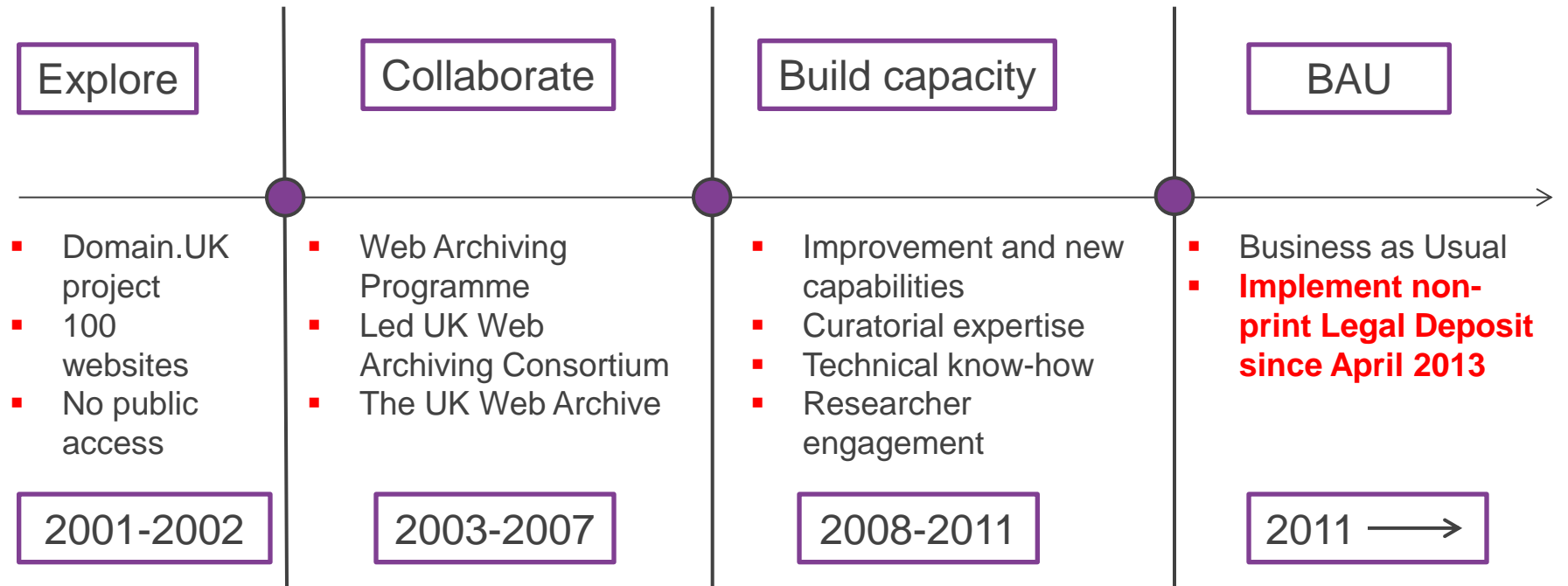


# 10 Years of archiving the UK Web

Helen Hockx-Yu

Head of Web Archiving, British Library

# Web Archiving @ the British Library



Collect UK digital heritage and provide continued access to archived web resources

# The UK Web Archiving Consortium

The screenshot shows the UK Web Archiving Consortium (UKWAC) website. At the top, a browser address bar displays the URL: [www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20080404162647/http://www.webarchive.org.uk/](http://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20080404162647/http://www.webarchive.org.uk/). Below the address bar, a navigation bar includes a UKWA logo, a search box with the text "http://www.webarchive.org.uk/", a "Go" button, and a calendar interface showing the date "4" in "APR" 2008. The calendar also shows "MAR" and "AUG" for navigation, and "2007", "2008", and "2009" for year selection. A "Close" button with a red 'X' is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the UKWAC logo and name are displayed, along with the URL [www.webarchive.org.uk](http://www.webarchive.org.uk). A search bar with a "Search" button and a "Subjects Menu" dropdown (set to "-- Select --") is present. A sidebar on the left contains a list of links: "Archive Home Page", "Contact", "About UKWAC", "About the Archive", "News", "Links", and "Site Map". The main content area lists various subject categories: "Arts & Humanities", "Government & Politics", "Reference Works", "Business & Economy", "Health", "Science & Technology", "Education & Research", "News & Media", and "Society & Culture". Below these categories, a "Collections" section is visible. At the bottom, a footer text reads: "View the [complete listing of sites](#) available within the Archive or search sites alphabetically 1-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X-Z".

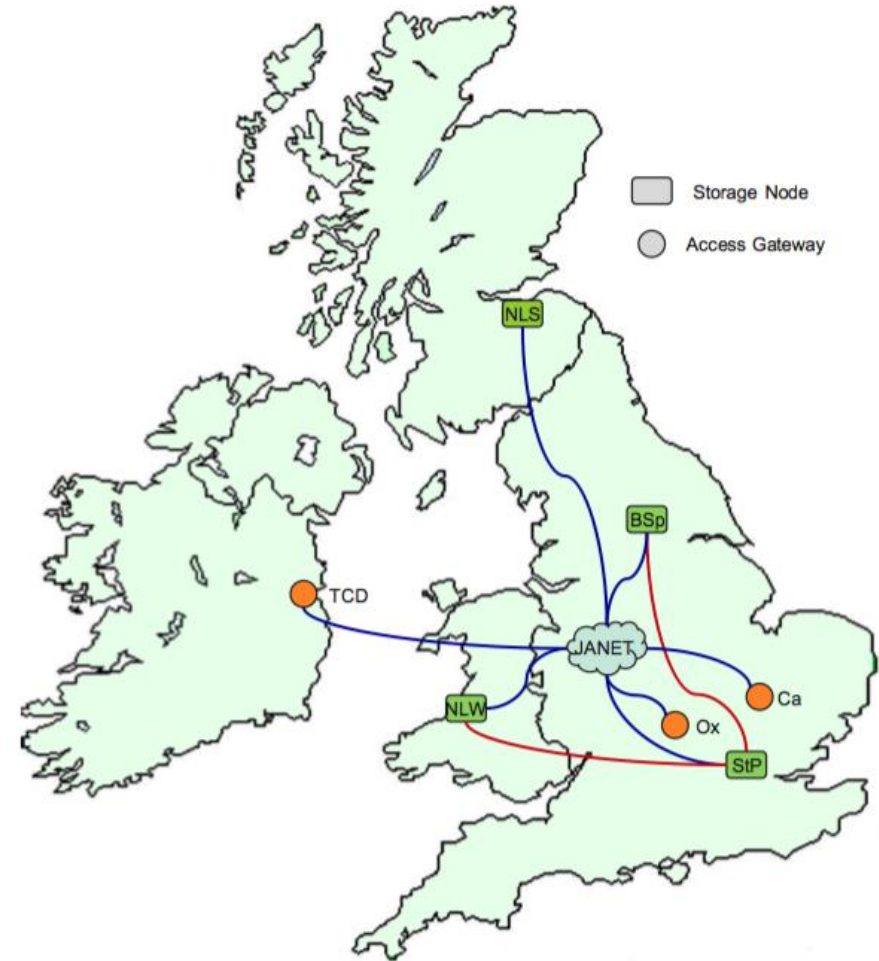
# 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013...

- Legal Deposit Libraries (Non-Print Works) Regulations 2013
- Extension of existing legal framework
- Systematic collection of UK's published output for heritage & preservation
- By 6 UK Legal Deposit Libraries



# The Digital Library System

- 4 Nodes (Complete Copies)
  - British Library, St. Pancras
  - British Library, Boston Spa
  - National Library of Wales
  - National Library of Scotland
- Additional Access Points
  - Bodleian Library, Oxford
  - Cambridge University Library
  - Trinity College Library, Dublin



# The UK Web Domain

- Over 10 million .uk registered domain
- UK organisations also use non .uk domain names (eg .com or .org)
  - Exact scale unknown
- Non-print Legal Deposit applies to
  - the open (freely available) web: .uk
  - other UK-published (non .uk) websites, such as .com, .org...
    - made available to the public by a person or an organisation and the activities relating to the creation or the publication of the work take place within the United Kingdom



# Collecting strategy

## Domain Crawl

### Events

Domain crawl:

- Broad crawl of UK domain
- Once or twice a year

### Key sites

Events & key sites and news:

- Events of UK interest
- High value, high impact sites
- National & regional news

### News

Special Collection:

- Focused, thematic collections
- Support priority subjects



# Open UK Web Archive

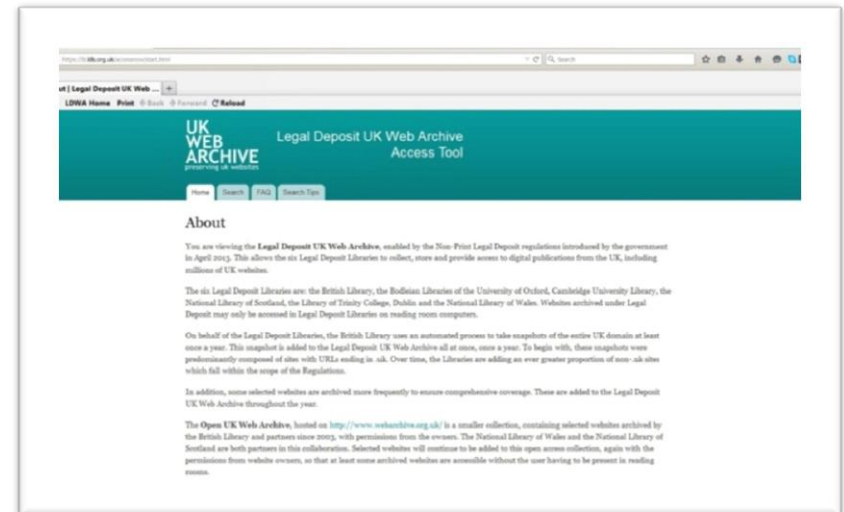
- Based on websites owners' permissions
- 24/7 access
- ~68, 000 point-in-time snapshots of over 15,000 selected UK websites
- 21TB
- Continues to grow
- Going forward: showcase the Legal Deposit content





# Legal Deposit UK Web Archive

- Annual UK Domain Crawl
  - 2013: 31TB, 1.6 billion URLs, 4 million hosts
  - 2014: 57TB including 2.5 non .uk domains
- Events, news sites, key sites
  - ~15TB
- Discoverable through British Library's online catalogue
- Full-text searchable in the reading rooms



# Same job, just bigger and more complex

“Hockx-Yu is now on the front line of the most ambitious expansion of the British Library’s archiving capability in more than 300 years. At the stroke of midnight on April 5, 2013, legislation known as the Legal Deposit regulations came into force, charging the library with capturing the contents of the entire U.K. web domain—every site carrying the .uk suffix—preserving the material and making it publicly accessible.”

Jacobson (2014)

TECH & SCIENCE

## Inside the Struggle to Preserve the World's Data

BY PHILIP JACOBSON / JULY 2, 2014 12:21 PM EDT



## Newsweek

“ the British Library’s web archiving operation, [is] rated by experts in the field as among the best in the business. “

# Web archiving: the global picture

- Survey of web archiving initiatives (Daniel Gomes et al 2010)
  - 42 web archiving initiatives across 26 countries since 1996
  - 6.6PB archived web resources
- International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) - from 12 founding members in 2003 to nearly 50 in 2015
  - Most members are national memory institutions
- How much of the Web is Archived (Scott Ainsworth et al, 2012)

Percentage archived	# of copies in public archive
35% -90%	At least one
17-49%	2-5
1%-8%	6-10
8%-63%	>10

- BL and CDNL (association of chief executives of national libraries) survey: 30 nations have legislations by 2012 enabling web harvesting

# Types of web archives

- Global: Internet Archive's Wayback Machine
- National: UK, Denmark, France, Finland and many other countries
- Sub-set of a national domain: eg UK Government Web Archive, Canadian Government Web Archive
- Topical collections: eg Human rights
- Collaborative: Archive-It service by Internet Archive
- Corporate: a single organisation's web estate, eg UK Parliament Web Archive

# Reflections / observations

- High concentration of use of technology and practice
- Modern browsers can render virtually any webpage. But the same pages often defeat our purpose-built crawlers
- National approach to archiving the global web
- Does size matter?
- Role of Legal Deposit
- Library/Archive discourse
- What is driving web archiving?

# Access and use of web archives

- Completeness versus openness
  - Many countries don't have Legal Deposit
  - Legal Deposit national collections have restricted access
- Not enough versus too much
  - Pre-selected or defined collections not relevant to all researchers; difficulty in finding relevant content in large scale web archive
- Arbitrary (national) boundaries often irrelevant to research question
- (Single) envisaged use case based on browsing of individual websites page by page

# An archived website

Translate to Welsh

**UK WEB ARCHIVE**  
preserving uk websites

Archived August 2005 Archived November 2005 Archived May 2006 Archived June 2007 Archived March 2009  
Archived October 2004 Archived March 2005 Archived November 2006 Archived November 2008 Archived May 2009

You are here: [Home](#) > [Search](#) > British Library, The

**British Library, The**

This site is part of the following subject(s):  
Education & Research > Libraries, Archives and Museums

This site was archived for preservation by the British Library.  
The live site may provide more information.

**Text Search**

Search all instances by text

**Instances**

Archived 18 Apr 1995	Archived 07 Dec 2004	Archived 16 Jul 2005	Archived 29 Jul 2005	Archived 12 Aug 2005	Archived 09 Sep 2005
Archived 23 Sep 2005	Archived 07 Oct 2005	Archived 21 Oct 2005	Archived 07 Jan 2006	Archived 20 Apr 2006	Archived 12 Jun 2006
Archived 21 Feb 2007	Archived 17 Oct 2007	Archived 19 Nov 2007	Archived 02 Sep 2008	Archived 09 Dec 2008	Archived 24 Jul 2009
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**Quick search**

Please enter text

☐ Title (for a specific archived website)

☐ Full text (across all the archived websites)

Advanced search

**Your comments**

Please send your comments and suggestions about sites archived by British Library to [web-archivist@bl.uk](mailto:web-archivist@bl.uk)

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**PORTICO - online information about THE BRITISH LIBRARY**

Welcome to [Portico](#), The British Library's Online Information Server.

[Current Portico Highlights](#)

Portico currently features the following:

- A preview of some forthcoming [exhibitions](#) at The British Library
- [Initiatives for Access](#) - An overview of The Library's programme of digitisation and networking projects
- News of a Major British Library Acquisition - [The Archive of John Evelyn](#)
- The British Library and the [St Pancras Building](#)
- [Science Technology and Innovation](#) - A Review of Recent Policy Developments
- [The Portico Gopher](#) - A guide to British Library events, services and collections
- A Guide to Further [World Wide Web Resources](#)

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# Collections

UK WEB ARCHIVE

preserving uk websites

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Each Special Collection is a group of websites, usually more than fifty and less than four hundred, brought together on a particular theme, either events-based (e.g. The Olympic & Paralympic Games 2012), topical (e.g. The Credit Crunch Collection), or subject-oriented (e.g. The British Countryside Collections). These have been especially compiled by curators and other subject specialist to make useful and interesting Special Collections.

Remember you can use the Search tips ?

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Cambridge Network

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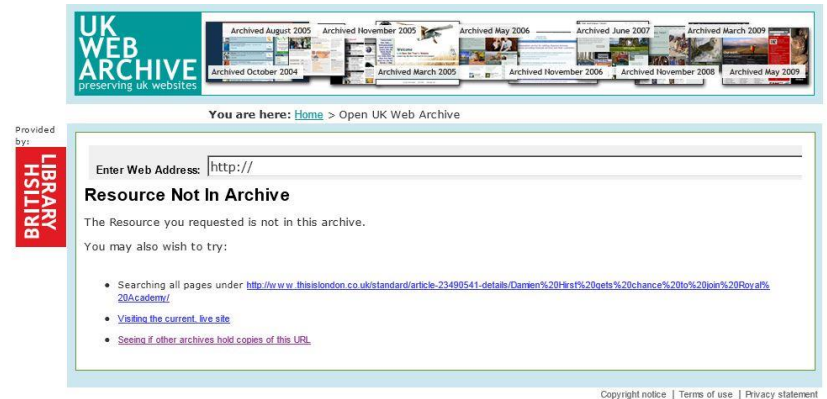
- Full-text search, results can be refined by facets
  - Content type (html, pdf...)
  - Crawl year
  - (individual) Domain (bbc.co.uk; newsforScotland.com...)
  - Domain suffix (.co.uk; .org.uk; .ac.uk; .com)
  - Author (based on metadata extracted from web pages)
  - ...
- Still has “collections” – selected and curated by curators, usually crawled within a fixed period of time, relating to an event
- Subjects information – added to selected sites only – included in the index

# Issues of “document-centric” approach

- Rise of “digital scholarship”, taking advantage of the possibilities offered by technology
- Primacy of “text” as object of study no longer exists
- “Paratexts” play a crucial role in textual coherence of a website: header & footer drop-down menu, site map, breadcrumb, etc. (Brügger, 2010)
- “Distant reading” focus on units that are much smaller or much larger than the text: devices, themes, tropes—or genres and systems (Moretti, 2000)

# “Resource Not in Archive”

- Common error message but appears for different reasons
- Intended boundary
  - No permission for linked content
  - Not allow by robots.txt
  - Edge of a archive
  - Data limitation
- Technical limitations, e.g. dynamic content the crawler could not collect
- In UK Web Archive: avoid dead end in navigation
  - Search
  - Link to live web
  - Find archived copies elsewhere



# There is so much more...

- Statistical overview, scale and distribution of a web national domain
- Evolution, pattern of change over time, eg domain names
- Space: geo location, postcodes
- Type of content, eg file format, language
- Correlation, eg between certain term and historical event
- Structure, linked entities and networks
- Other web archives

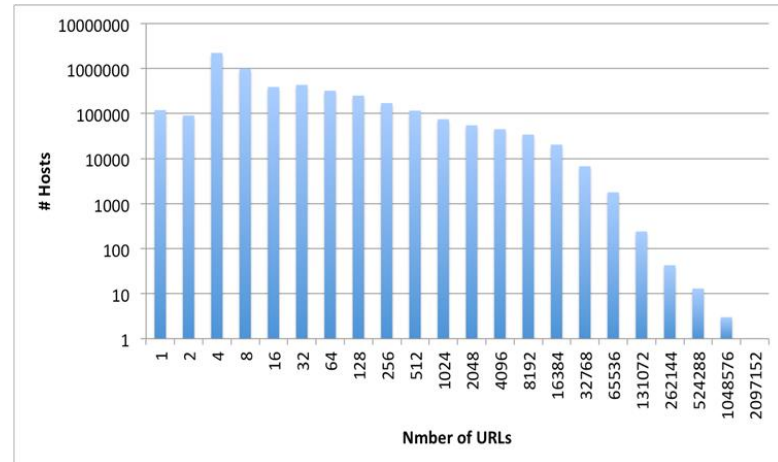
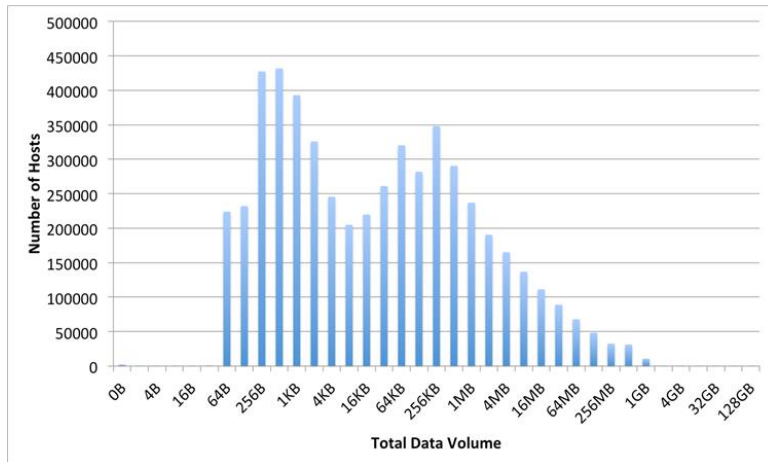
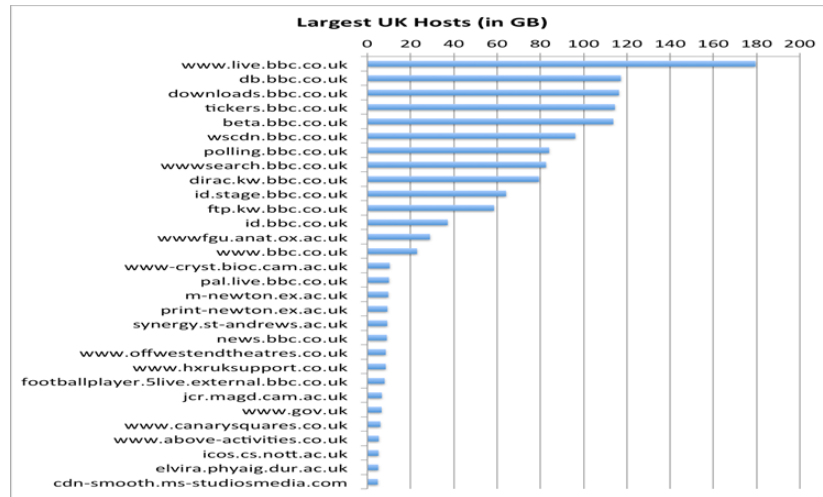
# JISC UK Web Domain dataset (1996-2013)

- Copies of UK websites extracted from the Internet Archives collection
  - 57TB, 4 billion URLs
- Research agreement between JISC and IA, upholding IA's Terms of Use
  - Access via IA's Wayback Machine
  - Allows replication / extraction of secondary datasets: [Format profile](#), [Geoindex](#), [Host Link Graph](#)
- BL hosts the dataset on behalf of JISC
- Serves as research test bed and used by various research projects
  - JISC funded: [Analytical Access to the Domain Dark Archive \(AADDA\)](#); [Big data for political science](#)
  - AHRC funded: [Big UK Domain Data for Arts and Humanities](#)
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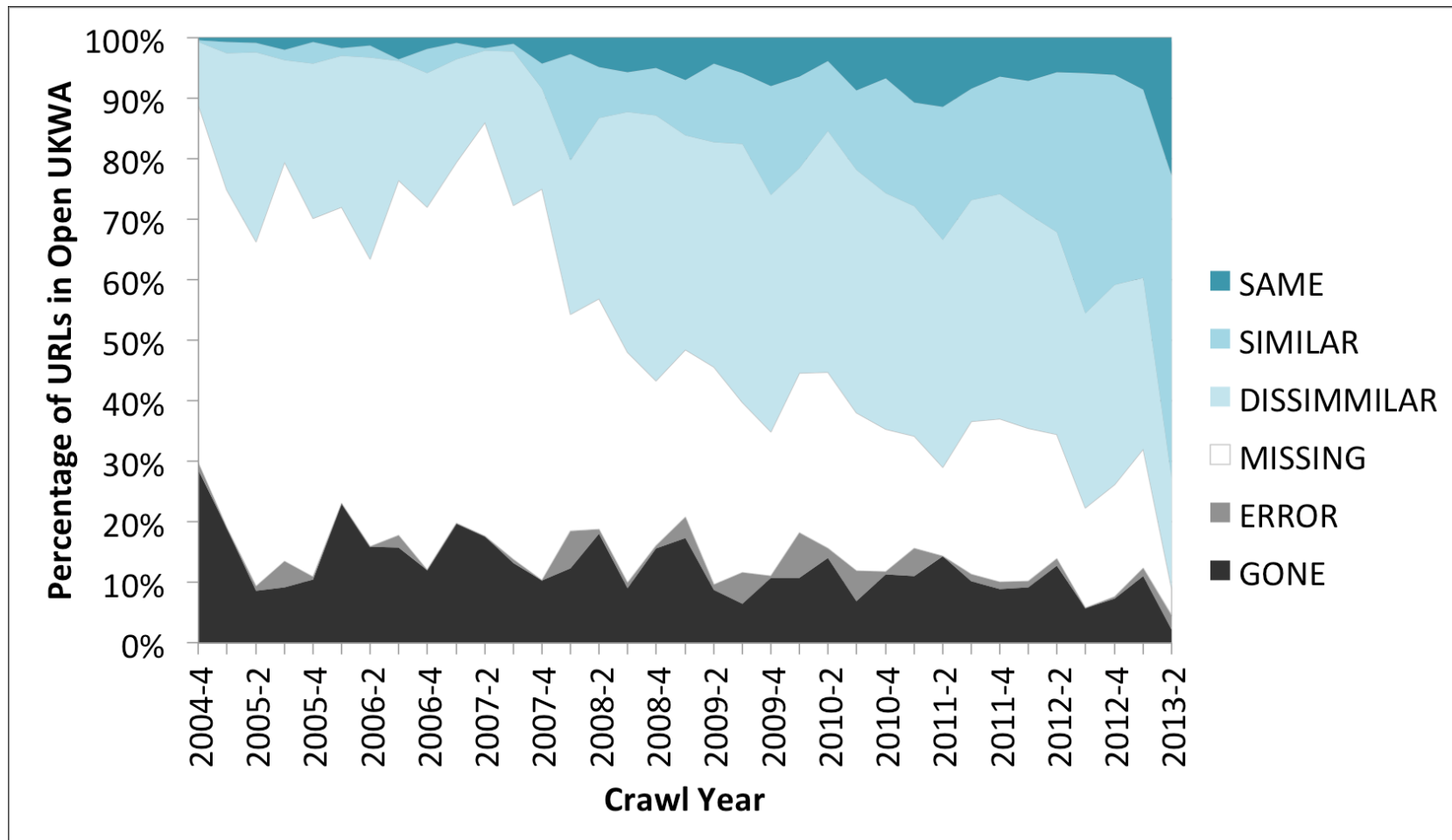
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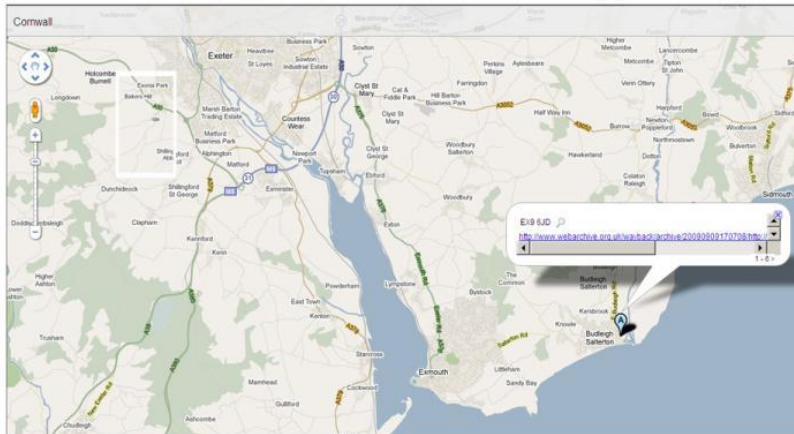
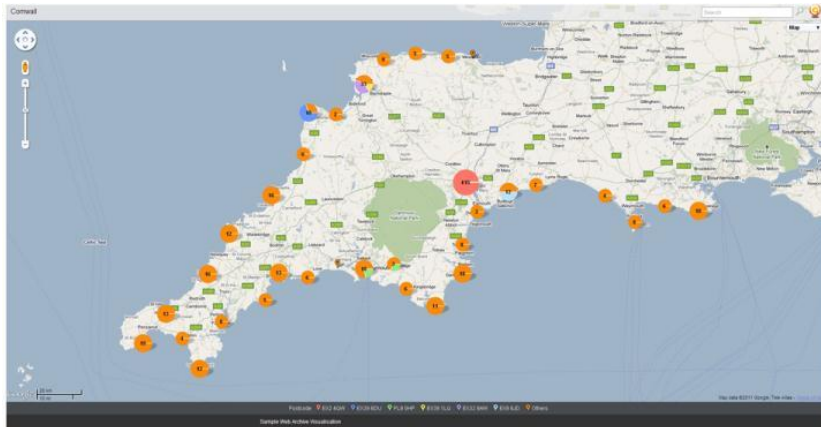
# The UK Web in 2013



# Evolution of the UK web (2004 -2013)



# Postcode-based access



THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE **South West Coast Path** UK WEB ARCHIVE NATIONAL TRAIL

HOME SEARCH GO THINGS TO DISCOVER WALKS FOR EVERYONE USEFUL INFORMATION

### SHORT WALKS (up to one day)

**WALK NAME:** Salcombe to Bolt Head  
**START LOCATION:** South Sands, Salcombe  
**FINISH LOCATION:** South Sands, Salcombe  
**DISTANCE:** 3 miles (4km)  
**GRADE:** Moderate  
**TERRAIN:** Coastal footpath uneven and rocky in places; surfaced road; field footpath.  
**CIRCULAR WALK:** Yes  
**FREE FROM OBSTACLES & STEEP GRADIENTS:** No  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** [South Devon AONB Service](#)  
**WALK DESCRIPTION:**

Passing through an enchanted landscape of rocky spires and jumbled pinnacles, with inspiring views in all directions, this is a coastal walk guaranteed to lift the spirits.

The South Devon AONB Service have produced a leaflet for this walk giving directions, along with information on the wildlife, geology and history of the area. It can be viewed and printed by clicking on the 'Printer friendly page' button on the right hand side, near the bottom of the page.

To find out more about the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and download other walks visit their website - <http://www.southdevon.org.uk>

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION:**  
 There are bus services to Salcombe. 606 from Kingsbridge; 92 from Plymouth and Kingsbridge. From bus stop follow the pedestrian signs to town centre and Whitstrand Pontoon.  
 For details visit [Traveline](#) or phone 0870 6082608

**NEAREST TOILETS:**  
 Public toilets at South Sands and at Whitstrand, Salcombe

**NEAREST CAR PARKS:**  
 Shadycombe Car Park, Salcombe (Postcode for Sat Nav: **PL19 9ND**) for ferry to South Sands from Whitstrand Pontoon. Pay and display, Tides Reach car park, South Sands.

**NEAREST REFRESHMENTS:**  
 Several pubs, cafes and restaurants in Salcombe. Tides Reach Hotel, South Sands serves refreshments and cream teas.

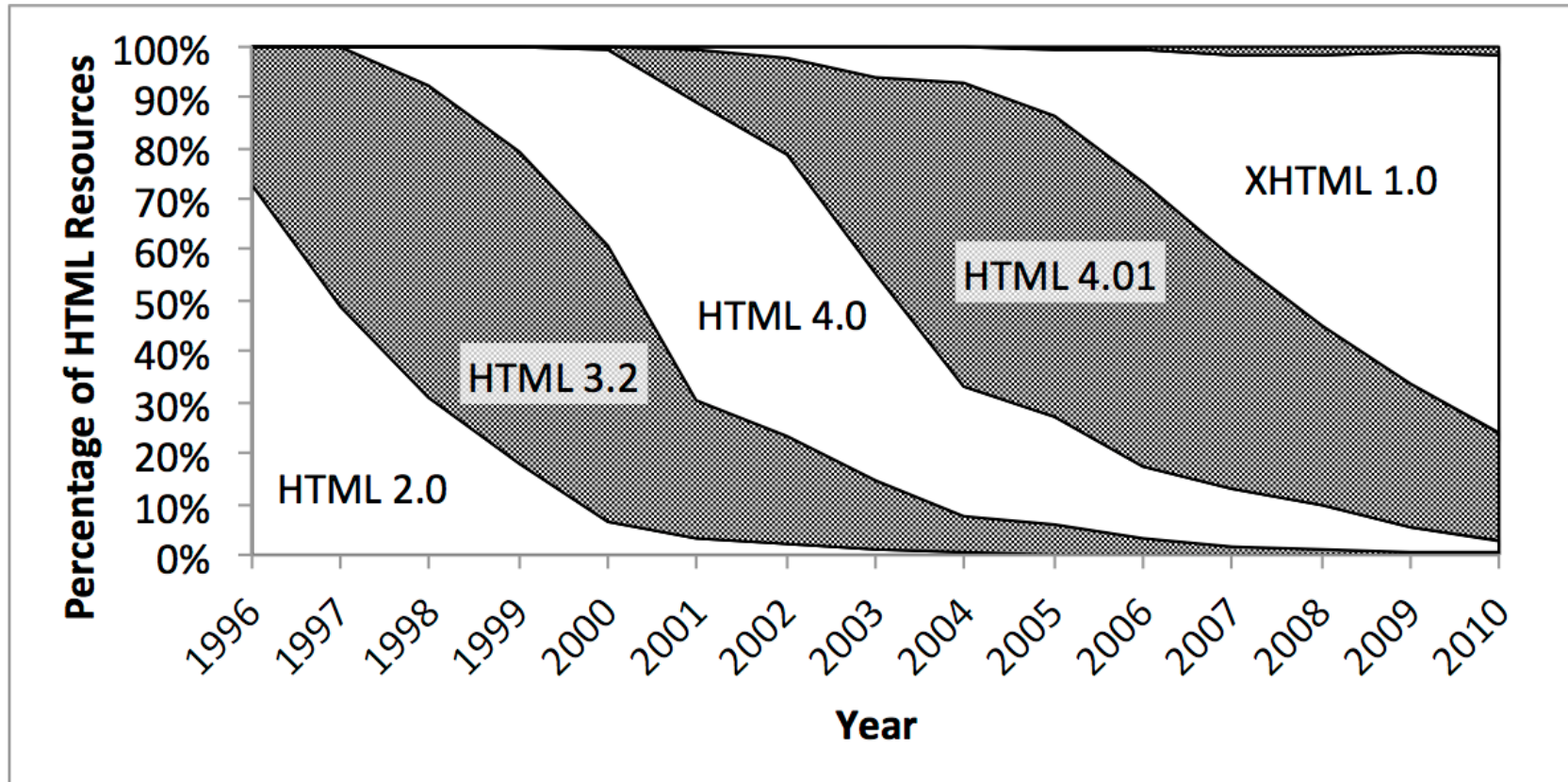
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[Salcombe Tourist Information Centre](#) or phone 01548 843927870

**Salcombe Estuary**

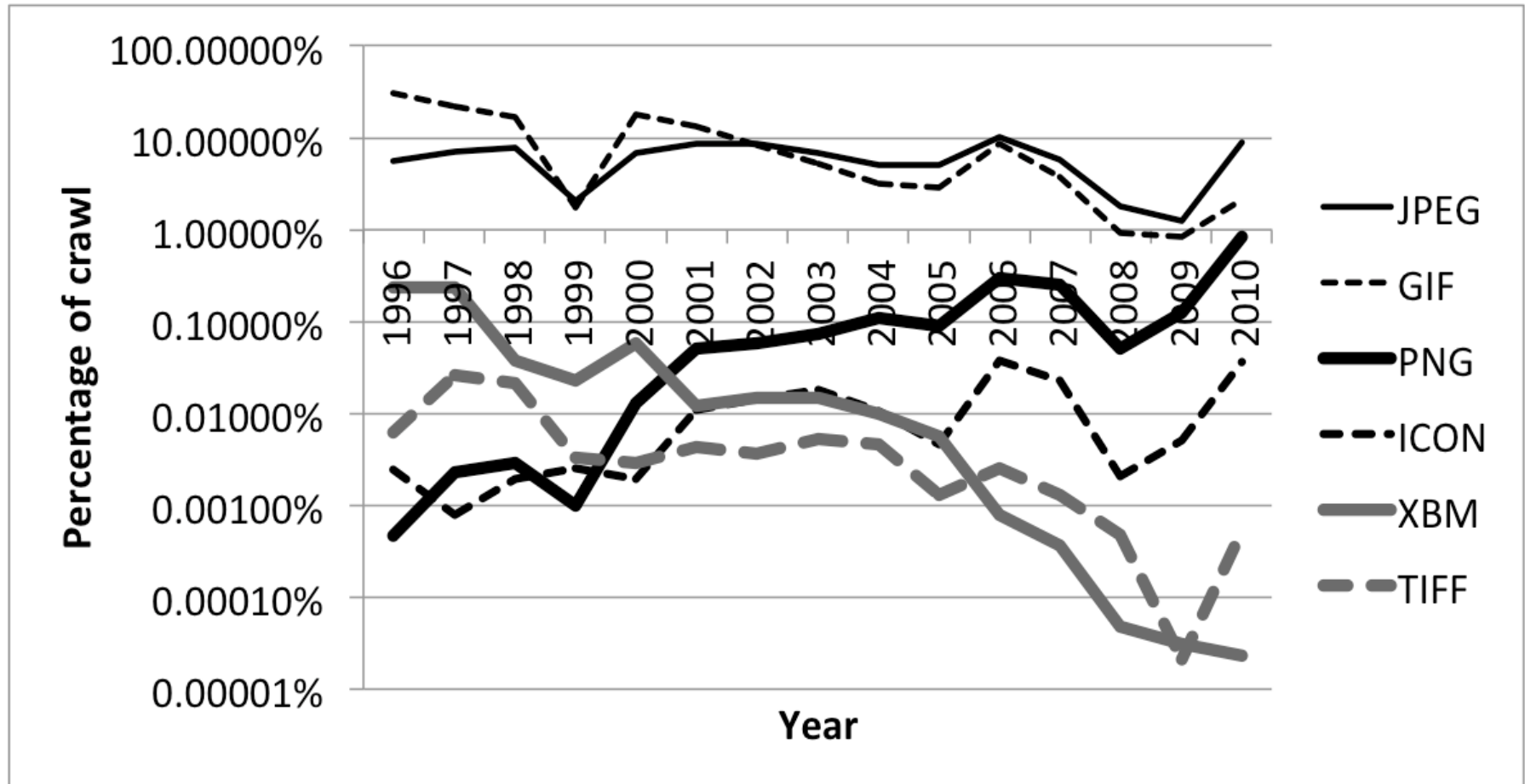
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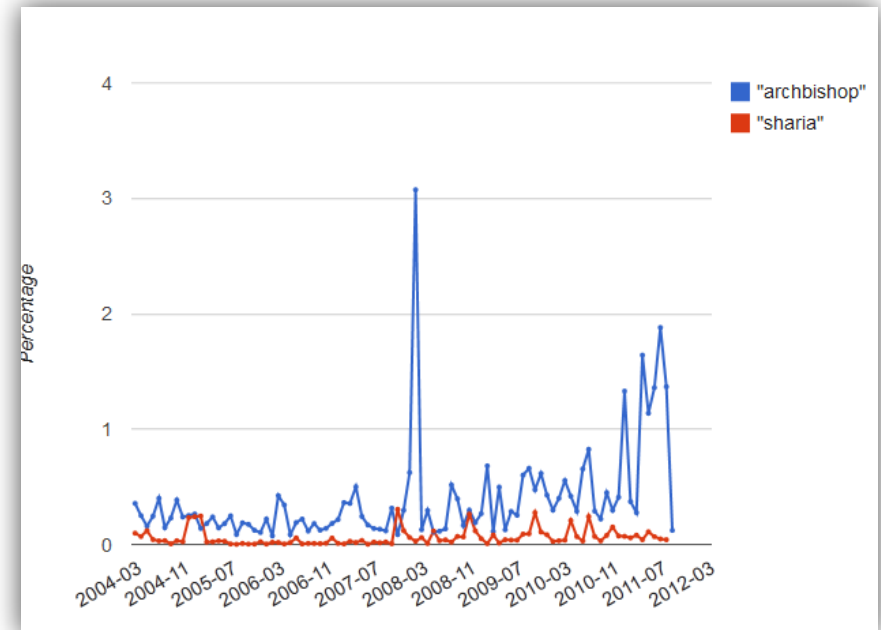
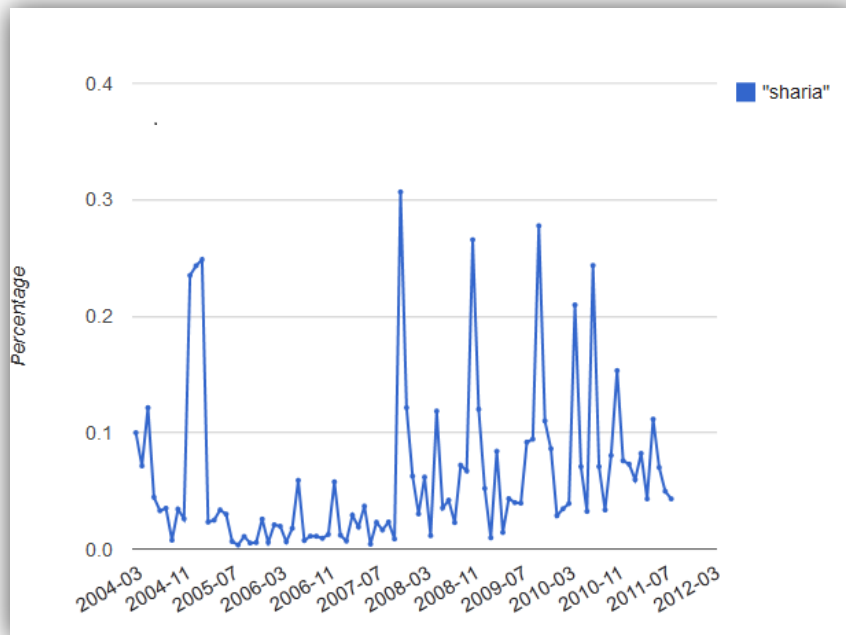
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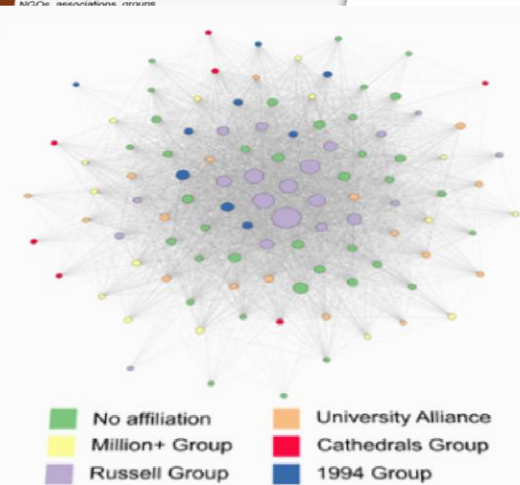
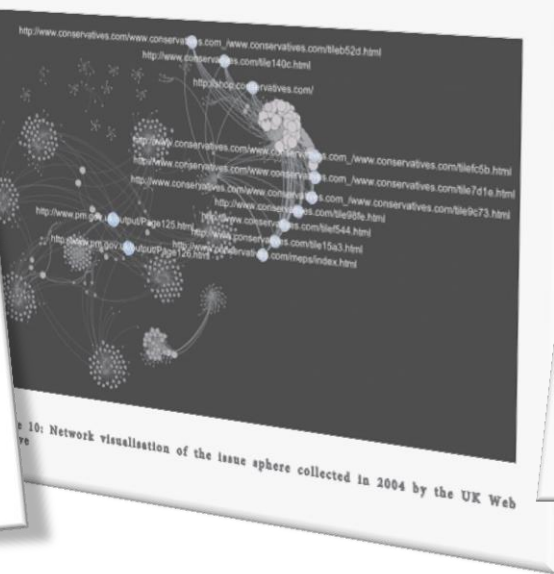
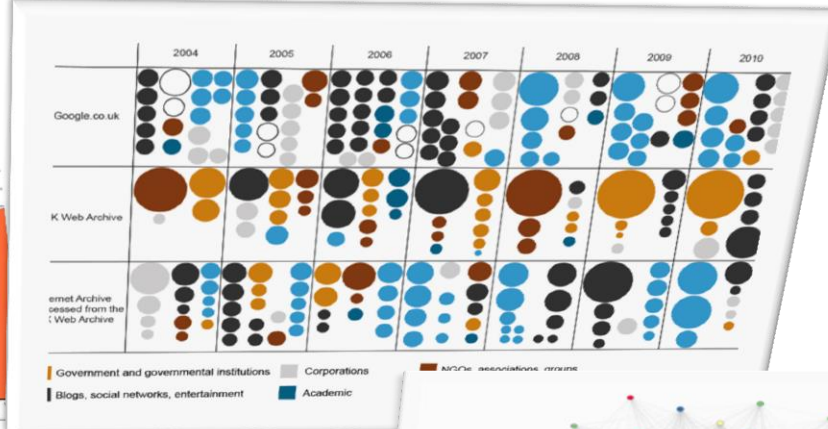
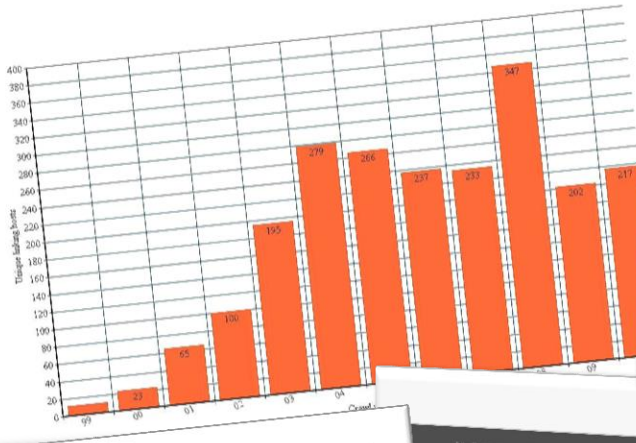
# Using N-gram for scholarly research



■ *Courtesy of Dr Peter Webster, Institute of Historical Research, University of London*



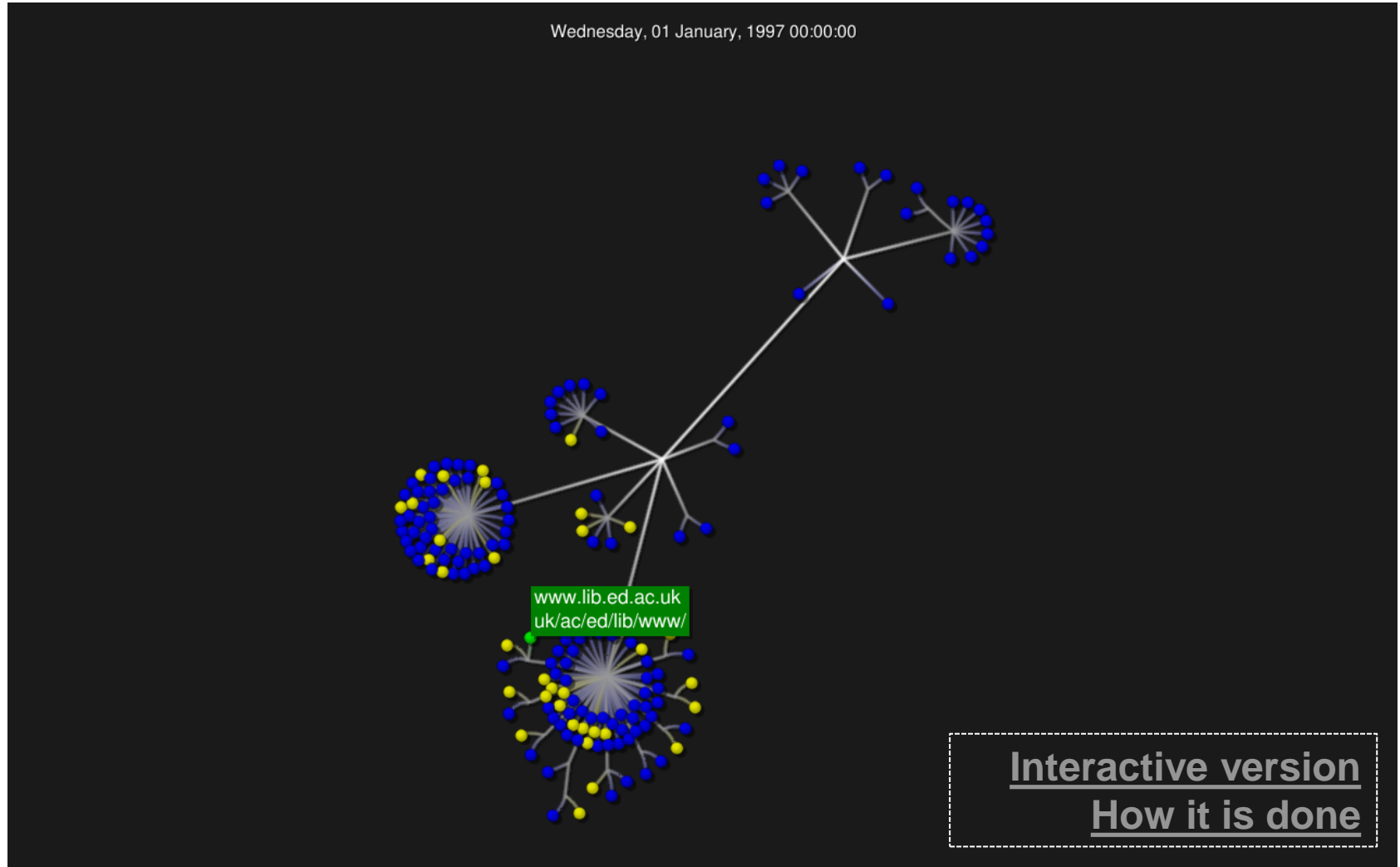
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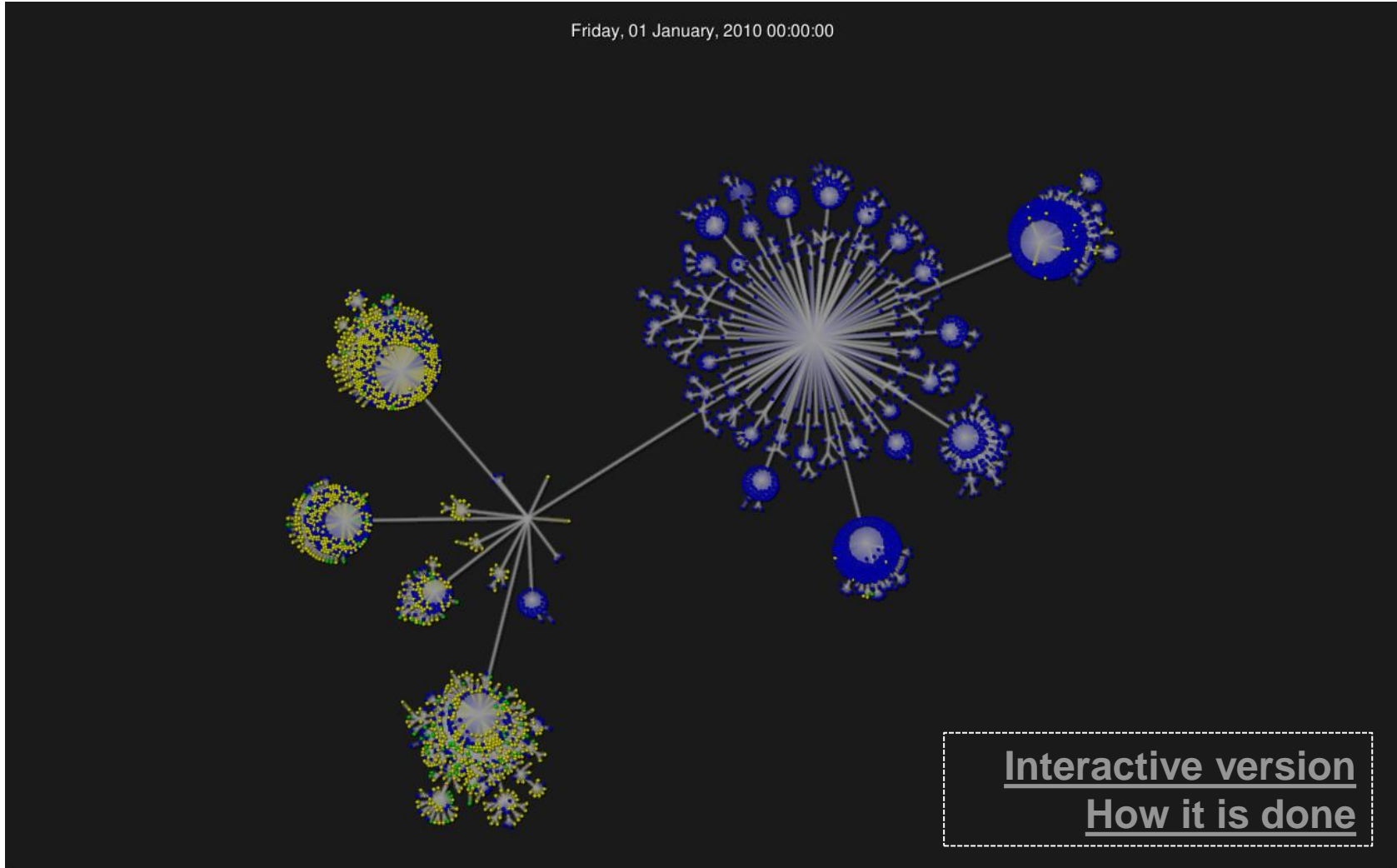
**Figure 5: Network diagram of hyperlinks between universities. Different colors indicate different university affiliations.**



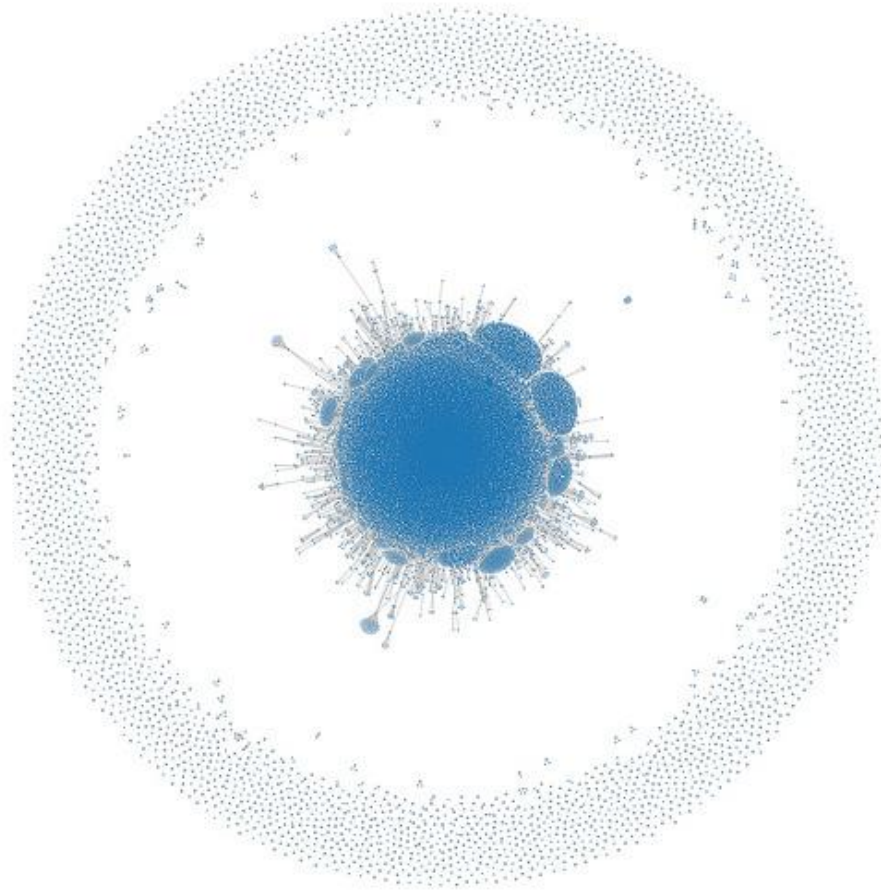
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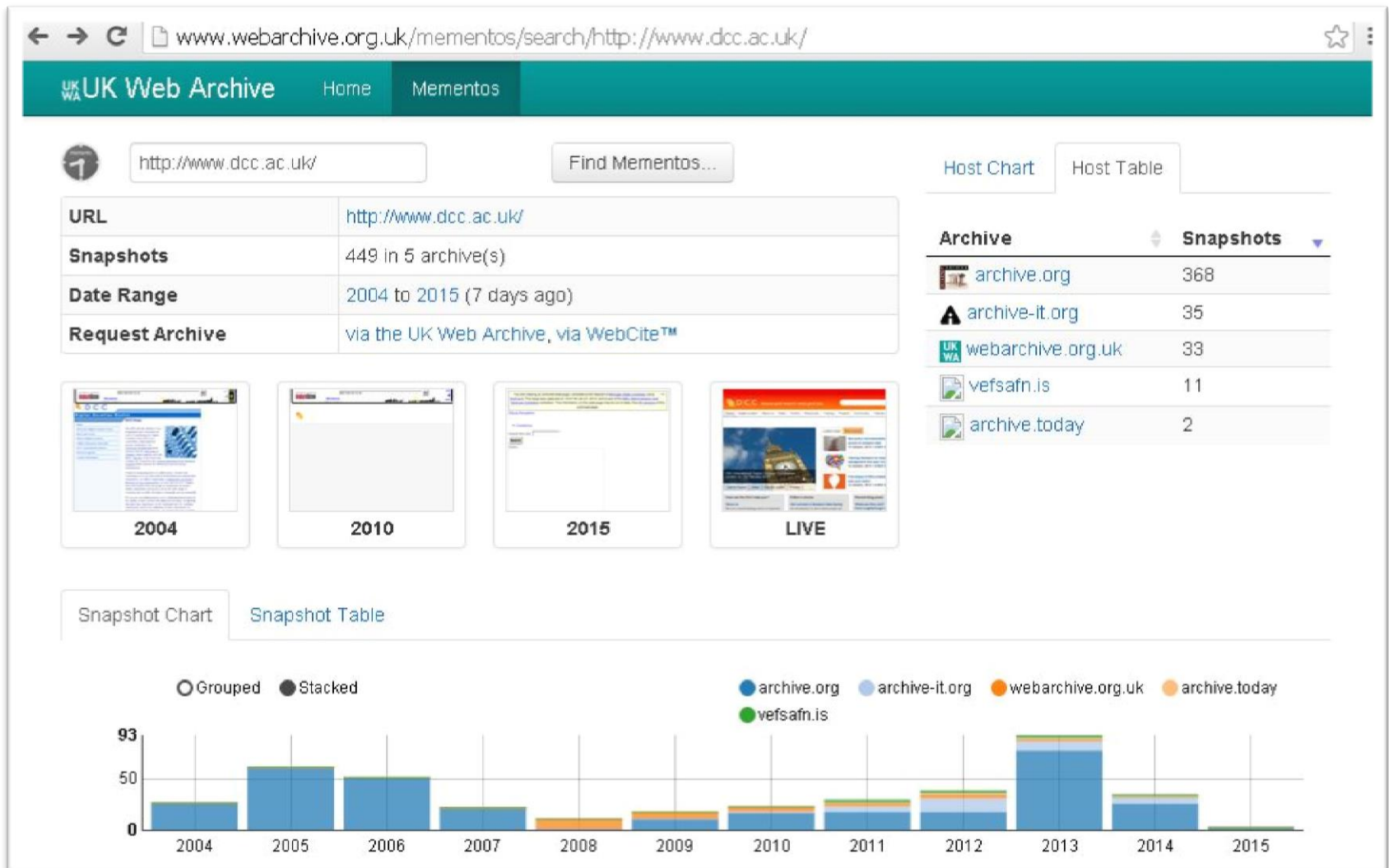


# How was the UK web linked in 1996?



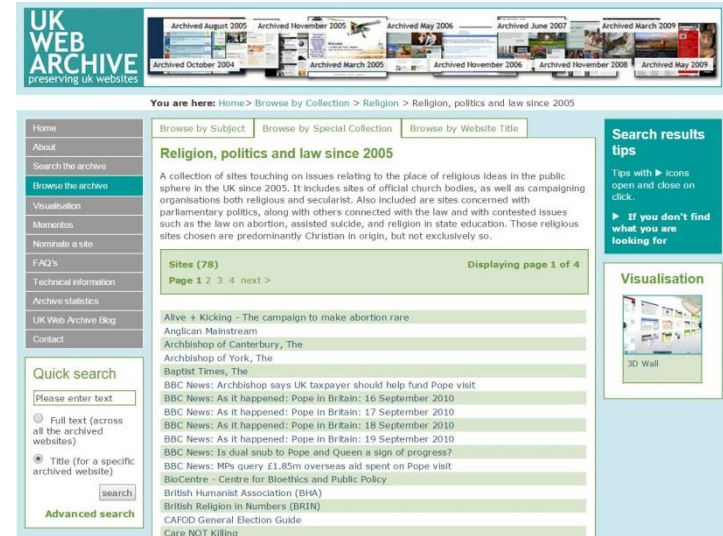
- By Rainer Simon using UK Host-Level Link Graph (1996-2010) dataset.
- Based on the 1996 portion:  
58,842 hosts (nodes);  
184,433 host-to-host links (edges)
- UK web as part of the global web
- Scalability issues with large dataset over time

# Mementos service (<http://www.dcc.ac.uk>)



# Collaboration with researchers

- Building collections
  - Researchers' involvement in scoping collections, selecting and describing websites
  - Creation of specific, (narrow) topical collections
- Formulating research question
  - Brain-storm sessions, workshops, discussion, surveys etc.
  - Lack of awareness & baseline knowledge
  - Challenging: you don't know what you don't know
  - Analytical access: web archive as dataset



# Co-development

- Institute of Historical Research project: Analytical Access to the Domain Dark Archive (AADDA)
  - Experimental user interface
- Big UK Domain Data for Arts and Humanities (2014-2015)
  - Institution of Historical Research, Oxford Internet Institute, British Library and Aarhus University
  - Develop theoretical and methodological framework for the study of web archives
  - Build on ADDAA: researchers and the BL co-produce access tools
  - Study of the history of UK web space from 1996 to 2013
  - Research use cases
- Changing the way we archive the web



# Web archiving researcher bursaries

## Welcome to our 11 bursary holders

Posted on [May 27, 2014](#) by [Jane Winters](#)

One of the main aims of the project is to involve arts and humanities researchers in the development of tools for analysing web archives, thereby ensuring that those tools meet real rather than perceived researcher needs. We recently ran an open competition inviting researchers to submit proposals across a range of disciplines which focus on the archived web, and have selected 11 from a tremendously strong and varied set of applications. The topics that will be studied over the next eight months are:

- Rowan Aust – Tracing notions of heritage
- Rona Cran – Beat literature in the contemporary imagination
- Richard Deswarte – Revealing British Euroscepticism in the UK web domain and archive
- Chris Fryer – The UK Parliament Web Archive
- Saskia Huc-Hepher – An ethnosemiotic study of London French habitus as displayed in blogs
- Alison Kay – Capture, commemoration and the citizen-historian: Digital Shoebox archives relating to P.O.W.s in the Second World War
- Gareth Millward – Digital barriers and the accessible web: disabled people, information and the internet
- Marta Musso – A history of the online presence of UK companies
- Harry Raffal – The Ministry of Defence's online development and strategy for recruitment between 1996 and 2013
- Lorna Richardson – Public archaeology: a digital perspective
- Helen Taylor – Do online networks exist for the poetry community?





# Shine

The screenshot displays the Shine search interface, which includes a search bar, filters, and search results. The search term is "Goji berry". The filters on the left include General Content Type, Author, and Crawl Year. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Rank, Date, File Type, and Domain. The results are sorted by Rank (1 to 10 of 69520).

**General Content Type**

- html (67236)
- other (1727)
- text (483)
- pdf (67)
- image (7)

**Author**

- Food Standards Agency (12)
- CHRISIE (3)
- Mark (3)
- Adfero (2)
- Administrator (2)

**Crawl Year**

- 2010 (25222)
- 2008 (17846)
- 2009 (13125)
- 2007 (8253)
- 2006 (3423)

**Search Term(s):** Goji berry

**Results** Concordance

Results 1 to 10 of 69520

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**Domain**

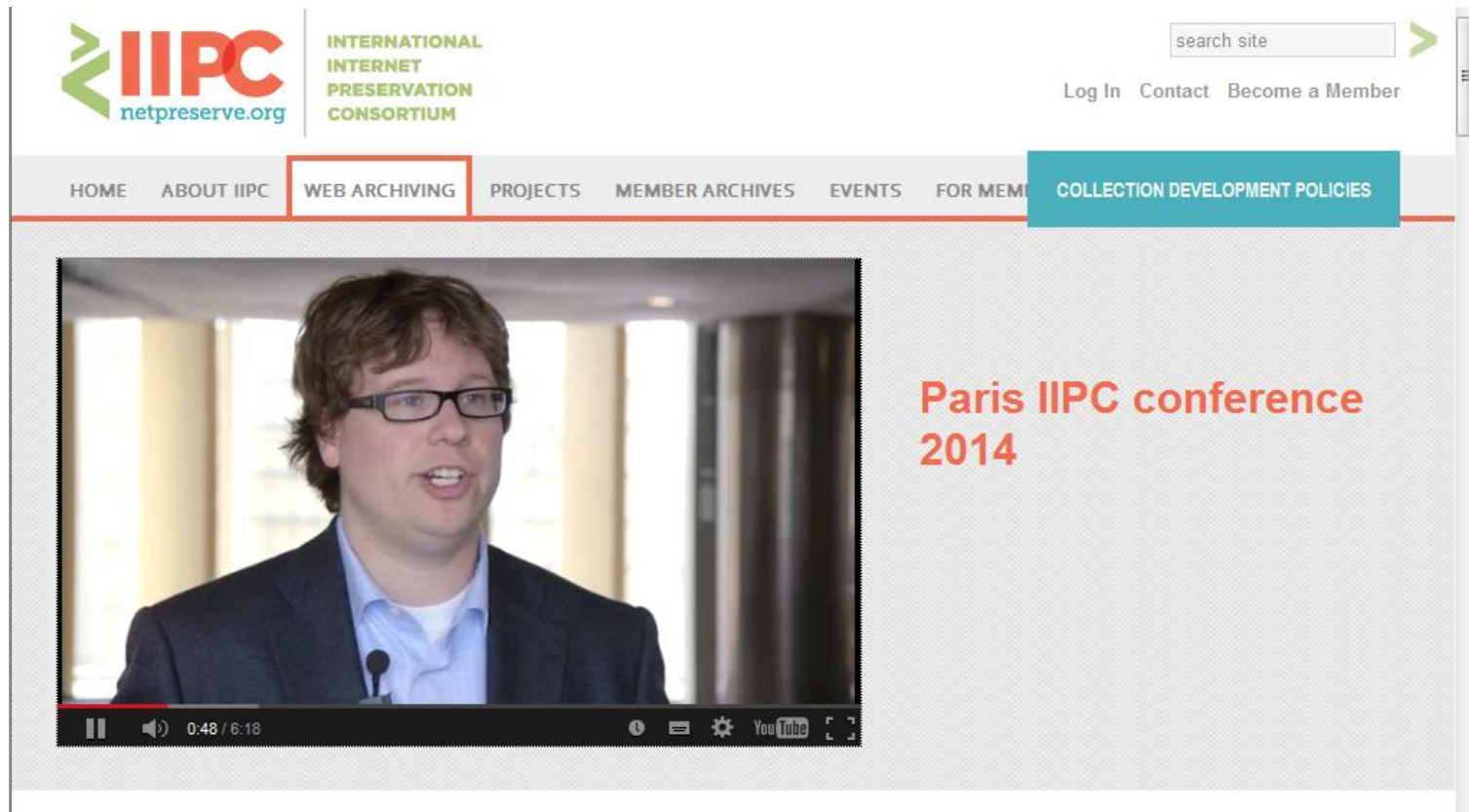
- co.uk (67608)
- org.uk (1241)
- me.uk (525)
- com (68)
- ac.uk (50)

**Search Results**

Rank	Date	File Type	Domain
1	Jun 01 2003 08:05:15 BST	pdf	bath.ac.uk
2			
3	Dec 13 2003 23:28:08 GMT	html	ukcommerceonline.co.uk
4	Feb 15 2004 11:23:02 GMT	html	quirki.co.uk
5	Jun 03 2004 12:59:33 BST	html	searchmole.co.uk
6	Jun 06 2004 13:06:53 BST	html	khs.co.uk
7	Jun 06 2004 13:19:43 BST		

- Query building
- Corpus formation and handling
- Annotation and curation
- In-corpus analysis
- Whole-dataset analysis

# Scholarly use of web archives



The screenshot displays the homepage of the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). The header features the IIPC logo (a green stylized 'Z' followed by 'IIPC' in red and 'netpreserve.org' in blue) and the full name 'INTERNATIONAL INTERNET PRESERVATION CONSORTIUM' in green. To the right is a search bar labeled 'search site' with a green arrow, and links for 'Log In', 'Contact', and 'Become a Member'. A navigation menu below the header includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT IIPC', 'WEB ARCHIVING' (highlighted with a red border), 'PROJECTS', 'MEMBER ARCHIVES', 'EVENTS', 'FOR MEMBERS', and 'COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICIES' (highlighted with a teal background). The main content area features a video player showing a man with glasses speaking. To the right of the video, the text 'Paris IIPC conference 2014' is displayed in red. The video player controls at the bottom show a pause button, a progress bar at 0:48 / 6:18, and the YouTube logo.

<http://netpreserve.org/web-archiving/videos>

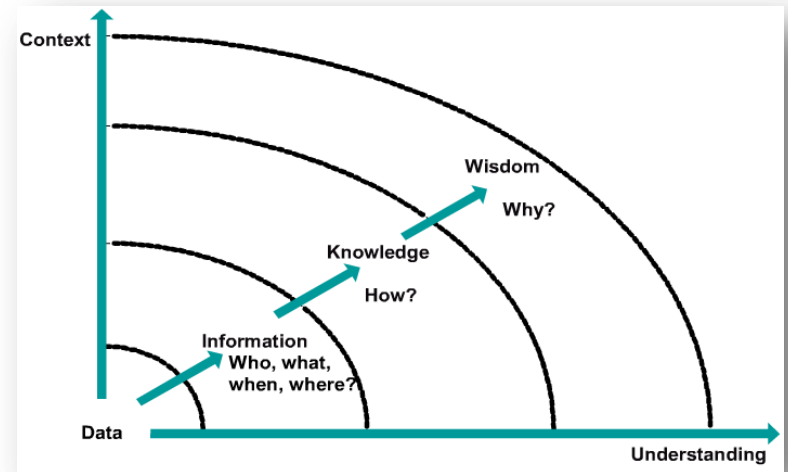
# Requirements for web archives

Scholarly requirements	Requirements for web archives
Availability	No access restriction, available online
Text, paratext and context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to text and any contextual information at various granularity.</li> <li>- Access to secondary datasets</li> </ul>
Persistence and citability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persistent identifiers</li> <li>- Standards of citing archived websites</li> <li>- Integration with bibliographical management tools (eg Zotero)</li> </ul>
Formation of research corpus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Archiving of research corpora on demand</li> <li>- Means to mix, match and reassemble corpora</li> </ul>
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Represents as much as possible the live website in completeness, intellectual content, behaviour and look and feel</li> <li>- Information on what is “missing” to help interpret incomplete sources</li> </ul>
Close and distant reading	Multiple access methods including tools for data analytics and visualisations
Boundary & format-independent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interlinked web archives</li> <li>- integration with other digital and printed sources</li> </ul>

# IDCC 2025




- The UK Web Archive
  - Single search for all collections
  - Base-line knowledge self-explanatory, text and much contextual information
  - Link to many more web archives
  - Inactive websites highlighted
  - Open datasets / content
- “Macroscopic” of the UK web history
  - “a single data point, .. both visualised at scale in the context of a billion other data points, and drilled down to its smallest compass”
- Flexibility to reconstruct context, big or small
- Seamlessly linked web archives
- Crawlers as capable as browsers
- Independent use of web archives



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Software Developer - Web Archiving

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Location

Position Type

Specialism

OPS00109

Boston Spa, Yorkshire

Permanent

£28,450 - £33,041 plus benefits

Permanent


The role

This is a great opportunity to join the Library's IT department working as part of the Remote Services Development team you will develop, test, and help deploy key web archiving applications, meeting current operational needs and contributing to the Library's ongoing capability of archiving the evolving web.

Essential Criteria

- Strong web application development experience in Java, including use of Eclipse, JUnit, Maven and Git.
- Ability to plan and execute unit, system, integration and regression testing.
- Good working knowledge of SQL and database design or legacy equivalent.
- Strong understanding of the Web stack (HTTP, HTML, JavaScript, CSS).
- Experience using server software including Apache Tomcat and Httpd.
- Experience developing on Linux.
- Knowledge and experience of shell scripts and regular expressions.
- Experience using the Play Framework (or similar frameworks) to develop Java web applications.
- Experience with Apache Solr or similar systems (client side usage).
- Be able to communicate clearly and effectively in various ways, including

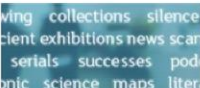
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## Java Developer for Web Archiving

**Closing date  
Midnight 15<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**Please help  
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or Apply!**

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