Web-Archiving
An International Perspective

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“Web archiving is merely the continuation of our longstanding mission to collect, preserve, and provide access to both the scholarly record and our common cultural patrimony (emphasis mine). Since the Web has really become the publishing platform of choice it's where the content is, and naturally we as collecting institutions have to follow that content.”

Stephan Abrams, 2014/07/23
http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/transcripts/2014/140723osi0245.txt
Library of Congress

Why
• Content as part of area studies collections
• More like print or special collection?
• Collection building / selection plan
• Used to be focused on event or theme driven collections; now focusing broad areas of interest and topics so that they capture any special events

How
• Contractors
  • Archive-It (Archive-it.org)
  • California Digital Library Web Archiving Service (was.cdlib.org)
  • Commercial companies
International Collections Created from within the United States

Existing project examples

Library of Congress; George Washington University; University of Texas Libraries; Hoover Institution; California Digital Libraries

https://archive-it.org/collections/3015 2012 Russian Presidential Election
https://archive-it.org/collections/4399 Ukraine Conflict
http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/archives/lagda/ Latin American Web Archiving Project
LEGAL DEPOSIT LAWS

Library of Congress, National Archives = Attempt to Collect Federal and Government Records, but the United States does NOT have Required collecting based on the LEGAL DEPOSIT LAWS

Europe
Spain; Germany; Estonia; Finland
Netherlands; Iceland
Etc...
The IIPC is a membership organization dedicated to improving the tools, standards and best practices of web archiving while promoting international collaboration and the broad access and use of web archives for research and cultural heritage.

In July 2003, the IIPC was formally chartered at the National Library of France with 12 participating institutions.

The IIPC is now open to libraries, archives, museums and cultural heritage institutions everywhere and welcomes inquiries for membership.

Encourages and supports national libraries, universities (including Columbia, George Washington, Old Dominion, Harvard, University of North Texas).

The Internet Archive is a member.