

# Annotation Guidelines for Annotating Solved / Unsolved Complex Search Forum Threads with GoogleSheets

There are several spreadsheets distinguished by the resource type (Game, Book, Movie), from which the threads come. They were automatically categorized whether they were solved. This is much more likely for games than for movies.

**We need to have 500 solved threads for each domain, so you can stop after you have found 500 “adequate” requests that were solved for your domain.**

Here is the general annotation task:

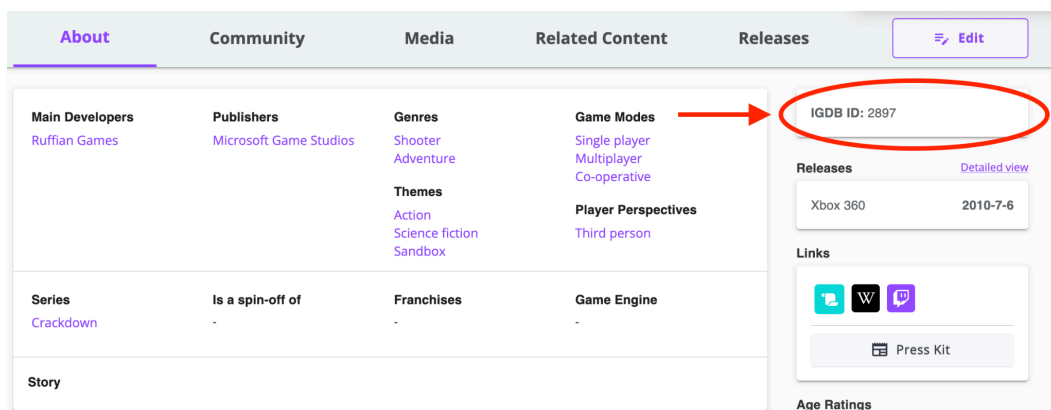
- For each thread, which usually consists of several lines in the spreadsheet (marked with the same thread ID), we want to know:
  - Where the correct answer to the original poster’s (OP) request was given.
  - Whether this was confirmed as the correct answer by the OP.
  - What the answer is.
  - Whether there is an ID for the object (e.g., IMDB movie ID).

In each spreadsheet, there are 4 columns at the end, which need to be annotated:

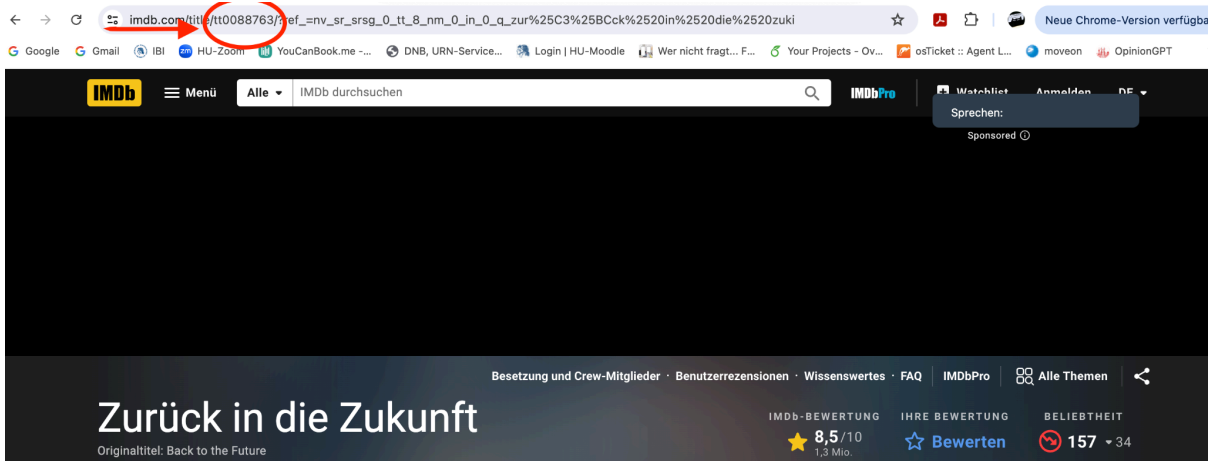
- solved: can have “**solved**”, “**unsolved**” or “**confirmed**” or “**unusable**”
- answer: this should contain the title of the requested book, movie, or game
- \_ID: This should contain - if available - the ID of the object in the database, which is searched
- notes: any comments that need to be mentioned during the annotation process

## ID search

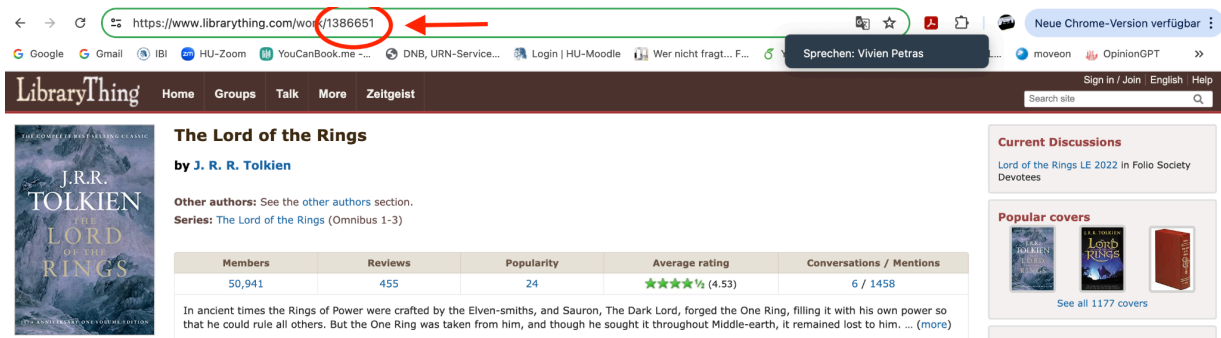
For games, please use the IGDB (<https://www.igdb.com/>). The ID is displayed on the right part of a record for a game.



For movies, please use the IMDB (<https://www.imdb.com/>). The ID is part of the URL and starts with “tt”.



For books, please use LibraryThing (<https://www.librarything.com>). The ID is part of the URL and is a number.



## Annotation steps per thread:

1. Identify the beginning and end of a thread by checking the thread\_id. Please also keep note of who the OP is (in the user\_comments column), only the OP can confirm.
2. Please read through the entire thread to see which answers are mentioned and whether one of the answers is confirmed by the OP.
3. If the request does not ask for a particular game, movie, book (i.e., a known-item request) or is in any way unusual (e.g. asking for 2 books or anything) or disturbing (i.e. by mentioning sexual assault or other disturbing topics), please ignore it and declare it "unusable".
4. If no answer is confirmed by the OP, please write "unsolved" in the last line of the thread in the solved column. A thread only counts as solved if the OP confirms the solution.
5. If an answer is confirmed by the OP, please mark the comment where the correct answer is **first** mentioned with "solved" in the solved column, then:
6. Look up the game, movie, book in the respective database and note the correct title and ID in the columns. Please spell correct the title according to the database that you look up the resource, and mark this in the comment column.
7. Mark all additional cases, where the correct answer is mentioned (this is also true, if the commenter confirms the previous suggestion such as "Yes, that's the one" - the title of the object doesn't need to be mentioned), also with "solved", but you don't need to add the title or ID again.
8. Mark the comment where the OP confirms with "confirmed" in the solved column. If several answers are given and it's not quite clear to which the OP confirms that it is the right one, we will assume it is the last post before the OP confirms. However, we will note with "multiple answers plausibly confirmed" that there is uncertainty.
9. Note any special observations in the notes column. For example, if in the Games spreadsheet, the comment was made by a bot. Please move the existing bot comments from the solved to the note column.