



# WIKIPEDIA EXTERNAL MEDIA BOXES

TUTORIAL BY THE PHILADELPHIA WIKISALON



# External Links and External Media

- On Wikipedia articles, the **External links** section lists links to external websites and materials that are related to the subject, but not part of Wikipedia or Wikimedia Commons. These include archival collections, audio and video.
- The **External links** section is placed between the **References** and the **Authority Control** (if present) or the **Categories** sections in the article.



The screenshot shows the 'External links' section of a Wikipedia article. At the top, it says 'External links' with links to 'edit' and 'edit source'. Below this, there are two bullet points: 'Media related to Rebecca Kamen at Wikimedia Commons' and 'Rebecca Kamen's Official Website'. Underneath the bullet points is a section for 'Authority control' with a pencil icon, containing the text 'ISNI: 0000 0003 7813 751X · LCCN: n2012186958 · VIAF: 254997903'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a 'Categories' section with the text 'Categories (+): 1950 births (-) (±) | American women sculptors (-) (±) | Artists'.

- Online audio and video can also be highlighted with an **External Media Box**.

# Example External Media Box

Draws the readers' attention to highlight specific audio, video or image files.

```
{{external media | width = 250px | align = right | headerimage=
[[File:Fema trailer 1 Mariel Carr Chemical Heritage Foundation
Video.jpg|250px]] | video1 =
[https://www.sciencehistory.org/distillations/video/where-have-all-
the-trailers-gone "Where Have All the Trailers Gone"] | audio1 =
[https://www.sciencehistory.org/distillations/podcast/where-have-
all-the-fema-trailers-gone"Episode 202: Where Have All the FEMA
Trailers Gone? Tracing Toxicity from Bust to Boom"]} }}
```


\* Code condensed for this example.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FEMA\\_trailer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FEMA_trailer)


### External media



**Audio**

 "Episode 202: Where Have All the FEMA Trailers Gone? Tracing Toxicity from Bust to Boom"[↗](#),

**Video**

 *Where Have All the Trailers Gone*[↗](#)

# External media template

- Basic use:

```
{{external media
| float =
| width =
| headerimage =
| image1 =
| audio1 =
| video1 =
| video2 =
| video3 =
}}
```

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:External\\_media](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:External_media)

\* Specify multiple media files of a particular type with numbers (audio1, audio2, audio3 ... )

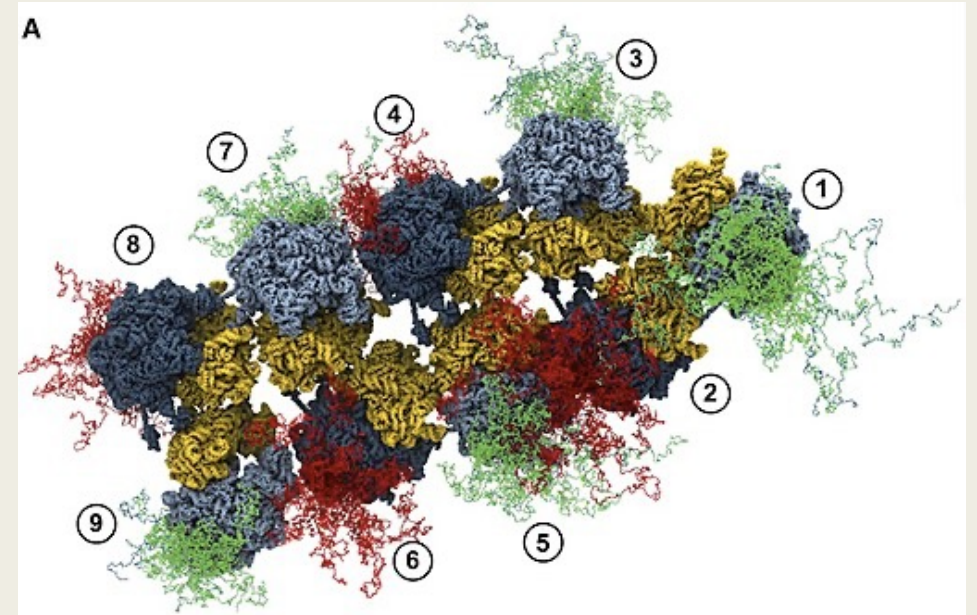
\* Image files specified with |headerimage= **must be available on Wikimedia Commons.**

# Optional external media template parameters

- |float =
  - “left”, “right” or “center”. Template defaults to “right”
- |width =
  - Set to number plus units (em, px, %). Template defaults to 258px wide.
- |title =
  - Omit this for default of “External Video”. Include to change title.
- |topic =
  - An extra optional text description that will appear above the media files
- |headerimage =
  - Image that displays at the top of the template. Use full filename and settings e.g. =  
[[File:Rebecca Kamen 2011 Platonic Solids FF2011-02-04.JPG | 250px]]
- |caption =
  - Caption text that displays under the header image to describe it.

# Example: Enhancing a Scientist's Article

- Bradley Nelson – Roboticist and entrepreneur
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bradley\\_Nelson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bradley_Nelson)
- Multiple videos demonstrating work with microrobots in medicine and other topics:
  - TED Talk on bacteria-sized robots:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfV8xu2nHy4>
  - World Economic Forum on nanorobots:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78jqYfa7wdY>
  - TED Talk on expanding equality and worldwide access to surgery:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQarw\\_NOZsw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQarw_NOZsw)



Replicating Nanomachines

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Replicating\\_Nanomachines.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Replicating_Nanomachines.jpg)

# Example: Enhancing a Scientist's Article

```
{{external media
| width = 250px
| align = right

| video1 = [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfV8xu2nHy4
"Building Medical Robots, Bacteria sized: Bradley Nelson at
TEDxZurich"], November 28, 2012, [[TED (conference)|TEDx Talks]]

| video2 = [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78jqYfa7wdY
"Bacteria-Sized Robots for Precision Drug Delivery: Bradley Nelson"],
August 8, 2016, [[World Economic Forum]]



| video3 = [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQarw_NOZsw "How
can we provide access to surgery for everyone on the planet?: Dr.
Bradley Nelson at TEDxSelnau"], May 24, 2018, [[TED
(conference)|TEDx Talks]]
}}
```



## External video

 "Building Medical Robots, Bacteria sized: Bradley Nelson at TEDxZurich" , November 28, 2012, [TEDx Talks](#)

 "Bacteria-Sized Robots for Precision Drug Delivery: Bradley Nelson" , August 8, 2016, [World Economic Forum](#)

 "How can we provide access to surgery for everyone on the planet?: Dr. Bradley Nelson at TEDxSelnau" , May 24, 2018, [TEDx Talks](#)

Links in the external audio or video box go to pages on other sites which include audio or video media files.

# Example: Enhancing an Artist's Article

- Cecilia Paredes – multimedia artist specializing in body painting  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecilia\\_Paredes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecilia_Paredes)
- No appropriately licensed Creative Commons or public domain images can be currently found of her or her works, so we will link to select copyrighted works for demonstration purposes:
  - Artist in 2015 at gallery exhibition:  
[https://fotoseptiembreusa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2015-FOTOSEPTIEMBRE-USA\\_Cecilia-Paredes\\_Ruiz-Healy-Art\\_001.jpg](https://fotoseptiembreusa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2015-FOTOSEPTIEMBRE-USA_Cecilia-Paredes_Ruiz-Healy-Art_001.jpg)
  - “Papagallo”, 2014:  
[https://www.artworksforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/C\\_Paredes\\_Papagallo.jpg](https://www.artworksforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/C_Paredes_Papagallo.jpg)
  - Examples of work in *Contemporary Art Curator Magazine*:  
[https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/57b0aab440243d6c7ee09cb/1546182751944-6IXKH0XC7W5TF2A002C8/ke17ZwdGBToddI8pDm48kMNI2xi7M7V5qq205cYAqy57gQa3H78H3Y0txjaiv\\_OfDoOvxcdMmMKkDsyUqMSsMWxHk725yihCCLfrh801z5QPOohDIaleljMHgDF5CVIOqpeNLcJ80NK65\\_fV7S1U](https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/57b0aab440243d6c7ee09cb/1546182751944-6IXKH0XC7W5TF2A002C8/ke17ZwdGBToddI8pDm48kMNI2xi7M7V5qq205cYAqy57gQa3H78H3Y0txjaiv_OfDoOvxcdMmMKkDsyUqMSsMWxHk725yihCCLfrh801z5QPOohDIaleljMHgDF5CVIOqpeNLcJ80NK65_fV7S1U)



Example of body painting  
(not by Cecilia Paredes)

MIRÁ Festival de Arte 2019 en el Centro Cultural Borges,  
Viamonte 525, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires.  
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Body\\_Painting\\_MIR%C3%81\\_2019\\_-\\_190824-8000-jikatu.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Body_Painting_MIR%C3%81_2019_-_190824-8000-jikatu.jpg)



# Example: Enhancing an Artist's Article

```
{{external media
| width = 250px
| align = right
| title = External images
| topic = Examples of Cecilia Paredes' artwork
| image1 = [https://fotoseptiembreusa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2015-FOTOSEPTIEMBRE-USA_Cecilia-Paredes_Ruiz-Healy-Art_001.jpg "Cecilia Paredes at FotoSeptiembre USA 2015"], September 5, 2015, FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA
| image2 = [https://www.artworksforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/C_Paredes_Papagallo.jpg "Papagallo, 2004", Art Works for Change.]
| image3 = [https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/57b0aab440243d6c7ee09cb/1546182751944-6IXKH0XC7W5TF2A002C8/ke17ZwdGBToddI8pDm48kMNI2xi7M7V5qq205cYAqy57gQa3H78H3Y0txjaiv_OfDo0vxcdMmMKkDsyUqMSsMWxHk725yiiHCCLfrh801z5QP0ohDlaIeljMHgDF5CVIOqpeNLcJ80NK65_fV7S1UVYY7apD8eJv00-wz3WcSX5fsWFNHVHQS_YpOwADHFx7AHrY5d348jsnATXBfBzSbQ/CeciliaParades_12.jpg?format=1500w "Cecilia Paredes", Contemporary Art Curator Magazine]
}}
```



### External images

*Examples of Cecilia Paredes' artwork*

-  "Cecilia Paredes at FotoSeptiembre USA 2015" , September 5, 2015, FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA
-  "Papagallo, 2004", Art Works for Change. 
-  "Cecilia Paredes", Contemporary Art Curator Magazine 

Links in the external images box go directly to image files on other sites.

# Considerations

- Wikimedia Commons Media Preferred:
  - If available, use media from Wikimedia Commons in an article. Look for media for External Media boxes if Commons lacks images, video or audio.
- Copyright:
  - The media linked from the template does not have to have a free or open license (as it does on Commons) but it **must not violate copyright**. Do not link to a bootleg music video or an unauthorized photo of an artwork.
  - Academic talks, interviews, and short performances or clips are acceptable, but it's good to check the media to see who released them.
- Style:
  - List **3 or less items per external media box**. Highlight the best examples.
  - Boxes can be repeated if there are multiple types of content to present.

# For More Information

- Help – External Media Template - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:External\\_media](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:External_media)
- Help – Wikipedia Video Links - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Video\\_links](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Video_links)
- Help - Wikipedia External Links - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:External\\_links](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:External_links)
- Additional Examples
  - Rebecca Kamen – [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca\\_Kamen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca_Kamen)
  - Betsabeé Romero - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betsabe%C3%A9\\_Romero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betsabe%C3%A9_Romero)
  - Yolanda Wisher - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yolanda\\_Wisher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yolanda_Wisher)
  - Faetar Dialect - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faetar\\_dialect](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faetar_dialect)
- Join us at the monthly Philadelphia WikiSalon!
  - Wikipedia: Meetup/Philadelphia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Philadelphia>