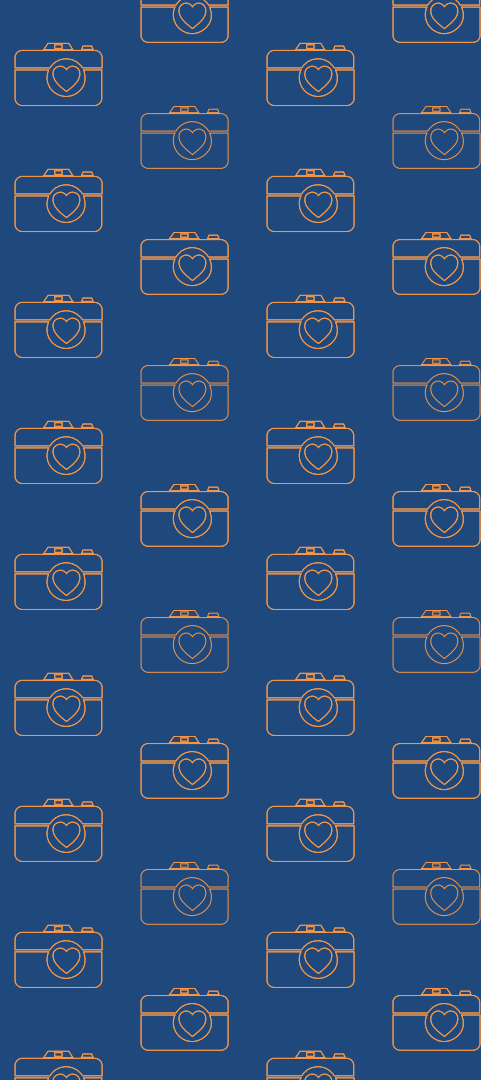
Use more than 1 Category

Every file should be able to be found by browsing a category structure.

Place each file directly into a category when uploading!

5. Tips & Tricks

Tips & Tricks

1. **Turn on Tools**
Preferences > **Gadgets** >**Tools for categories**

HotCat: easily add, remove, or change a category on a page, with name suggestions.

Cat-a-lot: helps with moving multiple files between categories or adding categories to search results

Add a link to category pages to **search for the category name with the option "-incategory"**
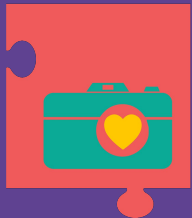
2. **Show hidden categories**
Preferences > **Appearance** > **Advanced options**

6. Using Source Code
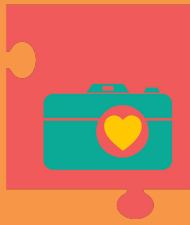
Using source code

Diagram of the orbit of comets
        [[Category:Astronomical diagrams]]
        [[Category:Comets]]

Photo of Artisans in Angkor, Cambodia
        [[Category:Artisans Angkor]]
        [[Category:Handlooms in Cambodia]]
        [[Category:Silk workers]]
        [[Category:2018 in Siem Reap]]
        [[Category:Cambodia photographs taken on 2018-10-13]]
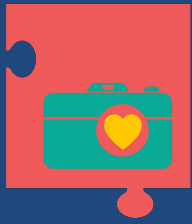   [[Category:Images by Bahnfrend]]
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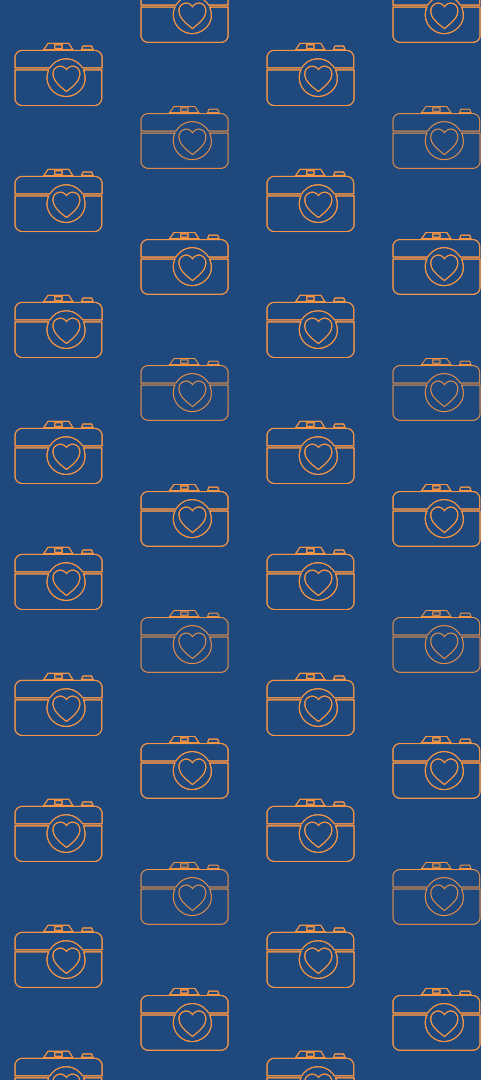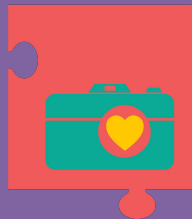
Wiki Loves Africa: Good Categories

Source code for Wiki Loves Africa 2024 uploads:

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[[Category:Images from Wiki Loves
Africa 2024 in Haiti]]

[[Category:Carnivals]]

[[Category:Uploaded via Campaign:wlf
2024]]
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Wiki Loves Africa: missing images

Source code for Wiki Loves Africa 2024 uploads:

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[[Category:Images from Wiki Loves
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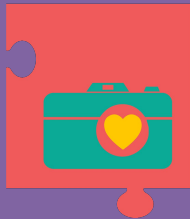
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[[Category:Images from Wiki Loves
Africa 2024 without categories]]
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[[Category:Images from Wiki Loves
Africa 2024 with unknown country]]
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Check all of that contributor's uploads!!
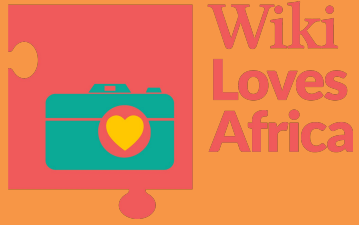
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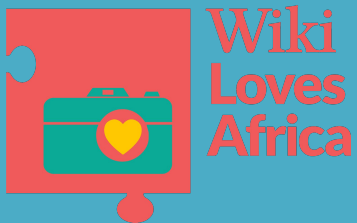
Wiki Loves Africa: Templates

Source code:

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Wiki Loves Africa: Missing Countries

Country Template: Wiki Loves Africa 2024 uploads

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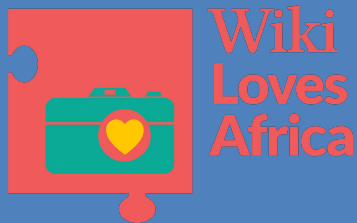
Thank you!!

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- Wiki Loves Africa 2024/Images checking

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