

Archive today wikipedia

archive.today is an on-demand web archiving service at <https://archive.today>. A web archiving service allows Wikipedia editors to reduce link rot by preserving a copy of an online source that can be accessed if the original page is moved, changes, or disappears. Not all web pages can be archived using archive.today.[1]

The owner of the service has requested Wikipedia to always use the "archive.today" domain - it is a gateway that redirects to one of the final destinations (.is, .li, .fo, .ph, .vn and .md) based on load and availability. It provides archive.today flexibility to dynamically redirect traffic to other domains/servers.

Other web archiving services are Wayback Machine and at least 20 other providers in use on Wikipedia. Similar to archive.today, the Wayback Machine takes snapshots of webpages at certain times, as well as user-initiated on-demand archiving called "Save Page Now" (SPN).[2][3] Wayback and archive.today operate differently, and certain pages can be archived by one but not the other. Wayback is used in over 80% of instances.

There are several ways to submit a web page to archive.today for archiving. For new users, the website form is suggested. The other methods are better suited to those who use archive.today regularly.

Android app Share2Archive can access archive.today by means of a Share action. When viewing a Web page in an Android Web browser (e.g., Chrome, Edge, Firefox), Share it to Share2Archive, and the page archive will open in the default Web browser (not necessarily the same Web browser). If the page is already archived, the archived copy will open; otherwise, a new archive of the page will be initiated.

Firefox smart keywords are commonly used to perform searches through the Firefox address bar or to open a bookmark by typing a keyword into the Firefox address bar. Here we are going to use a smart keyword to submit a URL to archive.today for archiving. The key steps are:

Although this is created through Chrome's search engine feature, this functions just like a smart keyword in Firefox. This method is moderately simple to set up.

This archive URL can be inserted into the `archiveurl=` and its supporting `archivedate=` and `url-status=` parameters in any of the citation templates. If the original URL is no longer accessible, the `url-status` parameter value should be set to `dead`. If the original URL is still accessible, the `url-status` parameter value should be set to `live`.

The request for comment (RfC) held at [Wikipedia:Archive.is RFC 4](#) ended in June 2016 with consensus to remove archive.is from the blacklist. The previous consensus, established earlier at [Wikipedia:Archive.is RFC 3](#), was to blacklist links to archive.today, as soon as all the existing links were removed.

On Wikipedia you can archive sources to prevent link rot. A comprehensive list of web archive sites can be found at [WP:WEBARCHIVES](#) (technical documentation) and [List of Web archiving initiatives](#). Below are some of the most common. See also [WP:Link rot](#) for more detailed information.

Note that as of early 2024, Google has removed links to its cached pages from Google search results (known informally as "Google cache"). The article from Ars Technica in the link above describes an alternative method to access cached pages on Google that may still work.

The Wayback Machine is a service which can be used to cite archived copies of web pages used by articles. This is useful if a web page has changed, moved, or disappeared; links to the original content can be retained. This process can be performed automatically, using the web interface for [User:InternetArchiveBot](#).

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