

Multimedia Resources for Education

This guide highlights a selection of resources with multimedia content that is copyright cleared or labelled with a Creative Commons licence permitting its re-use. Some resources are freely available on the internet; others are available through a University subscription.

Multimedia content and copyright

A range of technologies are now available that enable the inclusion of multimedia in educational resources. It is not always necessary to create your own multimedia content as there are many resources freely available on the internet.

Some content is in the public domain, which means that it may be used by anyone, for any purpose and without restriction (for example under a Creative Commons 'CC0' licence).

Most material found on the internet will be copyright of the author or publisher. For example images or clips from the BBC website or newspaper websites will generally be protected by copyright.

However the university holds a Copyright Licensing Agency licence and an Educational Recording Agency licence, as do most educational establishments. You should read the full details of what this (and 'fair dealing' rules) means for re-use of multimedia, for teaching and research, here: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/library-museum-gallery/library-help/copyright>.

Creative Commons licences

<http://www.creativecommons.org>

Creative Commons (CC) is a not-for-profit organisation, which aims to expand the availability of creative works by providing a range of copyright licences which creators can use to specify the conditions under which their work may be copied, while retaining copyright. There are five main CC licence categories, each of which has its own distinctive logo, although a licence may also be indicated by the common abbreviation of its description.

Multimedia resources with copyright cleared content

JISC MediaHub

<http://jiscmediahub.ac.uk/>

JISC MediaHub provides a wealth of free-at-the-point-of-use video, image and audio resources from an extensive range of collections for academic use. The subject coverage falls within the broad areas of education, science, culture, social and human science, information and communication, politics, law and economics, and countries.

The MediaHub may be searched by collection, time period, place, subject or learning material type. An advanced search facility for more precise exploration of the resource is also available. In addition users may access bookmarked items and saved searches, and set preferences by means of the customisable My MediaHub facility at <http://jiscmediahub.ac.uk/my>.

The MediaHub provides both open access and subscription content, with access to the latter by a University of Edinburgh subscription, authenticated by EASE login via the UK Federation. The licensing of the various resources differs by collection, with the terms and conditions of use for each clearly presented.

Wikimedia Commons

commons.wikimedia.org

Media donated by members of the public, all available for re-use.

YouTube

www.youtube.com

Most of the video material found on YouTube may be copied, modified and distributed under particular circumstances (for example, until its creator takes it down from Youtube) – see under “Rights you licence” in the Terms and Conditions at <https://www.youtube.com/t/terms>.

Box of Broadcasts

<http://bobnational.net>

Video and audio recordings from UKTV channels (with some French and German language content). Includes all BBC content from 2008 onwards.

Images

Google images

http://images.google.co.uk/advanced_image_search?hl=en

Google Images allows users to search the web for image content. The Advanced Search has various options for stipulating the specifications of an image, including a Usage rights filter, allowing you to search for images which (apparently) have a licence designating them as ‘free to use or share’ (you can also add ‘to modify’ and/or ‘even commercially’ to the search). However, you should always go to the source and check the permissions there before copying an image, as items are occasionally mis-labelled. When you retrieve a Creative Commons licensed image from a Google search you will see one or more of the logos or abbreviations described above.

ARTstor

<http://ezproxy.lib.ed.ac.uk/login?url=http://www.artstor.org>

ARTstor is one of the resources included in the University Library’s A-Z database collection. It is a digital library of more than a million images, drawn from the collections of museums, photographers and artists and covering the arts, architecture, humanities and social sciences. ARTstor also contains a collection of software tools to facilitate the viewing, presentation and management of the images for research and teaching purposes.

The ARTstor collection is available for a range of non-commercial educational purposes. Online use is restricted to course websites for review and study purposes only and may not be made publicly accessible on the internet.

Flickr

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

Flickr is an image sharing website. The Advanced Search offers a range of options and has a filter that will enable you to retrieve only Creative Commons licensed content.

Flickr Commons

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

“The key goal of The Commons is to share hidden treasures from the world’s public photography archives.”

Library of Congress

<http://loc.gov/pictures/>

Although the Library of Congress' most popular photos are available through Flickr Commons, millions more are available from their own website.

Further information

For assistance in using any of these resources please contact the Data Library: datalib@ed.ac.uk. Further information about Data Library services is available at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/data-library>.

If you require this document in an alternative format, such as large print or a coloured background, please contact datalib@ed.ac.uk.

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