

## QUICK GUIDE: FINDING IMAGES

For nearly every ePortfolio you create you will need images. Most times you really need an image that you don't have. This is when web images are great. But curb the impulse to download too many web images. They can quickly make a project feel generic.

### Use Creative Commons, Flickr Search to download images legally

1. Go to <http://search.creativecommons.org/>
2. Select the Flickr tab.
3. Type in the name of the photo subject you're searching for. Check the box "Search for works I can modify, adapt, or build upon." Click the "go" button.
4. Scroll through and find an image you like. Click on the photo.
5. This takes you to a screen where you can gather some citation info listed below the photo:
  - Write down the name of the photo and the person who uploaded it.
  - Look to the right column on this page for the "Rights" link.
  - This link will bring you to the Creative Commons Attribution page.
  - Life is simplest when you choose photos with just an Attribution license. Non-Commercial licenses are also typically fine. Only choose to use photos with the Share Alike license if you are open to others copying, distributing, and making derivative works from your final project.
6. Now, look for the little "Download this photo" button at the bottom right of the photo. Click on this button.
7. Click on the "View All Sizes" link, if available. If not, choose one of the photo sizes and click on the "Download" link.
8. Select the photo size and it will automatically download to your desktop. For the sake of making your credits easier, I'd also suggest renaming the file in a way that reflects both the image's content and its author.

For example, "Easter\_Clouds\_john-jones.jpg" is a name that lets me know that this is a photo titled "Easter Clouds," taken by someone named John Jones. Alternatively, keep a written or typed list of photo names and authors.

### General advice to keep in mind:

- Don't download images that are smaller than 600x600 – when you stretch these to fit on a screen they will look bad.
- If you're right-clicking and downloading, be sure you are not downloading the thumbnail. Often, you must double-click on a small version of the photo – a thumbnail – in order to get to the full-size photo, which you will then download. Right-clicking to download an image is not recommended.
- Put your effort into taking and finding good photos, rather than doing extensive photo editing. But minor edits, particularly cropping a photo to focus attention on its best parts, is something you'll likely want to do.