

Connected Open Heritage

- Bringing Cultural Heritage online



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The Free Encyclopedia

4 465 000+ articles

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フリー百科事典

898 000+ 記事

Русский

Свободная энциклопедия

1 094 000+ статей

Italiano

L'enciclopedia libera

1 104 000+ voci

Polski

Wolna encyklopedia

1 032 000+ haseł

Español

La enciclopedia libre

1 086 000+ artículos

Deutsch

Die freie Enzyklopädie

1 694 000+ Artikel

Français

L'encyclopédie libre

1 482 000+ articles

Português

A enciclopédia livre

821 000+ artigos

中文

自由的百科全书

754 000+ 條目



- **500 million** visitors each month!
- **294** different languages
- **Volunteers decide** what to include – we support them
- Written **neutrally** with **sources**
- **No advertisement** and we do **not track**
- Everything under a **free license**
- **Free to reuse or copy** (including for commercial products)

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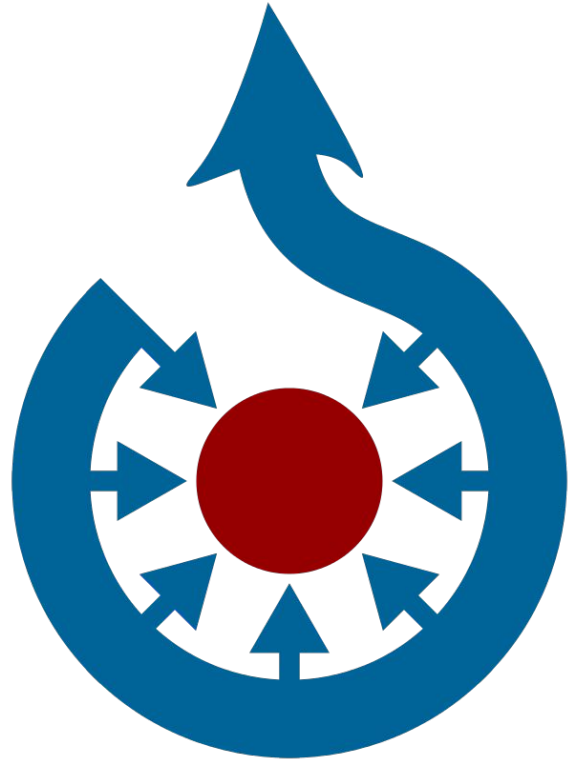
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Multilingual – Updated in one place, for **all** 294 language versions of Wikipedia

Advanced searches possible – e.g. easily get a list with all religious buildings in Cyprus, built between 1750-1780, located in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants



WIKIDATA



**WIKIMEDIA
COMMONS**

Wikimedia Commons

Media Files

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Unlimited storage – as long as it is
educational

“The greatest threat towards the cultural heritage is lack of knowledge and disinterest. The best way to protect the cultural heritage is therefore knowledge and information that is easy to find and free”

— [Lars Amréus](#), Director-General of the National Heritage Board of Sweden

Connected Open Heritage – What We are Doing

Bringing information about protected cultural heritage online that is under threat

Creating a **multilingual cultural heritage database** for the world

2016–2017

Working with Cultural Heritage without Borders, UNESCO and the International Wikimedia movement



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

CH
WB

Cultural
Heritage without Borders





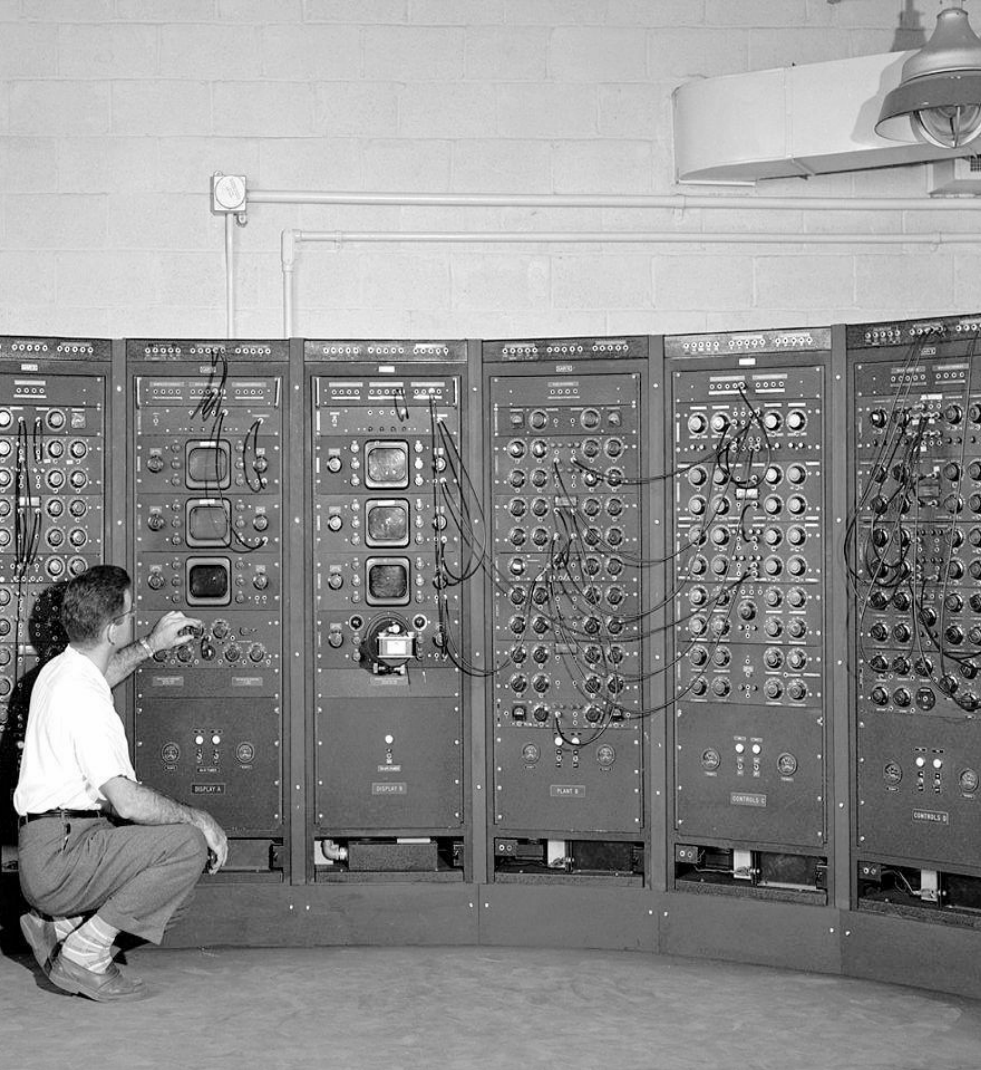
Connected Open Heritage – What We are Doing

Gathering **historical images** from museums, libraries and archives (100,000+ images) – under free license

Including the data and the images to **Wikipedia** to give context

Supported by the the **Culture Foundation of the Swedish Postcode Lottery**





About the Data

Unique collection, 56 countries + 10 new

COH focus on high risk countries

Official data about **protected** cultural heritage

Structured, connected, multilingual

Up to **16 pieces** of data

Enriched by anyone interested

New discoveries possible

Unique identifiers (if possible)

Under a **free license** (CC0)

About the Images

Out of copyright because of age

or

Freely usable because owner **released** the images under a free license

100,000 images



Be Involved

High **visibility** of cultural heritage on Wikipedia – an excellent dissemination activity for a project

Create **interest and awareness** about your cultural heritage among the population = better protection

We are interested to join EU projects and other initiatives



THANKS!

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Connected_Open_Heritage

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