“How to Find Quality Images Online”

Transcript

[*One speaker:*]

Megan:

 Hey guys, my name is Megan Kelly and today I’m going to show you how to find good quality images online and some tips with how to find images for all of your projects and things like that.

So when you’re searching for images, it’s important that you find an image that’s big enough to use on your project. So, let’s say I want to look for sky scrapers looking up so I’m going to Google that. And you can see, there are lots of results. I want to go to images and if you look down here and hover over the images, you can see what size they are. And a lot of these are pretty small, even the ones that are 1024 are pretty small, especially if you want a print quality, worthy image. So to fix this, you go to “Search tools” right here and you change the size to “Large,” and if you want really large ones you can go in here and customize things like that. But I just like to say “Large” and then it’s going to filter out all the small ones and it’s going to leave you with only the ones that are really large. So it’s going to have, like this one, this one’s 5000 x 3000. So this will make it easier to find larger images to use on your projects.

So when you find an image that you like, then you can click on it and say “View image,” and this will open it in a new tab and it will load its completely full size. And from here, I like to click the plus just to make sure that it’s extra big; the largest it can be. Then you’ll say right click, “Save image as,” and then you can go and save it in your project folder. Now, another you’re going to want to do when you save it, is to copy this link right here. This link is the link that you’re going to want to give a source to in your blog post when you’re finished with the project to give this person credit. So, I like to copy this link, right here, and keep it in a folder, or something like that, so I can have that to give them credit on my blog post when I’m done.

Now some other great sources for images is CG Textures. This is a really great website, If going to go back “Web,” they have all sorts of images that you can use and you can sign up for a free account with them, and what that lets you do is, you can download 15 MB of images a day. And that’s awesome and the great part is that you can use it on your professional work. You just have to make sure that you follow the rules and you only download a certain amount a day and things like that. So this is a really great place that has tons of images that you can use.

Another good one is Kozzi. And this one will let you download as many things as you want for seven days; you can do a free trial. So if you have a project where you know you’re going to want several different images, then you can go ahead and sign up for a seven day free membership and try that out for seven days and then just make sure that you delete your account with them when you’re done. And you can download as many images as you want.

Another one that’s pretty popular is unsplash.com. So this one is right here and it says free do whatever you want stock photos. So it looks like you can grab a certain amount of photos every day so that’s another great source.

And there are so many great sources you can use, just make sure that you read the rules. They might ask you to source them, they might not. And also remember as a student, if you’re only using the images for a project and for educational purposes, you are protected with certain things like that, and there’s a document that you can read about that as well. So you’re protected and just make sure that you use is correctly, that you cite your sources, and don’t sell it professionally or claim that it’s your image in any way.

That’s it. Good luck and go find those images.