

# Searching *Accunet / AP Multimedia Archive*

## What is the *Accunet / AP Multimedia Archive*?

The AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive is an online database containing approximately 700,000 Associated Press photos, with hundreds of current and historical images being added weekly. The database includes three image archives: International Photographs (jpg), Euro/Asian Photos (jpg), and Graphics (pdf), which includes charts, tables, maps, graphics, timelines, and logos.

## How do I get to it?

From the library's homepage at [www.usfca.edu/library](http://www.usfca.edu/library)

- Go to *Start Your Research*
- Select *Database List*.
- Click on *Accunet / AP Multimedia Archive*. On the next page, click on the link for the database.

## Searching Tips

- Enter natural language or Boolean searches in the **What**, **When**, and **Where** fields. You do not have to use all three fields at a time.
  - Boolean searches (and, or, not, near) in the **What** field.
    - Example: Bush and China

**Note: If you do not use a Boolean search when entering more than one word, the Archive defaults to OR.**
- **Exact Phrase:** Put single quotes around a phrase you want to search exactly.
  - **Example:** 'Tianamen Square'
- The Archive loads 12 images per page based on relevancy of your entry in the **What** field. You may customize the amount of images per page in the left-hand column or sort by Newest-Oldest.
- **Image Hits** refers to the number of images the Archive retrieved.
- **Wildcards:** If You are not sure of a spelling or to pick up variations of a word, type an **asterisk** after the first few letter of the word you want to search in the **What** field.
  - **Example:** child\* will retrieve child, child's, childhood, children, etc.
- **Date search:**
  - You can select a range of years to search by entering a span in the **When** field. For example, **from 1940 to 1960**.
  - You can search for images from today or yesterday by entering **today** (or **yesterday**) in the **When** field.
  - Month and Year Search: Type the month (spelled out) and the year (four digits) in the **When** field.
  - Month, Day, Year Search. Type a month day and year (xx/xx/xxxx) in the **When** field. If you do not get any photos, change your search and type the month (spelled out) and year in the **When** field.

What

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- **Searching by hue**

You can search for photos with a dominant color. Not every photo has a dominant color and these keywords apply to only a selection of images in the AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive. Here are the ten hues represented in the Multimedia Archive: Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Orange, White, Black, Brown, Purple, Pink. For example, enter **red:hue** in the **What** field

## How do I download photos?

Under each image is link for download. When you click on download, follow the directions to download the image with imbedded text.

Please select a download option:



**Photo with embedded text:**  
Photo is downloaded as a .jpg file with the text caption embedded in the image. To view photo alone, open in a graphics program such as Photoshop©. To view photo alone, open in a graphics program such as Photoshop©.

**Photo with text file (.zip):**  
Both photo and accompanying text file are downloaded in .zip format. The unzipped photo is in .jpg format and can be viewed in a graphics program. The unzipped text file is in .txt format and may be opened in any text editor or word processor.

## How can I save photos?

You can save up to 25 photos in the Lightbox, and retrieve them in another session. Be aware, however, this is a temporary storage on the Archives server, not on your computer, and it is a shared storage with users at our site. Other users at our site may save and delete images from the Lightbox.

## How else can I output the images?

You may print from the screen, download, email, cut, and paste, or put in various software media such as Powerpoint, Word, etc., in order to complete your research, report, presentation, or handouts. The Archive is copyrighted for educational purposes only, not commercial gain.

## Questions?

- Click on **Help** in left hand column for more search features and tips.
- Or contact Reference Services at (415) 422-2039 or at [reference@usfca.edu](mailto:reference@usfca.edu)