

Image, Sound and Video Sources

Regardless of the source of the media, it is your responsibility to always click through and check the specific license or use conditions associated with it. In addition, always credit the source of the media in your work, even if the source is in the public domain. Below are some sites which may be useful in locating media:

Creative Commons Search

<http://search.creativecommons.org>

Acts as a directory and search tool to major sites with creative commons media. Searching the specific sites directly (ex: *Fotopedia*, *Jamendo*) may yield better results. Always click through to verify the license, as not all results will necessarily allow derivative use.

Wikimedia Commons

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

A project of the Wikimedia Foundation providing access to freely available image, sound and video media. You must verify the license of any media you wish to use to ensure that the license allows creation of derivative works, and to ensure that you respect the conditions.

Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

All text within Wikipedia is licensed with a Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike license (excluding Wikimedia Foundation trade names, trademarks, logos etc). Double-click on images within Wikipedia to view licenses attached to images.

Media History Digital Library

A digital archive of film and media related magazines that are in the public domain. Terms of use are at:

<http://mediahistoryproject.org/faq/#reuse>

Prelinger Archives

<http://www.archive.org/details/prelinger>

This is an archive of films in the public domain and is one component of the *Internet Archive*. In some cases, not all elements of a film may be in the public domain (for example, the images may be covered, but not the music), so always check the license. Other resources in the *Internet Archive* may have more restricted licenses.

Flickr: Advanced Search

<http://www.flickr.com/search/advanced/>

Scroll down the search page, and select “Only search with Creative Commons licensed content” and tick off, “Find content to modify, adapt, or build upon “. Double-click on an image, and scroll down to view the license information.

Flickr: The Commons

<http://www.flickr.com/commons>

Provides access to public archival collections from major institutions where those institutions have reasonably determined that there is no copyright holder for the image, or that the institution holds the copyright. Restrictions may apply depending upon the image and the source. Check the copyright statement for the individual image. Some institutions restrict use of the digital version they have created of a work in the public domain.

Morgue file

<http://www.morguefile.com/>

Search photographs by keyword. Most of the free photographs allow you to adapt the photograph and prohibit use as a “stand alone”. View the license when you click on a photo.

Pdsounds.org

<http://www.pdsounds.org/>

Instrumental and vocal sound files including public domain.

A list of digital collections is available on the [Online Reference Page for Digital Collections](#). Before using images from these collections, be sure to check copyright and license agreements.

Library Databases

Library subscription databases are generally governed by license agreements that must be respected and that are available within each database, normally under a link such as “Terms and Conditions of Use”.

[ARTstor](#) is specifically designed for image searching, and includes images of artistic and photographic works. The license agreement indicates that images from ARTstor may reproduced in student work as long as that work is not distributed or placed on an open website. No derivative use is permitted.

Historical full image archives of magazines and journals are listed under [Databases by Type - News And Current Events Newspapers And Magazines Historical](#) . Of particular interest may be:
[Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive](#)
[Vogue Archive](#)

Streaming video databases are listed under [Databases by Type –Videos](#) and sound databases are listed under [Databases by Type -Sound](#)

Assistance

Should you have questions or need assistance, contact me at Sonia.poulin@concordia.ca