

Pattypan: Beautiful descriptions. Minimal difficulty.



Archangel Michael textile, Museum Catharijneconvent, photo: Ruben de Heer, CC0, uploaded with Pattypan

Upload GLAM files the spreadsheet way!

Pattypan uploader is a new open source tool for easy, flexible uploads of files with extended descriptions.



It was developed with the uploads of files from small and medium GLAM institutions (and the volunteers who work with them) in mind. The uploader is a lightweight Java desktop application which allows you to choose the `{{Artwork}}`, `{{Photograph}}` or `{{Information}}` Commons templates – and then tweak them according to your needs, choosing only the fields that are needed, pre-filling the fields in which the information stays the same for one batch upload (e.g. the Institution or License field) and simplifying the process of uploading a batch of files from one source.

Some of Pattypan's features:

- ✓ Choose a Commons template: `{{Artwork}}`, `{{Information}}`, `{{Photograph}}`, then choose needed, specific description fields from that template
- ✓ Upload faster (all repetitive information needs only to be copied across)
- ✓ Input your own wikicode in any field
- ✓ Preview the completed file description before uploading



Advantages for galleries, libraries, archives, and museums:

- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ Detailed descriptions of files ensure they can be found and reused
- ✓ Upload files from any folder on a PC
- ✓ Create only descriptions and templates relevant to your institution

Very quick instructions:

- Prepare a folder containing the files to upload
- Download Pattypan and run the pattypan.jar file
- Click **Generate spreadsheet** and navigate to a folder containing the files you would like to upload
- Select the fields to include in the file descriptions (e.g. date, dimensions, institution, source, etc.)
- Open and edit the resulting spreadsheet, then save
- **Validate and upload:** preview file descriptions and correct any errors
- Login and upload!

`{{Artwork}}` [Template documentation](#)

Select fields you find necessary by using radio buttons below. If you choose "Yes", you can pre-populate fields using text field. If you choose "Const", value from text field will be applied to all files without possibility to change it per file.

Field name	Yes / Const / No	Value
Artist	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text" value="{{Creator:Jacek Malczewski}}"/>
Author	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Description	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medium	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dimensions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>

Pattypan uploader is open-source, so it is possible to add features, improvements, or tweak the application for specific needs. The instruction manual, download link, and additional materials for users can be found on Wikimedia Commons under **Commons: Pattypan**.

Pattypan has been used by a number of volunteers at diverse GLAM institutions to upload collections to Wikimedia Commons, such as the newly uploaded collections of **Museum Catharijneconvent**, the **SSH Historic**, the **Groam House Museum** or the **National Maritime Museum** in Gdańsk.

The uploader also works well for photographers uploading many files with shared characteristics, e.g. photographs from a single event or location.

Steam snowblower 'Rotary 1914', collection of SSH Historic, CC BY-SA 4.0, uploaded with Pattypan



Get involved!

- **Try it out!** Download Pattypan and upload a batch of files
- **Comment:** Leave comments or requests on Pattypan's Commons Discussion page
- **Report bugs & submit suggestions** on the Github issues page
- **Translate into your language:** translate the Commons:Pattypan page contents, and the simple manual on the Wikimedia Commons page, into more languages
- **Let us know,** if you run a Pattypan workshop or training at a local GLAM

Where to find it?

- **COM:PAT**
- **Download:** github.com/yarl/pattypan/releases
- **Issues:** github.com/yarl/pattypan/issues

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