Audiovisual resources and author rights

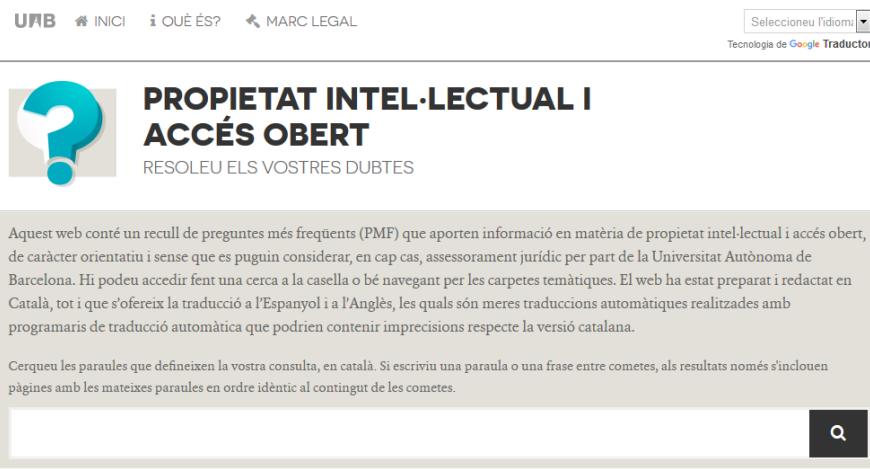Audiovisual resources are those that contain visual and/or auditive elements. There are several kinds of them: images (photographs, drawings, maps, diagrams, etc.), sound (music, speech, etc.) and video.

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To learn more about author rights we recommend you to see the web page **Propietat Intel·lectual i accés obert**: http://www.uab.cat/propietat-intellectual

1. Images

As we said before, images that you find on the Internet are protected by author rights and, therefore, it's recommended not to use photographs from *Google Images* without any filter, or similar search engines.

As far as Google is concerned, after making a search of images, filter the results with the option **Search tools** and then, choose **Usage rights**: there, you can filter by licence type and get only images whose author rights have been given up.

The available options to include images in your works without risk of infringing author rights are:

a) ***Using images whose author rights have been given up***: currently there are good quality images that have been freed of author rights. In this document you will find a list of free repositories that you can find useful as a starting point, but on the Internet you will surely find lots more. However, if you are interested in a particular image you will always have to find out which license applies to that image.

b) ***Image banks:*** **fee-charging** repositories where you can find very good quality images whose author rights have been properly taken into account. Some image banks are iStockPhoto, GettyImages, ShutterStock, BigStock, Fotolia, etc.

c) ***Do your own images*** (photographs, for example).

There is much written on the Internet about this topic; we give you here two clear explanations:

¿Existen derechos sobre las imágenes de Internet?
https://www.pablofb.com/existen-derechos-sobre-las-imagenes-de-internet/

3 opciones para usar fotografías "legales" en tus presentaciones
www.presentable.es/consejos-practicos/3-opciones-para-usar-fotografias-legales-en-tus-presentaciones

1.1. Image repositories

Should you choose the first option of the three above, ***using images whose author rights have been given up (open access)***, we list here some large image repositories. These photo libraries are free of charge and hold a large number of open access images that you can use in your works. You should always find out about their license.

10 Best Websites For Free Vector Art Downloads: websites of vector graphics. Remember to read the licenses for each database.
www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-best-websites-free-vector-art-downloads/

30 free public domain image websites (use with care): image websites with CC0 (public domain)
99designs.es/blog/resources/public-domain-image-resources/

Banco de imágenes y sonidos ITE: developed by the Spanish Ministry of Education, it contains images, video, sounds, animations and illustrations with Creative Commons licenses.
recursostic.educacion.es/bancoimagenes/web

British Library: more than 1 million images of 17th-19th century books in public domain. In Albums you can see them grouped thematically www.flickr.com/photos/britishlibrary

CC Search: find content you can share, use and remix.
search.creativecommons.org
This search engine will help you find images; then you should find out about each image license.

Fantasy Art Desing: fantasy, science fiction, and surreal art. With Creative Commons licenses
fantasyartdesign.com/

Flickr: you can here store, arrange, search, sell and share online photographs. You can choose size. There are images with a CC license. You should also check which license applies to each image.
www.flickr.com
Further information at: FAQ www.flickr.com/help/general/#1

Foter: free stock photos. You can search, manage and add photographs with a CC license available in other sources in blogs, forums, web pages, etc. It also has the information on the CC license for each photograph.
foter.com

Free Digital Photos: includes free photographs (requires to acknowledge the author) and photographs that need to be paid for.
www.freedigitalphotos.net

FreeImages: images that may be used in projects, web pages and publications as long as the author is acknowledged.
www.freeimages.co.uk

FreeImages: includes free and photographs that need to be paid for. Each image includes its license
www.freeimages.com

FreeRange: for personal or commercial use; but they do not allow redistribution. More information about licenses
freerangestock.com

FreeStockPhotos.biz: photos and cliparts with open licenses; some of the public domain. More information FAQS
www.freestockphotos.biz/

Imagebase: free stock photography. You can use their images for nearly any purpose.
www.imagebase.net

Kavewall: free stock photos, images and textures from Kave wall.
www.kavewall.com/stock/stock/index.html

Magdeleine: photos with public domain and others that require attribution
magdeleine.co/

MorgueFile: License and terms of use
www.morguefile.com

Old book ilustrations: most of the images are public domain. More information about licenses
www.oldbookillustrations.com/

Openclipart: you can use their images for nearly any purpose
https://openclipart.org

Photo pin: free photos for bloggers & creatives. Search photographs with CC license at Flickr. Watch out, as the results page shows first sponsored images (which usually have to be paid for).
www.photopin.com

Pixabay: high quality photos with license CC0 **(public domain)**
pixabay.com/

Public Domain Pictures: images with license CC0 **(public domain)** can be downloaded in different qualities (some of payment).www.publicdomainpictures.net

Public Domain Photos: large collection of public domain photos and cliparts.
www.public-domain-photos.com

Public Domain Vectors: large collection of public domain vector graphics. Formats eps, .svg, .ai and .cdr
publicdomainvectors.org/

Stock Vault: free stock photos & images for personal, educational and non-commercial usage. Some images require a fee.

www.stockvault.net

StockSnap.io: photos with license CC
stocksnap.io/

Unsplash: high quality photos with license CC0 **(public domain)** License
unsplash.com/

VisualHunt: search engine of CC licensed images. Each image includes its license
visualhunt.com/

Wellcome Images: more of 100,000 images of different periods and subjects, especially the history of medicine. With a CC license, the historic images only need to acknowledge the author.
wellcomeimages.org

Wikimedia Commons: images (animations, diagrams, drawings, maps, photographs, etc.), videos and sounds (music, speeches, pronunciation...). For each resource it gives a license.
commons.wikimedia.org

Wikipedia public domain images: lists collections of public domain images. You need to check the license for each page.
commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Free_media_resources/Photography

Dipòsit Digital de Documents de la UAB: repository that stores the University sicentific, academic and institutional production. It gathers a great diversity of supports, topics and types of documents: posters, photographs, etc. You need to check the license for each document.
ddd.uab.cat

Important! Remember that you can **ask for permission directly to the author** telling him/her what do you want the image for.

As **ADVERTISING MATERIAL** is concerned there are also interesting resources:

Advertising collections: developed by Duke University. These collections include databases with press adverts as photographs, videos and sounds: *Ad*Access* (USA and Canada adverts 1911-1955), *Emergence of Advertising in America: 1850-1920*, *AdViews* (USA TV adverts 1950-1980), etc. Although each collection has its license materials, you can download for academic or research purposes.
library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/advertising

Consume hasta morir: advertising material (posters and also video and sound adverts) in the section *Contranuncios* to reflect on the consumer society. Project from "Ecologistas en acción" with CC license for its materials.
www.letra.org

Europeana: millions of documents from national libraries, archives, museums and European audiovisual organizations. You can find historical ads in various formats (search for "advertising"). You can restrict the search by license www.europeana.eu

1.2. Inverted search: from image to source

You can find a photograph on the Internet without a watermark or no information about the name of the author, so that you cannot know which is its license. In this case you can do an inverted search that is, using the image to perform the search and obtain this way its original source. Some of the resources that make possible this kind of search are:

> **TinEye**
> www.tineye.com
> You can either introduce the URL of a particular image or upload the file. The image is searched in the database, retrieving those images that may match with it. When it finds similar records the database shows where the image is originally hosted.

> **Google Imágenes**
> www.google.com/intl/es419/insidesearch/features/images/searchbyimage.html
> The inverted search is integrated to its classic image search like in TinEye: with a URL or uploading an image you can retrieve different versions. It's useful to trace the original author of the image and also to protect one's own works by checking whether it's been made public by other people.

1.3. Maps

For maps and aerial photographs (to use them as illustrations as well as to use them as a base and add your information), you can use some free resources:

CATALONIA:
> **Institut Cartogràfic i Geològic de Catalunya**
> www.icgc.cat
> Present and ancient maps and aerial photography, at low and high resolution. It can be used free of charge as long as it's not used for commercial purposes, but the source must be cited. For further information:
> http://www.icgc.cat/Ajuda/Avis-legal

SPAIN:
> **Centro Nacional de Información Geográfica**
> http://centrodedescargas.cnig.es/CentroDescargas/
> Ancient and modern series of high resolution. They can be freely used, but always citing the source. You can find all the information related to the "User licenses" section of the main web page.

REST OF THE WORLD:
There is a diversity of resources that gather maps and ancient and modern images. Pay attention to the information on author rights on each page.

> **Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection**
> www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/map_sites.html
> Information on author rights: www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/faq.html#3.html

> **David Rumsey Map Collection** (historical maps)
> www.davidrumsey.com
> Images may be reproduced or transmitted, but not for commercial use. Further information:
> www.davidrumsey.com/about

> **Visible Earth** (satellite images)
> visibleearth.nasa.gov
> It can be used freely as long as it's not for commercial purposes, always citing the source. Further information: visibleearth.nasa.gov/useterms.php

1.4. Images obtained from subscribed resources

If the image is obtained from an electronic resource paid by the UAB, the license has to be taken into account. You can see the **conditions of use of electronic journals and databases** subscribed by the University at this webpage:
www.uab.cat/web/els-nostres-fons/recursos-electronics-condicions-d-us-1345718411443.html

2. Sounds and music

We list below some interesting websites that contain sounds and music:

Audionautix: music under license CC-BY. Search options for genre, *mood*, tempo
audionautix.com

Banco de imágenes y sonidos ITE: developed by the Spanish Ministry of Education, it contains images, video, sounds, animations and illustrations with Creative Commons licenses.
recursostic.educacion.es/bancoimagenes/web

CCTRAX: music under license Creative Commons
cctrax.com/

Europeana: european Union digital library that includes video and sound files. In principle everything is   public domain; if a resource is not public domains it says so.
www.europeana.eu

FindSounds: free sounds search engine that may (or may not) have copyright.
www.findsounds.com

FMA: free Music Archive. Unless otherwise noted, all site content is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 license
freemusicarchive.org

Free Loops: most are resources with CC licenses; it is specified in each sound.
free-loops.com

Free SFX: only requires citing the source.
www.freesfx.co.uk

Free Sound Effects Archive. Terms of use
www.grsites.com/archive/sounds

FreeSound: Universitat Pompeu Fabra project under CC license; each sound has its specific license.
www.freesound.org

Internet Archive- Audio: recordings, old radio programs, reading books. Licenses Creative Commons and public domain
archive.org/details/audio

Jamendo: songs whose rights have been transferred by authors under CC license; each album includes its specific license.
www.jamendo.com

Legal music for videos: to find music with CC licenses
creativecommons.org/legalmusicforvideos

Sound Bible: each sound has its specific license
soundbible.com

Sound Jay: it states clearly the terms of use.
www.soundjay.com/tos.html

Wikimedia Commons: images (animations, diagrams, drawings, maps, photographs, etc.), videos and sounds (music, speeches, pronunciation...). For each resource it gives a license.
commons.wikimedia.org

Wikimedia commons Audio Files
commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Audio_files

Zapsplat. sounds and music. There are two types of license; a license of its own and another of **public domain**.
www.zapsplat.com

At the end of Section *1.1. Image repositories* you will find webs with **ADVERTISING MATERIAL**: video and sound adverts, press adverts with photographs and/or posters.

3. Other resources

In addition to images and sounds, there are other open access contents you can access if you are interested, for example:

Open.Michigan wiki: Open Content Search
webservices.itcs.umich.edu/mediawiki/openmichigan/index.php/Open_Content_Search
List of resources that contains materials with CC license that may be re-used, within their terms of use. It includes images, icons, audio and music, video, software, teaching material, books, medical resources, etc.

Smartcopying : the Official Guide to Copyright Issues for Australian Schools and TAFE
http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/open-education/creative-commons/creative-commons-information-pack
Guides about how to search resources with CC license in different websites (Google, Youtube, CC Search Portal).

If you have any doubt you can ask for it in **Pregunt@**, the virtual information service of the UAB Libraries:
www.uab.cat/libraries/pregunta

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www.uab.cat/biblioteques

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