

Resources overview:

This reference is intended to give the student some Internet sites where free or almost free project assets can be found. The list is by no means complete, there are hundreds of website locations where assets can be obtained. The list below is just a good place to start.

Note: Using a PDF version of this document, click web links to open websites. Example: click <http://images.google.com> to open Google Images web page.

Free Use Images Defined

1. What do the words 'free use images' mean?

Free Use images could mean copyright-free / public domain images, or images where the photographer has given permission that the images can be used free of charge. This is a very tricky concept and you should always read the fine print on these 'Free Pictures' websites. Just so you know, when you see an image you like on the Internet, you aren't just allowed to right click on it / hit 'save as' and Voilà ... it is yours. It doesn't work this way. When you visit one of these 'free images' website, look for a reproduction rights page or a statement of use page. Read this page carefully; and read the fine print to make sure that there are no limitations to their 'free images use'. Many of these 'free image' sites require that you post credit for the image, meaning that you must mention the photographer or website next to or below the free image. This is your only fee for using the image.

Royalty Free Defined

1. What is royalty-free stock photography?

The term "royalty-free" can be a bit confusing since royalty-free stock photography is not "free." Royalty-free photos and CDs must first be purchased before any usage is permitted. With a royalty-free license, you are not required to specify how or where you plan to use the image. Once you've paid for your royalty-free image(s), you're free to use the image for nearly any use. You can also use the image over and over again because a royalty-free license has no restrictions on time or re-usage. With a standard royalty-free license you are restricted from sharing, selling or storing the image in any way that makes the image accessible to others.

Image Search

1. Google Images

<http://images.google.com/>

2. spffly

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

3. everystockphoto

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

4. PicFindr

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

Public Domain Images

1. Wikipedia: Public domain image resources
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Public_domain_image_resources/
2. .gov Watch
<http://www.dotgovwatch.com/>
3. USA.gov
<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Graphics.shtml>
4. dmoz Open Directory Project
<http://www.dmoz.org/>
5. Public-Domain-Photos
<http://www.public-domain-photos.com/>
6. Public Domain Pictures.net
<http://www.publicdomainpictures.net/>
7. PD Photo
<http://www.istockphoto.com/>

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1. fotolia
<http://us.fotolia.com/>
2. 123RF
<http://www.123rf.com/>
3. snapvillage
<http://snapvillage.com>
4. dreamstime
<http://www.dreamstime.com/>
5. gettyimages
<http://www.gettyimages.com/>
6. jupiterimages
<http://www.jupiterimages.com/>
7. corbis
<http://pro.corbis.com/>
8. photolibrary
<http://www.photolibrary.com/>
9. FreeDigitalPhotos.net
<http://freedigitalphotos.net/>

10. Big Stock Photo
<http://www.bigstockphoto.com/>
11. stock.xhng
<http://www.sxc.hu/>
12. bigfoto.com
<http://www.bigfoto.com/>
13. iStockphoto
<http://www.istockphoto.com/>

Sound

1. FindSounds
<http://www.findsounds.com/>
2. productiontrax.com
<http://www.productiontrax.com/>
3. Flash Kit Sound FX
<http://www.flashkit.com/soundfx/>
4. Flash Kit Sound Loops
<http://www.flashkit.com/loops/>

Video

1. You Tube
<http://www.youtube.com/>
2. AOL Video
<http://video.aol.com/>
3. livevideo
<http://www.livevideo.com/>
4. StockVotionFinder
<http://www.stockmotionfinder.com/>
5. liketelevision
<http://www.stockmotionfinder.com/>
6. productiontrax.com
<http://www.productiontrax.com/stock-footage.php>

Free Fonts

1. dafont.com
<http://www.dafont.com/>
2. Catscape
<http://www.catscape.com/>
3. SearchFreeFonts.com
<http://www.searchfreefonts.com/>

Tutorials

1. Cartoon Smart
<http://www.cartoonsmart.com/>
2. FlashPerfection
<http://www.flashperfection.com/>
3. stock.xhng
<http://www.sxc.hu/tutorials/>
4. Adobe Photoshop Elements Techniques
<http://www.photoshopelementsuser.com/learningcenter/>
5. Flash Kit
<http://www.flashkit.com/tutorials/>
6. Defy All Challenges
<http://www.defyallchallenges.com/>

Flash Resources

1. AdobeFlash.com
<http://www.adobeflash.com/>
2. Oh My Flash
<http://ohmyflash.com/>

Online Training

1. Atomic Learning
<http://movies.atomiclearning.com/>
2. lynda.com
<http://lynda.com/>
3. VTC
<http://www.vtc.com/>
4. LearnFlash.com
<http://learnflash.com/>
5. element K
<http://www.elementk.com/>
6. Total Training
<http://www.totaltraining.com/>