# Introduction to Wikimedia Commons

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Agenda

- Introduction

- Goals

- Contribution

- Photo wishlists

- Photo tour

- Interactive upload session

- Category system
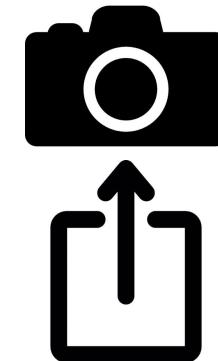
WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

[[Category:]]

Introduction

- What is Wikimedia Commons?
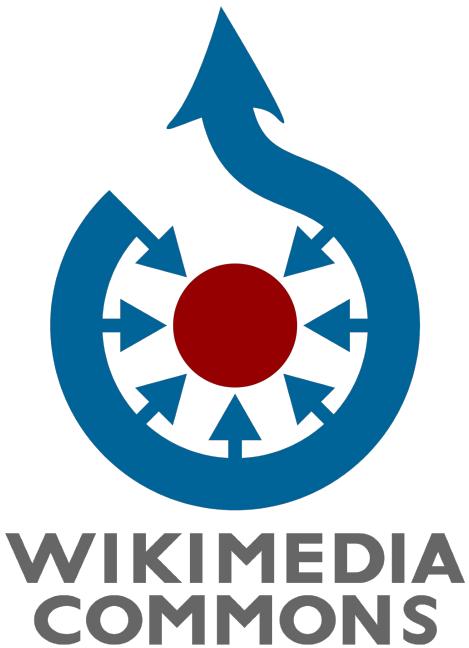
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http://guides.library.harvard.edu/wikipedia

Aim of Wikimedia Commons

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

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Possible contribution

Creation of media files:
- photographs
- diagrams
- maps
- Video
- Audio
- …
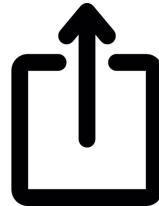
Uploading free content from other sources:
- Libraries and Archives
- Flickr
- Unsplash
- Army.gov
- …

Organizing existing content
- check license status
- add maintenance templates
- add categories
- create/curate gallerie pages
- …

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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

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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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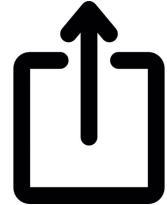
Interactive upload session

[[Commons:Upload tools]]

- [[Commons:UploadWizard]]

- Webapps (URL2Commons, Flickr2Commons)

- standalone computer programs (VicuñaUploader,

  Commonist)

- Program extensions (LrMediaWiki)

- Smartphone-Apps (Commons:Mobile app)

[[Commons:Categories]]

Why?	How?

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:Wikipedia_for_Peace_2017

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More Information

Commons brochure