

# Introduction and General Rules

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# Short introduction

This Document is meant to be a complete and foolproof guide for TheRetroWeb Curators on how to add, edit, and manage items in all Categories - Motherboards, Chip, Expainsion Cards, Hard Drives, Optical and Floppy Drives, Drivers and all other miscellaneous categories.

It will also try to make new (maybe stricter) Guidelines for Categories that didnt have them well defined or that were without them.

I was forced to make this by ComputerGuy, so please bother him with any issues



(Also dont forget to read chapter 12)

# General Rules

**All the general rules will be listed in each respective category chapter, but there are few that are true for every category, some of the most important ones are:**

- Try to follow rules listed in this Document
- If you find anything that you think should be changed dont hesitate to bring it up in Discord, but dont do any large changes without at least a discussion with other curators or admins (or Me).
- Try to keep the naming consistent. This is true for every category but as you will see later in this document in later chapters is that its not possible to do on a global scale and lot of the time even on manufacturer by manufacturer basis. Each category will have a list of specific naming conventions for manufacturers or types of items but there will *\*always\** be stuff that doesnt work well with them. (Iam looking at you MSI)
- Be polite :)

# Where to ask for help

## **If you need help there are few places:**

### **1) This document:**

- If you are not sure please first check if the answer is in this document, i tried to make this list as complete as i can but there will always be edgcases, exceptions and other weird Stuff not covered.

### **2) TheRetroWeb Discord:**

- Dont hesitate to ask in the Discord Channel for help, there are experts and experienced Curators that will be happy to help with any questions regarding curator work.

### **3) Me:**

- If you didnt find answer in this document or in Discord channel feel free to either ping me in the Discord Channel or DM me directly. I will be happy to help or to double check any work done but please keep in mind iam not an expert on every subject.

# Discord Submissions

Discord Submission are User Submissions posted into [submissions-feedback](#) Discord Channel  
General rules are also written [here](#)

## General Rules:

(All Category specific rules apply here too, please check those before adding submissions)

### 1) Age Limit

There is a age/era cutoff age limit for what items we accept in public submissions:

#### For Motherboards:

We accept all boards with sockets 1366/1156/AM3 and older, but there are exceptions to this rule, we accept motherboard submissions when the motherboard meets one of these criteria:

- Does not appear in Google results
- Vendor has abandoned all support
- Vendor page is unusable, has broken links or there is a chance that it will stop existing soon
- Is an OEM board with no vendor support (no specification page, documentation, bioses etc)
- Is an Engineering Sample

#### For Graphics Cards:

We accept all Graphics Cards up to Nvidia GTX400 Series and AMD HD 5000 Series, there can be exceptions for newer cards (same criteria as for motherboards apply)

#### For other Expansion cards and other Items (HDDs, Optical/Floppy Drives, etc.):

Its almost impossible to set a cutoff point that will apply for everything so i will not even try. As a curator you have a lot of freedom in these categories, same criteria as for motherboards should apply here, but if you think the card or hard drive is too new to be added you have all right to skip it.

### 2) Images

- All images should be credited with the name of the User posting them (before adding a new creditor please double check that it was not already added under a different name, alias etc.)
- Please try to crop Images so that there is not much empty space around the item (if it was not already done by the User).

We **DO NOT** accept submission images that break any of these rules:

- all images posted/linked have to be made by the user submitting them or have to be from someone they know/have permission for to use and all parties must agree to [CC BY-SA 4.0](#) license.

- we DO NOT accept eBay/auction site images, web archive images, manufacturer images, etc. in public submissions (this is because we have an increasingly larger submissions backlog and we want to prioritize high quality entries)

### **3) Marking Submissions**

Legend of reactions used on submissions:

- Work in Progress
- Finished
- Submission is not suitable or breaks some rules
- More info needed
- Help needed from other curators
- waiting for more info

### **4) Other Notes**

- You can close finished submission by Right-clicking on it and then clicking \*Close Post\*

- You can call t

he BIOS bot on any post that includes Motherboard BIOS File, skipping the need to use #?rom-check, you can use this on GPU VBIOS ROMs too. At this time only PCI, AGP and PCIe Card ROMs are supported (ISA, MCA and VLB ROMs are not supported)