

# Online Communities Compared

	Flickr Commons	Wikipedia	Institution Community	Web-At-Large
<b>Community Feel</b>	Open Friendly Neighborhood	Many tight-knit niche groups, suspicious of outsiders – but ultimately welcoming of those who learn local customs	Club anyone can join, ties to physical community	Enthusiastic, chaotic and unpredictable
<b>Potential User Base</b>	Large	Large	Small (though depends on size of existing community)	Anyone/Anywhere
<b>Degree of Control</b>	Medium	Low	Perceived as High	None
<b>Copyright</b>	Creative Commons or 'No Known Copyright'	Various flavors of public domain, creative commons **	Opportunity to express true rights restrictions, hard/impossible to enforce	Dependent on institution implementation - possibility of community not honoring rights stated by institution
<b>User Interface</b>	Refined & Mature	Refined & Mature	Depends on in-house tech/design resources	Displayed in other existing communities OR build their own
<b>Learning Curve for Participation</b>	Low	High	Depends on design	Depends on selected approach
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Party Applications</b>	Many (example: CoolIris)	DBPedia, Mash-ups	Depends on ways content is made available	Many: mash-ups, harvested content
<b>Methods of Adding Content</b>	Bulk upload applications, APIS	Manual entry. Requires negotiation	Opportunity for automated integration with in-house workflow	Harvested at will

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## Additional Flickr Resources

- Flickr Commons: <http://www.Flickr.com/commons>
- Staff blog posts on the Brooklyn Museum's experience with Flickr Commons: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/community/blogosphere/bloggers/tag/flickrcommons>
- Flickr Commons discussion group: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/flickrcommons/>
- Flickr Commons blog: <http://www.indicommons.org/>
- Flickr Commons institutions: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/flickrcommons/discuss/72157611349183205/>
- Flickr Commons posse and tags on the Brooklyn Museum website: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/community/posse/profiles/FlickrCommons>
- Brooklyn Museum Libraries and Archives collections pages: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/archives/>
- The old Brooklyn Museum archives web pages: <http://web.archive.org/web/20060221012834/www.brooklynmuseum.org/research/digital-collections/goodyear/browse/exposition>
- Brooklyn Bridge project Flickr group/community page: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/research/digital-collections/brooklynbridge/community/>
- Blog posting on the effects of Flickr Commons on staff: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/community/blogosphere/bloggers/2008/12/04/flickr-commons-coping-with-a-small-staff-and-community-ideals/>

## Additional Wikipedia Resources

- Wikipedia <http://www.wikipedia.org/>
- Wikisource [http://wikisource.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://wikisource.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Wikimedia Commons [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- California Digital Library project wiki: [http://calisphere-intern.wik.is/Info\\_Commons\\_Pilot/](http://calisphere-intern.wik.is/Info_Commons_Pilot/)
- U. Washington article describing their Wikipedia project (basis for CDL's project): <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/may07/lally/05lally.html>
- WikiProject Librarians: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject\\_Librarians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Librarians)
- Calisphere website (CDL portal for content also available at Online Archive of California) <http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

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