

Using Public Domain Images

In a broad sense, public domain images are images that the general public are permitted to use without restriction because no exclusive copyright restricts their usage (see also: [Using Copyrighted Images](#)). These images are usually quite old (expired copyright), created by the government, or released into the public domain by their creator. For a more comprehensive explanation, see Wikipedia's [Public Domain](#) article.

Star Army allows for the use of public domain images. Any unmodified Public Domain image must be placed in the **by_license:public_domain:** media namespace.

For example, this image is by NASA and is public domain:



Star Army is not a repository for images; public domain images should only be on Star Army if they're actually being used in articles.

Finding Public Domain Images

These are freely-usable images. Many public domain images are in the public domain because they're old.

1. [Wikipedia list of public domain image resources](#)
2. [Library of Congress](#)
3. [National Aeronautics and Space Administration - NASA Image Use Policy](#)
4. [New Old Stock](#) - public archives

Note: Pixabay used to have public domain images but now they're under the Pixabay license so they should be treated as normal stock photos and placed in the **by_license:pixabay** namespace.

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