


Finding media with: the easy way (or with Dev Search) cheat-sheet

A quick & dirty guide to finding media in Umbraco with the browser developer tools (the easy way) or with Dev Search¹:

If you can see the link on a web page – the browser dev. tools make finding the Media ID simple but if you have only the document link it is fairly simple to extract the Media ID with Umbraco dev. search.

Link: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/umbraco/#/developer>²

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¹ Admins only

² If you don't have access to the link or can't see the icon contact digital@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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The easy way in the browser

If you have the page containing the download link open in a browser, use the developer tools (usually opened with [F12]) to inspect the full code of the link and this will contain something like:

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<a data-id="13612" href="/media/...
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The media ID is shown as “data-id” (13612 in the above code) – that’s all you need to find it in the media tree.

Using Developer tools

Warning: the Developer Tools contain some powerful elements which, although innocuous and helpful looking, can damage our Umbraco set-up.

Only use the “Examine Management” tab.

Wander elsewhere at your peril – there be dragons!

Examine Management for finding media

If you only have the address of the media item you cannot reliably use that to find the media item because:

- a) Umbraco uses the file name in the link and this does not necessarily match the media title which is what you search for.
- b) The number in the link is **not** the media ID.

Process:

Using the following link as an example:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/13605/2018-19-term-dates-report.pdf>

(Term dates for 2018-19)

1. In Developer Tools switch to the “Examine Management tab
2. In “Searchers” open “Internal Searchers” >> “Search Tools”
3. Paste your address on the search box and trim the protocol & domain from the start & the file name from the end leaving:
/media/13605
4. Add an asterisk “match all” character to the end
/media/13605*
5. Select “Lucene Search” and hit

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6. The result shows full details of the media item but all you are interested in is the “Id” (& possibly “writerName”)

Score	Id	Values
0.08451542	18532	<pre>__Icon: icon-document __IndexType: media __NodeId: 18532 __NodeTypeAlias: file __Path: -1,1502,13525,17424,18532 __nodeName: 2018-19 term dates report.pdf createDate: 20170224092125000 creatorID: 75 id: 18532 key: fdb0025f-8e4c-454a-aadb-d900d6a17e12 level: 4 node- Name: 2018-19 Term Dates Report.pdf nodeType: 1033 nodeTypeAlias: File parentID: 17424 path: -1,1502,13525,17424,18532 sortOrder: 73 template: 0 umbracoBytes: 227099 umbracoExtension: pdf umbracoFile: /media/13605/2018-19-term-dates-report.pdf updateDate: 20170224092125000 urlName: 2018-19-term-dates-reportpdf version: 682c196f-ee15-4ac3-a45d-053406cc9e4e writerID: 75 writerName: Lee.BEAUMONT@gloucestershire.gov.uk</pre>

7. Take the Media ID (18532) and use it in the media tree to search for your document

