

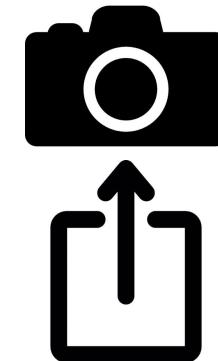
Introduction to Wikimedia Commons

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Agenda

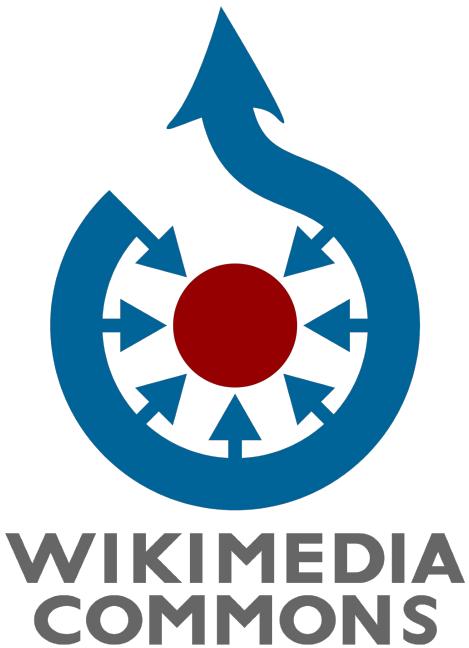
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Introduction

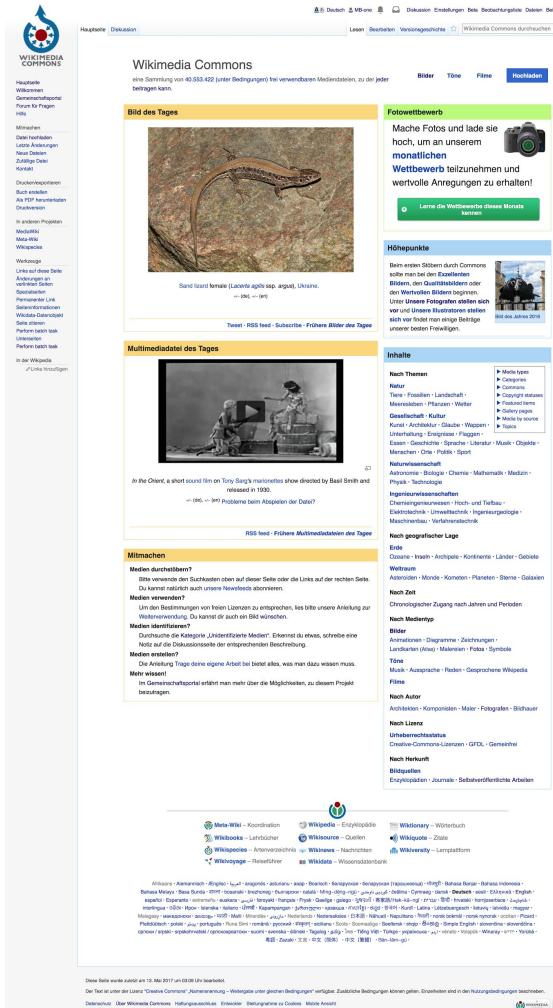
- What is Wikimedia Commons?



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<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/wikipedia>

Aim of Wikimedia Commons



The screenshot shows the main interface of Wikimedia Commons. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Deutsch', 'Diskussion', 'Bearbeiten', 'Versionsgeschichte', 'Wikimedia Commons durchsuchen', and a search bar. Below the navigation is a banner for a photo contest: 'Mache Fotos und lade sie hoch, um an unserem monatlichen Wettbewerb teilzunehmen und wertvolle Auszeichnungen zu erhalten!' (Make photos and upload them to participate in our monthly competition and win valuable awards!). The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Bild des Tages' (Image of the Day) showing a lizard; 'Höhepunkte' (Highlights) showing a building; 'Multimediatele des Tages' (Multimedia of the Day) showing a short film; 'Inhalte' (Contents) with categories like 'Nach Themen' (By Topic), 'Nach geografischer Lage' (By Geography), and 'Nach Autor' (By Author); and 'Mitwirken' (Participate) with options like 'Werben' (Promote), 'Medien verordnen' (Prescribe media), 'Medien erstellen' (Create media), and 'Mehr wissen' (Know more). At the bottom, there are links to other Wikimedia projects like Meta-Wiki, Wikipedia, Wikibooks, Wikisource, Wikispecies, and Wikidata, along with a footer containing legal and copyright information.

<https://commons.wikimedia.org>

- ... that **makes available** public domain and freely-licensed educational media content **to all**, and
- ... that **acts as a common repository** for the various projects of the Wikimedia Foundation.

Project pillars (similarities and differences to Wikipedia)

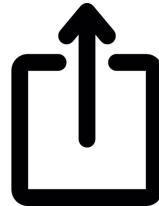
	Wikipedia	Wikimedia Commons
Free license	✓ (CC BY-SA 3.0)	✓ (many to choose)
Content Focus	Text	Media files
Items evolving	✓	(✓)
Project scope	Notability	Educational value
NPOV	✓	(✗)
Contributors	Everyone	Upload limited to registered users

Possible contribution



Creation of media files:

- photographs
- diagrams
- maps
- Video
- Audio
- ...



Uploading free content
from other sources:

- Libraries and Archives
- Flickr
- Unsplash
- Army.gov
- ...



Organizing existing
content

- check license status
- add maintenance templates
- add categories
- create/curate gallerie pages
- ...

Photo list

- Many different lists on different wikis with different structures, aims. One example:
- lists get updated very infrequent, same object can be on multiple lists, or has been uploaded long time ago

<https://tools.wmflabs.org/wikishootme>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Requested_pictures

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Picture_requests

Photo tour

- 3 Groups
 - Lichterfelde West (ca. 7 km/4.5 mi)
 - Lichterfelde Ost (ca. 4 km/2.5 mi)
 - Lankwitz (ca. 6 km/4 mi)
- 2.5-3 h
- Objects to photograph
 - Stolpersteine in context
 - Cultural heritage monuments
 - ...



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[Map link](#)

Photo tour rules

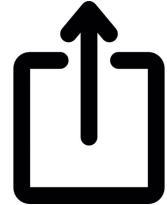
- The routes are recommendations
- Feel free to divert
- Take photographs from objects you like
- Stay on public property
- Avoid taking photographs of people
- Be respectful

[Map link](#)



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Break



Interactive upload session

[[Commons:Upload tools]]

- [\[\[Commons:UploadWizard\]\]](#)
- Webapps ([URL2Commons](#), [Flickr2Commons](#))
- standalone computer programs ([Vicuña Uploader](#),
[Commonist](#))
- Program extensions (LrMediaWiki)
- Smartphone-Apps ([Commons:Mobile app](#))

[[Commons:Categories]]

Why?

- Provide structured information
- Help to find suitable content
- ...

How?

- By topic
- By date
 - Century, decade
- By location
 - Country, city, etc.
- By media type
- By source

[[Commons:Categories]]

- ASAP - As Specific As Possible
- Preferably non-redundant
- Should answer all questions
- Does not substitute good description

Category creation

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Wikipe dia_for_Peace_2017

More Information

Commons brochure

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