

Do You Use The Internet Archive?

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If you haven't heard of the Internet Archive, you should have. Based in San Francisco and mirrored in both Alexandria and Amsterdam, it has a staff of 170 yet is currently ranked (at December 1) number 238 among the world's websites. And 409 among US websites (work that one out if you can).

The Internet Archive was founded in 1996 with the object of archiving the entire Internet (with the exception of excluded sites). It does this through the [Wayback Machine](#), and you can make your own tiny but meaningful contribution by archiving your own pages, blog posts for example.

News articles are often deleted from some sites, so if you want to make sure a particular article is still there a month, a year or a decade from now, you might like to run it

through the Wayback Machine and link to the archived version instead. At the time of writing, there are 452 billion pages archived, and the number is rising daily.

The Internet Archive also uploads books, magazines, radio and video files; something to which you can contribute if you open a free account. It goes without saying that **not everyone is pleased with this**, but as the man said, you can't please everyone.

The Internet Archive is a not-for-profit, and is currently running an appeal. If you can't afford to donate cash, you can still donate knowledge.

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