

# Open Challenges

Four challenges for open educational images

*The perspective of a Wikimedia Commons  
volunteer with 750,000 photographs released*

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AoDL - Open Source, Communities & Authority

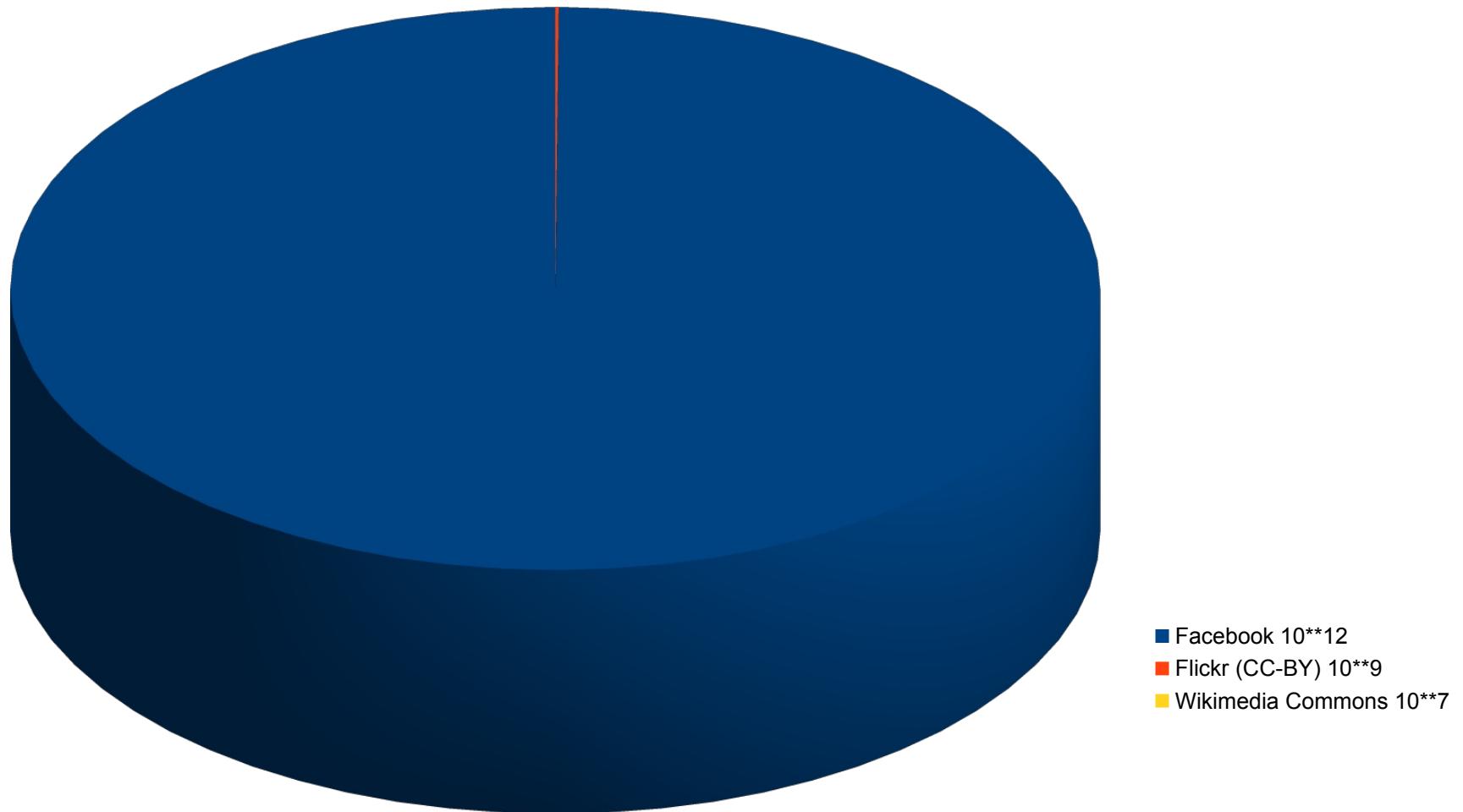
Friday 27 March 2015

The Photographers' Gallery

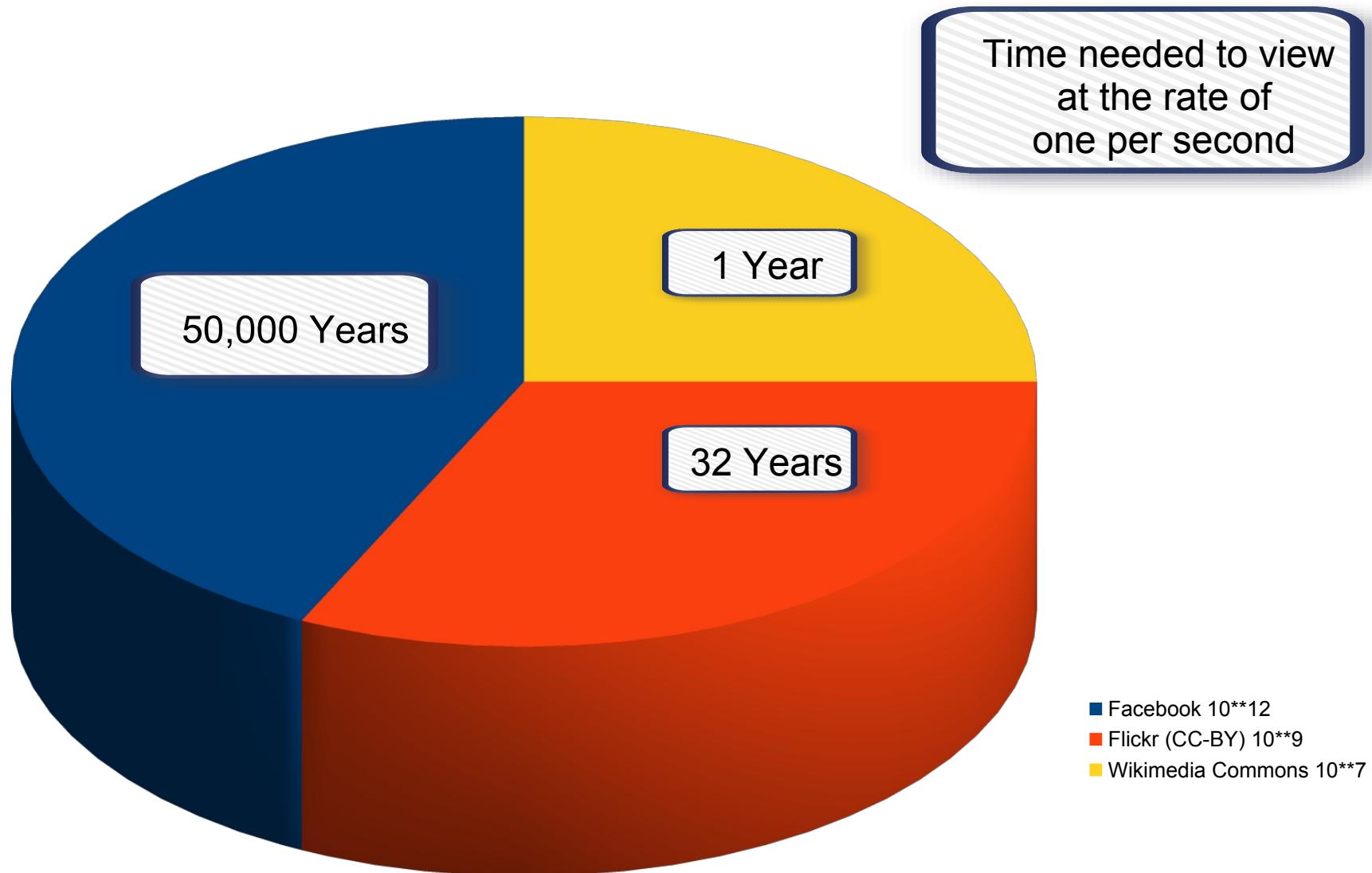
# -1. Flavours of open

- Open Government (U.S., UK, ...)
- Local Government
- Universities
- Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums - Wellcome Trust, British Library
- Wikipedia, Flickr, Google
- Android, Linux

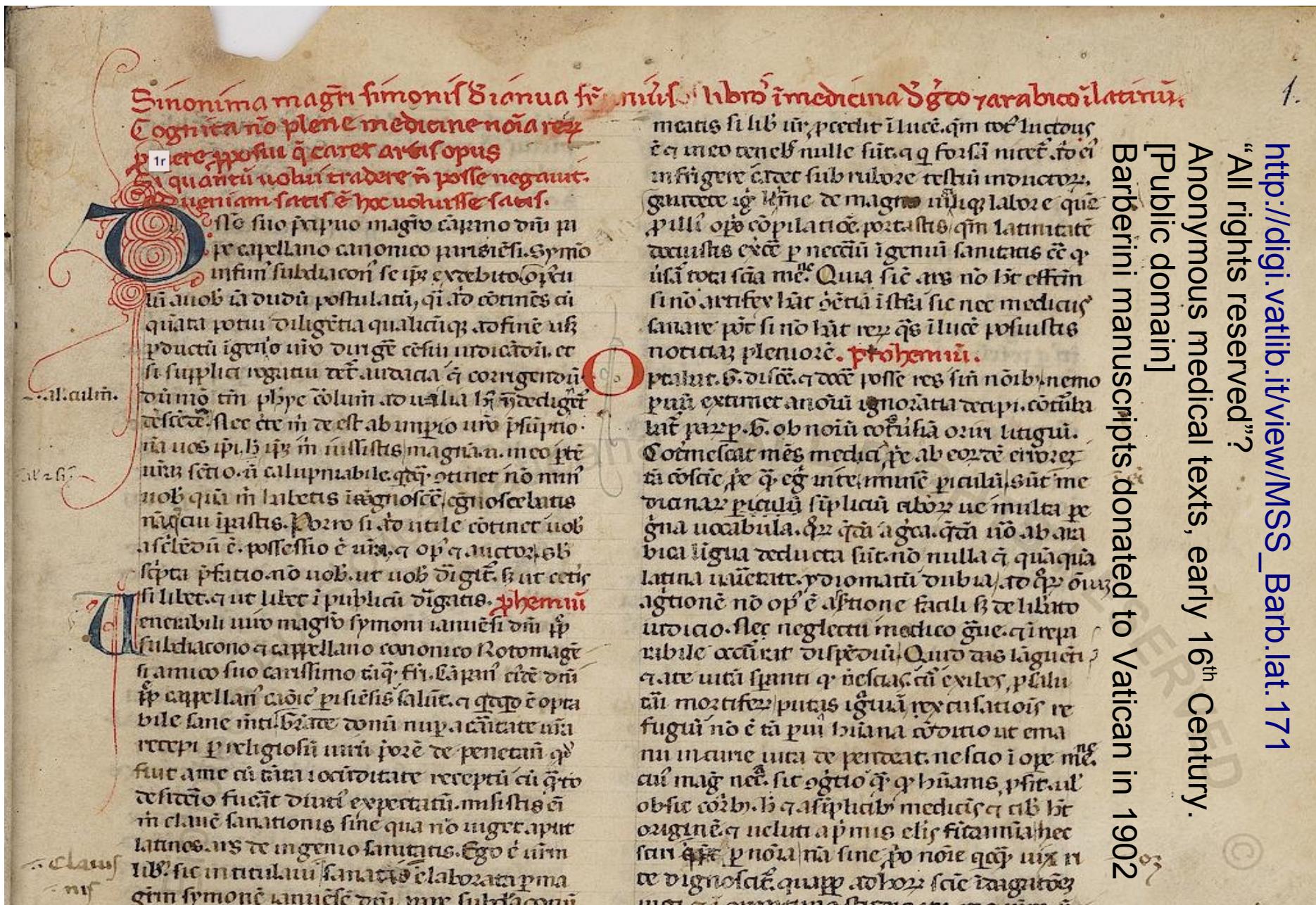
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# 2. Copyright / Copyfraud



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"All rights reserved"?

Anonymous medical texts, early 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

[Public domain]

Barberini manuscripts donated to Vatican in 1902

## 2. Copyright / Copyfraud

Imperial War Museum: Non-Commercial Licence

Photograph is expired Crown Copyright [Public Domain]

You may download from IWM at 800 pixels width for free or pay £7.50 per image\*

\* Estimate £37,500 to “upgrade” existing Wikimedia Commons images, but the terms of use would make it legally impossible



## 2. Copyright / Copyfraud

Public Domain

Detail @ 5,700 px width (50%)



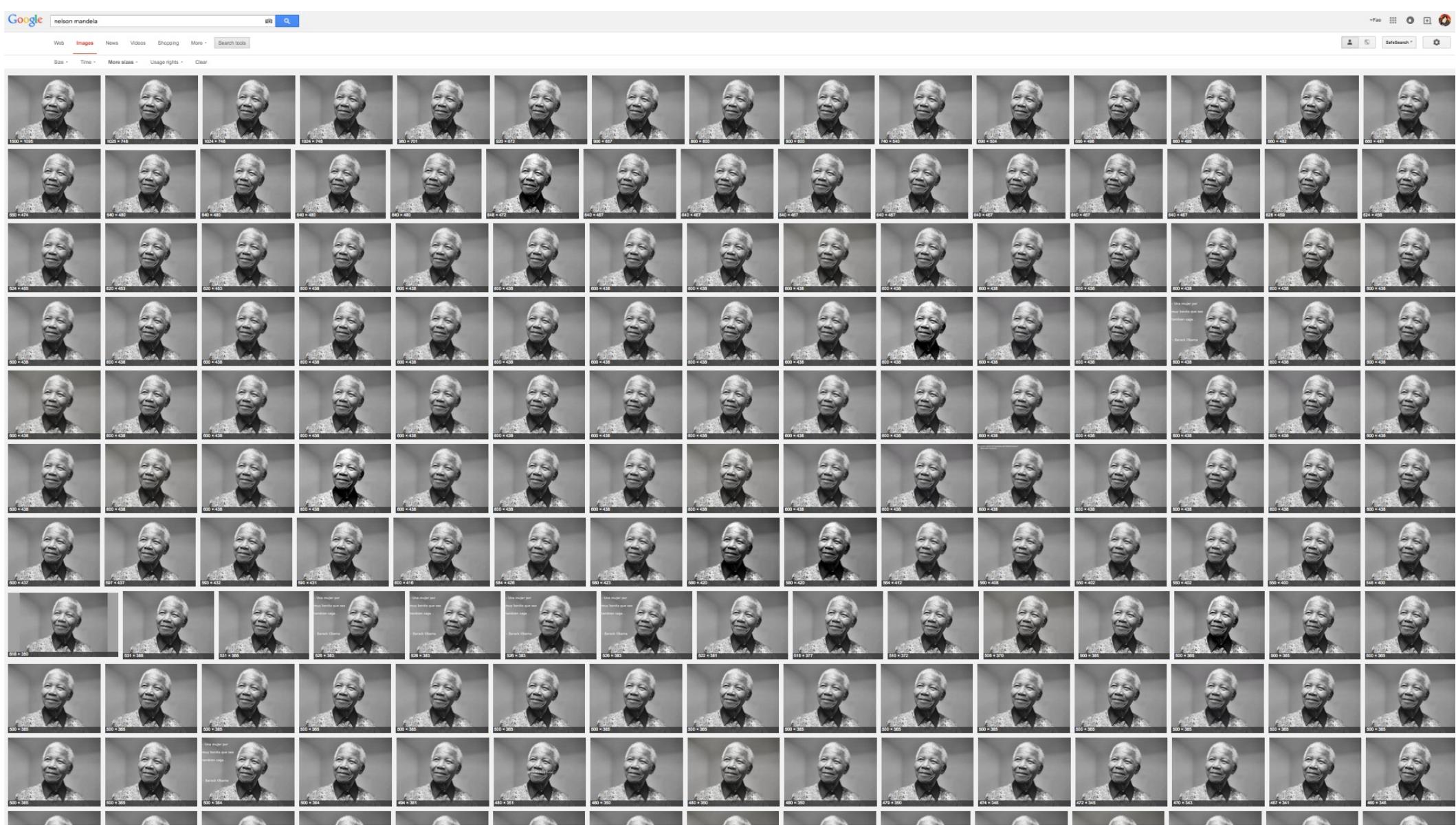
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### 3. Persistence



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Nelson\\_Mandela,\\_2000\\_\(5\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Nelson_Mandela,_2000_(5).jpg)

# 3. Persistence



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- Mandela photograph taken 6th April 2000 at the London School of Economics
- No longer on LSE website or Flickrstream
- “Permanent URL” no longer exists
- EXIF data added in 2009 (so wrong automated date on Wikimedia Commons)
- In current use on 89 Wikipedia articles in 10 different languages
- Google image search and Tineye show multiple derivatives

# 4. Curation

- Educational value
- Interest
- Reuse
- Search and discovery tools
  - Category intersections
  - Wikidata mapping

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Category tree intersection

Tools

Git

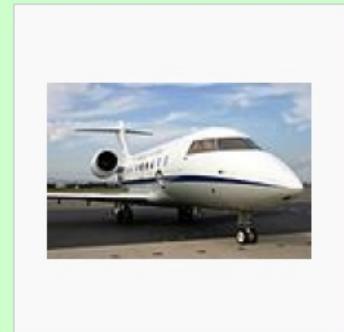
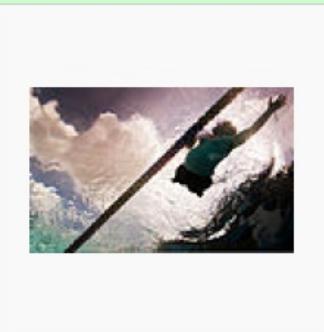
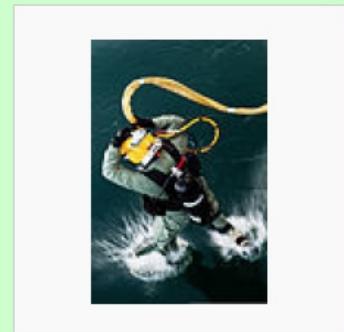
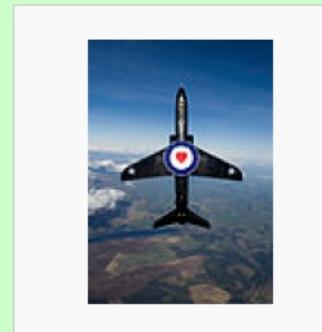
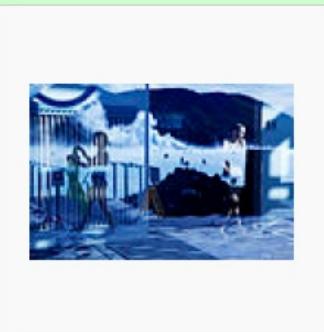
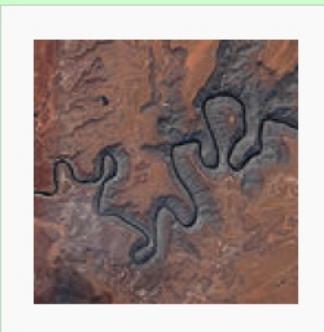
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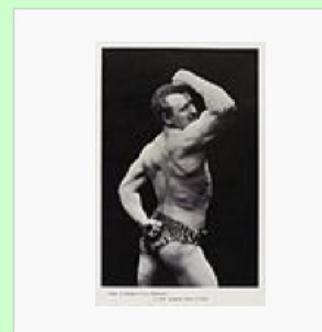
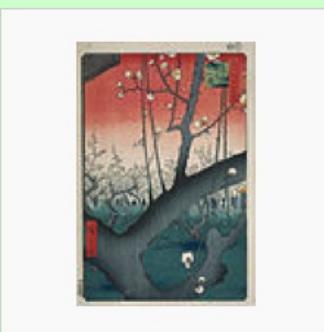
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A Did You Know on the English Wikipedia main page on 29 August 2014

Part of a Featured Article on the English Wikipedia, appearing on the Main page on 7 July 2014



Featured on the English Wikipedia, July 2014

Featured on English Wikipedia (War)

Featured on English Wikipedia (History)

Restoration from Wellcome Images, featured on the English Wikipedia

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## Commons' weirdest photographs

Categories (+\*): (+)

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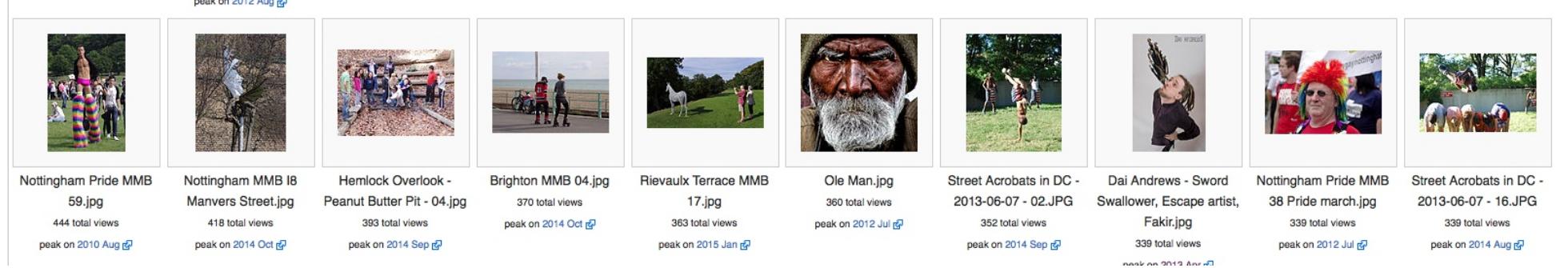
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Top 10 most popular weird images by total views



Weird images by total views



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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/50398299@N08>

Interesting Views Favorites **Comments**

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**#1: General Chang Tso Lin, Manchuria, 1882-ca. 1936 (imp-cswc-GB-237-CSWC47-LS8-049)**

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"General Chang Tso Lin, Manchuria, 1882-ca. 1936  
Full length portrait photograph of General Chang Tso Lin. He is dressed in full military..."

\* 479 views / Nobody counts General Chang Tso Lin, Manchuria, 1882-ca. 1936 (imp-cswc-GB-237-CSWC47-LS8-049) as a favorite / 5 comments

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**#2: Walapai Indian school at Kingman, Arizona, ca.1900 (CHS-3188)**

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"Walapai Indian school at Kingman, Arizona, ca.1900  
Photograph of a classroom of students with their teachers inside a Walapai Indian..."

\* 2605 views / 4 people count this as a favorite / 2 comments

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**#3: Governor Eusebius and Sheriff Louis of the pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, 1886 (CHS-4544)**

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# X. Technical solutions

- Wikidata as an authority for artworks and artists
- Automatic syntactical categorization
- Automated cross-channel sharing
- Digital checksum (SHA1) excluding EXIF and other data
- Open alternatives to Google image search
- Automatic image identification
  - Copyright problem? Person? Nudity?