

## List of Royalty Free & Stock Sites

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**NOTE:** Take the time to find rights information on each site you go to. Once you've found it, it will likely be in the same place for each bit of media on that site or there will be a broad statement regarding permissions about all the media that site offers.

Avoid any kind of work that has a watermark (transparent logo) on the media.

### AUDIO/MUSIC

- **CC Mixer** – [dig.ccmixer.org](http://dig.ccmixer.org): Free source for royalty free music. Navigation is based on “discovering” music, so this will involve time to go through it. Use the filters option in the top right corner to look through only instrumental songs.
- **Incompetech** - [incompetech.com/music/](http://incompetech.com/music/): Free music source. Music can be searched for based on mood. Click on the royalty-free link in the navigation to get to the full advanced search.
- **Free Music Archive** - [freemusicarchive.org/curator/CCcommunity](http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/CCcommunity): Free music source. Use the advanced search to search by mood and genre. Most music is creative commons (royalty free) but may require attribution and deny derivative works. (For more information on the terms attribution and derivative, see our *Finding Media Online* document.)
- **Free Sound** – [freesound.org](http://freesound.org): Great source for sound effects and free. Requires a free account in order to download.

### VIDEO / MOTION GRAPHICS

- **X Stock Video** – [xstockvideo.com](http://xstockvideo.com): General stock footage, free for personal projects (this includes class projects), but not for commercial use. Keep in mind that HD quality footage is not always free. You will need to create a free account in order to download videos.
- **Vidsplay** – [vidsplay.com](http://vidsplay.com): Free general stock video that can be used for personal and commercial use. Pay attention. The download button is black and located under the video preview after tags.
- **Prelinger on Archive** – [archive.org/details/prelinger](http://archive.org/details/prelinger): Free general stock footage, largely historical. Can be used for personal use. If you receive a redirect about website changes, refresh the website. Video isn't always high quality.

- **Wikimedia** – [commons.wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org): Crowdsourced photos and videos. Has a large variety of photos, vector images, and some video.
- **Videvo** – [videvo.net](https://videvo.net): Free general stock videos and motion graphics.
- **Movie Tools** – [movietools.info](https://movietools.info): Free source for 3D rendered backgrounds and elements. Standard size footage is free and marked. Pay attention; ads may have download links. Download button for the actual content of the site is light gray.

## PHOTOGRAPHY / VECTOR ART

- **Unsplash** – [unsplash.com](https://unsplash.com): Crowdsourced photos and videos. Has nice, high quality images from around the world with a variety of subjects.
- **Free Images** – [freeimages.com](https://freeimages.com): Paid options will appear above the free images. Must create a free account to download images.
- **Stock Vault** – [stockvault.net](https://stockvault.net): Free general stock photo source. Has the benefit of a large download button near the image. Paid advertising may be mixed with free options.
- **Unprofound** – [unprofound.com](https://unprofound.com): Free source categorizes by colors found in the image.
- **Free Range** – [freerangestock.com](https://freerangestock.com): Free, but must register for a free account to download.
- **Image After** – [imageafter.com](https://imageafter.com): Includes not only images but textures as well.
- **The Commons at Flickr** – [flickr.com/commons](https://flickr.com/commons): Features royalty free images from museums and archives around the world.
- **Free Stock Photography** – [adigitaldreamer.com/gallery](https://adigitaldreamer.com/gallery): Basic stock imagery.
- **Wikimedia** – [commons.wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org): Crowdsourced photos and videos. Has a large variety of photos, vector images, and some video.
- **Vector 4 Free** – [vector4free.com](https://vector4free.com): Vector elements and backgrounds. There is a wait before you can start downloading.
- **Vecteezy** – [vecteezy.com](https://vecteezy.com): Vector elements and backgrounds. Paid options are mixed in with free options in search results and are marked as 'Premium'. Ads (for Shutterstock) are marked by a star.