

# 2013 NDSA Web Archiving Survey

In Fall 2011, the National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) conducted a survey of U.S. organizations currently or prospectively engaged in web archiving to better understand the landscape: similarities and differences in programmatic approaches, types of content being archived, tools and services being used, access modes being provided, and emerging best practices and challenges. The resulting report is available here:

[http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa/working\\_groups/documents/ndsa\\_web\\_archiving\\_survey\\_report\\_2012.pdf](http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa/working_groups/documents/ndsa_web_archiving_survey_report_2012.pdf).

On the two-year anniversary of the original, the NDSA is releasing an updated survey to continue to track the evolution of web archiving programs in the U.S. Key differences for the new survey are more streamlined answers based on the free-text responses from the last survey and an increased focus on policy. The aggregate responses will be reported to NDSA members and summary results will be shared publicly.

Please allow 15 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you for your participation!

## \*1. Name of Your Organization

## 2. About Your Organization

- Archive
- Historical Society
- College or University
- Museum
- Public Library
- Commercial
- Consortium
- K-12 School
- Government: Federal
- Government: State
- Government: City
- Government: County
- Other (please specify)

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### 3. Do you or your organization belong to any of these three groups? Select as many as apply.

- International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) - <http://netpreserve.org>
- National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) - <http://digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa>
- Society of American Archivists Web Archiving Roundtable - <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/web-archiving-roundtable>

### 4. What is the status of your web archiving activity?

- Planning/considering archiving but haven't started yet
- Pilot/testing
- Production/actively capturing
- Have collected content in the past but aren't currently collecting

### 5. How does the state of your organization's web archiving program compare to what it was two years ago?

- Significant progress
- Some progress
- About the same
- Slightly worse off
- Much worse off
- Other or Comment (use this box to provide an alternate answer or commentary on your answer above)

### 6. What are the goals of your web archiving activity? Check all that apply.

- Archive your own or affiliated web content as a type of institutional record (e.g., university archives archiving the university website or state library archiving state agency websites)
- Archive content from other organizations or individuals for future research (e.g., research library archiving third-party web content as part of topical collection-building or special collections department archiving web content associated with a manuscript donor)
- Other (please specify)

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## 7. What year did your organization begin archiving web content?

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## 8. How much full-time equivalent (FTE) staff time does your organization dedicate to web archiving?

For example, if your organization's web archiving activity relied upon one dedicated, full-time employee and 50% of the time of three other full-time employees, you would indicate "2.5".

## 9. What metrics are important to the development of your web archiving program? This can include acquisition as well as use metrics or any other relevant metrics you find important.

## 10. What staff skills are essential to the development and success of web archiving in your organization?

## 11. What types of content do you have concerns about your capacity to archive? Check all that apply.

- Art
- Audio
- Blogs
- Databases
- Interactive media
- Social media
- Video
- Other (please specify)

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**12. Often web archivists come together to collaboratively preserve web content around specific events, themes, or domains. Has your organization ever participated in a collaborative web archive of this kind?**

- Yes
- No
- Not yet but interested in doing so
- Don't know

**13. Are you using an external service or company to archive, or are you capturing in-house? Check all that apply.**

- In-house
- External service or company

**14. If capturing in-house, what tool(s) do you use? Check all that apply.**

- Adobe Web Capture
- Grab-a-Site
- Heritrix
- HTTrack
- Teleport Pro
- Web Archiving Integration Layer (WAIL)
- Web Curator Tool
- Wget
- Other (please specify)

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## 15. If you are using an external service, which one(s)? Check all that apply.

- Aleph Archives
- Archive-It
- Hanzo Archives
- California Digital Library's Web Archiving Service
- Internet Archive's contract crawling services
- OCLC Web Harvester
- Reed Technology's Web Archiving Service
- Other (please specify)

## 16. If you are using an external service, have you transferred any of your archived data from that service to your organization?

- Yes
- No

## 17. If you have not yet transferred any of your data, why not? Check all that apply.

- Building our in-house infrastructure but hope to transfer soon
- No place to store/maintain it
- Not sure what we'd do with it once we got it
- Other (please specify)

## 18. What viewer or software are you using to provide access to your web archive data?

- Wayback Machine
- Other (please specify)

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## 19. What kind(s) of access do you provide? Check all that apply.

- URL search
- Full-text search
- Browse list by URL
- Browse list by title
- Catalog records: collection-level description
- Catalog records: item-level description
- Finding aids
- Application programming interfaces (APIs)
- Other (please specify)

## 20. Are your web archives integrated into a common discovery environment for other types of content or discoverable through a dedicated interface? Check all that apply.

- Integrated into a common discovery environment
- Discoverable through a dedicated interface

## 21. Please indicate your typical approach regarding notifying and seeking permission from content owners when capturing and providing access to their web content:

	No action	Notifying	Requesting Permission
Capturing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing restricted access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing public access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If needed, comment here to qualify or elaborate on your above answers

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**22. Is any of the web content archived by your organization embargoed as a matter of policy before being made accessible?**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (i.e., dark archive)

**23. If you selected "Yes" for the previous question, how long is your organization's access embargo?**

- 90 days
- 6 months
- 1 year
- Other (please specify)

**24. Does your organization have archiving policies related to social media?**

- Yes
- No

**25. Do you respect robots.txt when capturing?**

- Always
- Never
- Sometimes/it depends
- Don't know

**26. If you selected "Sometimes/it depends" for the previous question, under what circumstances does your organization ignore robots.txt? Check all that apply.**

- If your organization owns the copyright/has some other special access right (e.g., state archive collecting state agency websites)
- If permission is secured or appropriate notices have been sent
- In order to capture essential content (e.g., stylesheets, images, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

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### 27. What resources has your organization relied upon in the development of its own copyright and access policies? Check all that apply.

- ARL Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Academic and Research Libraries - <http://www.arl.org/focus-areas/copyright-ip/fair-use/code-of-best-practices>
- Oakland Archive Policy - <http://www2.sims.berkeley.edu/research/conferences/aps/removal-policy.html>
- Section 108 Study Group Report - <http://www.section108.gov/>
- Web archiving policies of other organizations
- Other (please specify)

If you are willing to share your web archiving policies, please send a copy or provide a link to [ndsa@loc.gov](mailto:ndsa@loc.gov).

Thank you completing the 2013 NDSA Web Archiving Survey! We very much appreciate your contribution. Be on the lookout for summary results and reporting after the survey closes. For more information on the NDSA, visit [www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa](http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa)