

Arquivo.pt behind the curtains

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Who are we?



Free online service to research the Past Web

Preserves **publicly accessible** information related with:








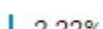



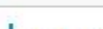

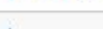


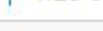

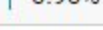
- Portugal
- **Research** and **Education** (international)

Governmental service provided by
Foundation for Science and Technology (Portugal)

A digital research infrastructure

Arquivo.pt is used word-wide



Country	Users	% Users
1.  Portugal	46,891	 46.56%
2.  United States	26,373	 26.19%
3.  Brazil	2,266	 2.25%
4.  Russia	2,234	 2.22%
5.  United Kingdom	2,231	 2.22%
6.  Japan	2,172	 2.16%
7.  Canada	1,237	 1.23%
8.  Mozambique	1,213	 1.20%
9.  India	902	 0.90%
10.  Germany	894	 0.89%

- 53% of users are international
- User Interfaces and documentation also in English
- Combined with Google Translate enables **cross-lingual access** to preserved content

Arquivo.pt preserves national and international historical web content

GALILEO Versão 2.0

Janeiro 1993

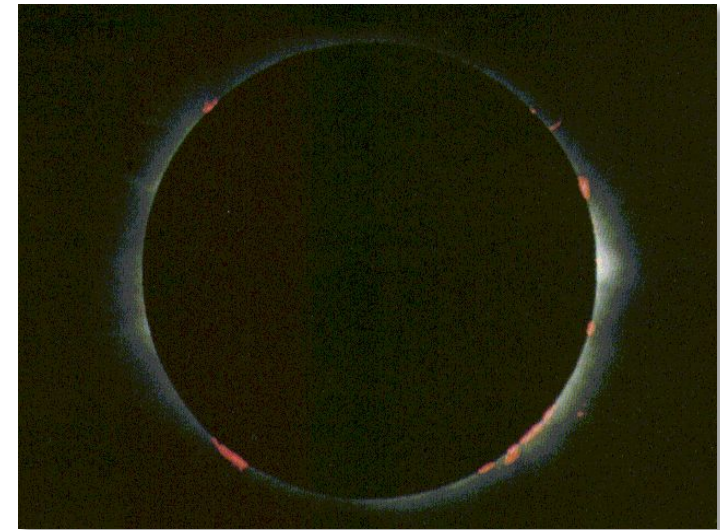
Manual de utilização e sugestões de exploração	<i>AUTORES</i> Programação: João Veloso Manual: Elisa Prata Pina e M. Augusta Patrício Orientação: Carlos Fiolhais
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2. Características do equipamento
3. Configuração mínima do computador
4. Ficheiros do programa

nautilus.fis.uc.pt - 1993
(oldest page)



spacelink.nasa.gov – 1992
(oldest image)

Arquivo.pt supports 13 services

Services catalog of the Arquivo.pt web archive

Last updated on February 14th, 2023 at 03:35 pm

Public services

- [Search and access](#) web-archived data since the 1990s
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- [CitationSaver](#): extracts links from documents and archives the correspondent web pages
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arquivo.pt/catalog

For partners

- [Memorial](#) preserves your old website information before deactivating it
- High-quality archive of websites ([on-demand](#))
- [Creation of collections and thematic exhibitions](#)
- [Itinerant exhibition of posters at your facilities](#)

Our **successful** official History!

2007: Start of the Portuguese Web Archive project

2008: 1st crawl of the Portuguese web

2009: Recommendations for publishers

2010: Public prototype of the search and access system

2011: Open source available

2012: Application Programming Interface

2013: Decree-Law mandating our web archiving activities

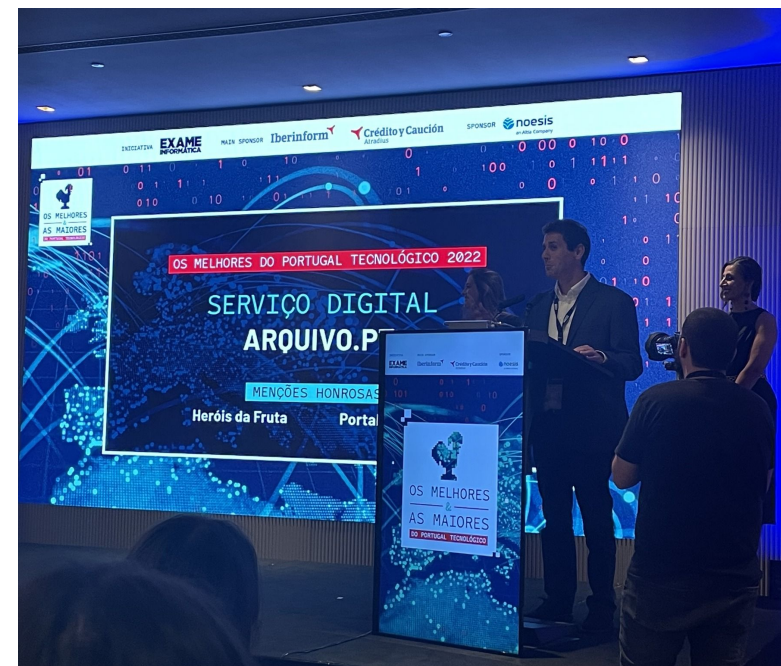
2017: Training program

2018: Arquivo.pt Award

2019: Arquivo.pt Memorial

2021: Image search service

2022: Arquivo.pt was considered the best Digital Service of 2022!



Behind the curtains



The adversities

2007: Start of the Portuguese Web Archive project

9/2013: Total collapse due to hardware malfunction

- Irrecoverable data loss of 17% (17 TB)
- Crawling interruptions
- Suspension of search service

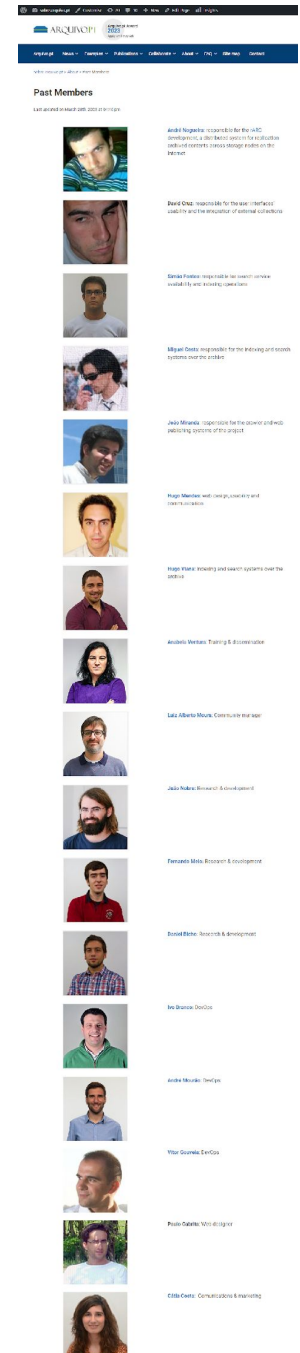
2014 - 2016: Recovery and improving robustness

- Ground-zero recovery
- 9,2 hours of downtime in 1 year

2022: Service availability of 99.894%

High staff rotation: 23 members in 15 years with average team size of 4

- On average: each 8 months, one member leaves

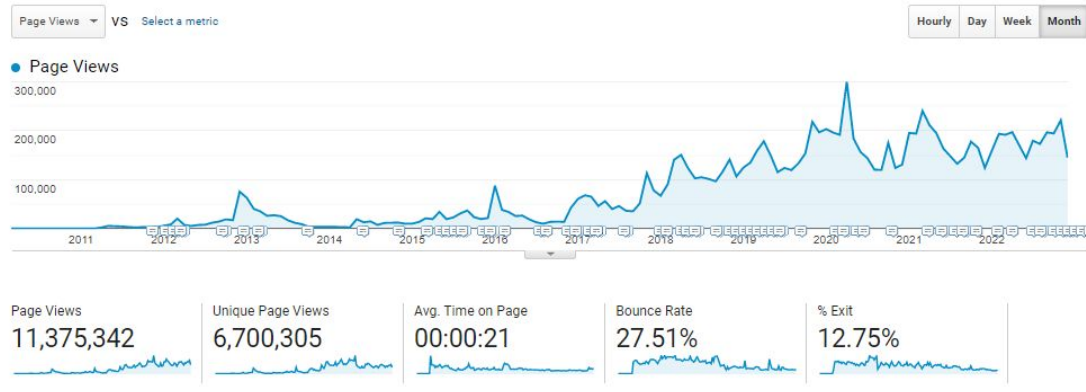


Workload (only human users)

	Average month	Total 2022
Users	10 453	125 439
Sessions	14 373	172 478
PageViews	188 253	2 259 039

Exciting figures for an archive **but** humble for a web service.

Steady growth since 2010



Arquivo.pt is a medium-size web archive

Arquivo.pt in numbers

Last updated on March 28th, 2023 at 04:39 pm

Statistics and curiosities regarding the Arquivo.pt service (last update in January 2022)

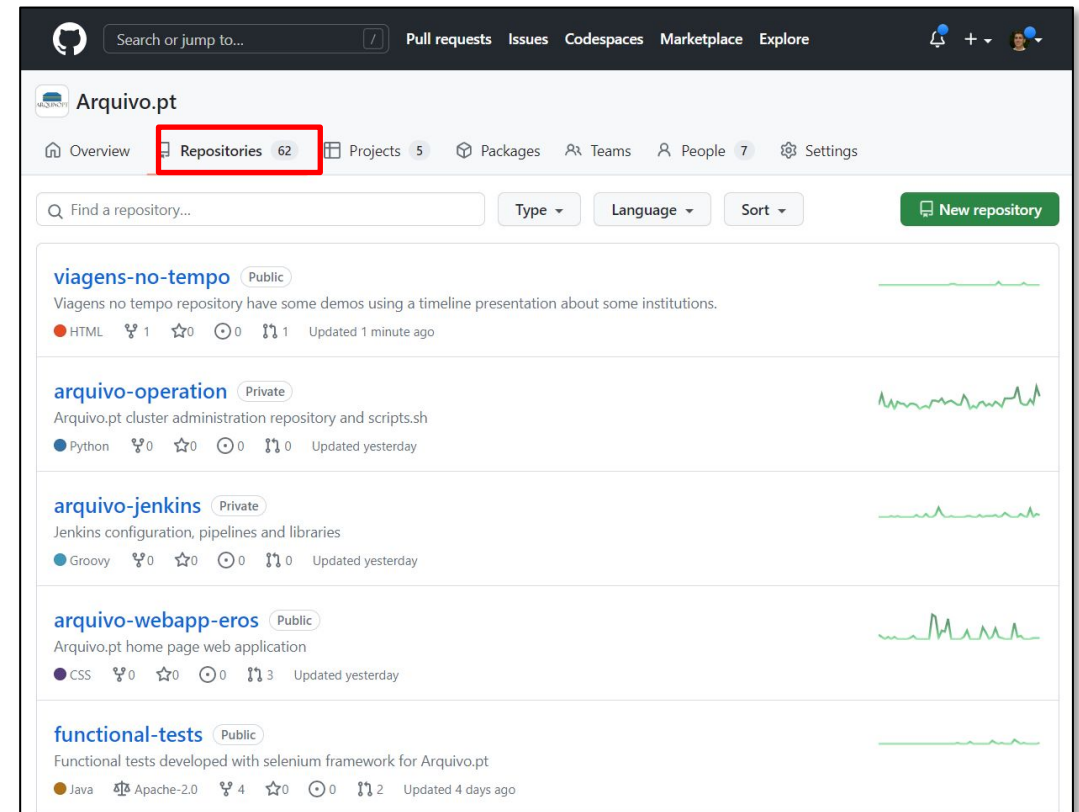
Amount of preserved data

- 17 716 million files
- 32 million websites
- 876 TB (compressed format)

Hardware and Software

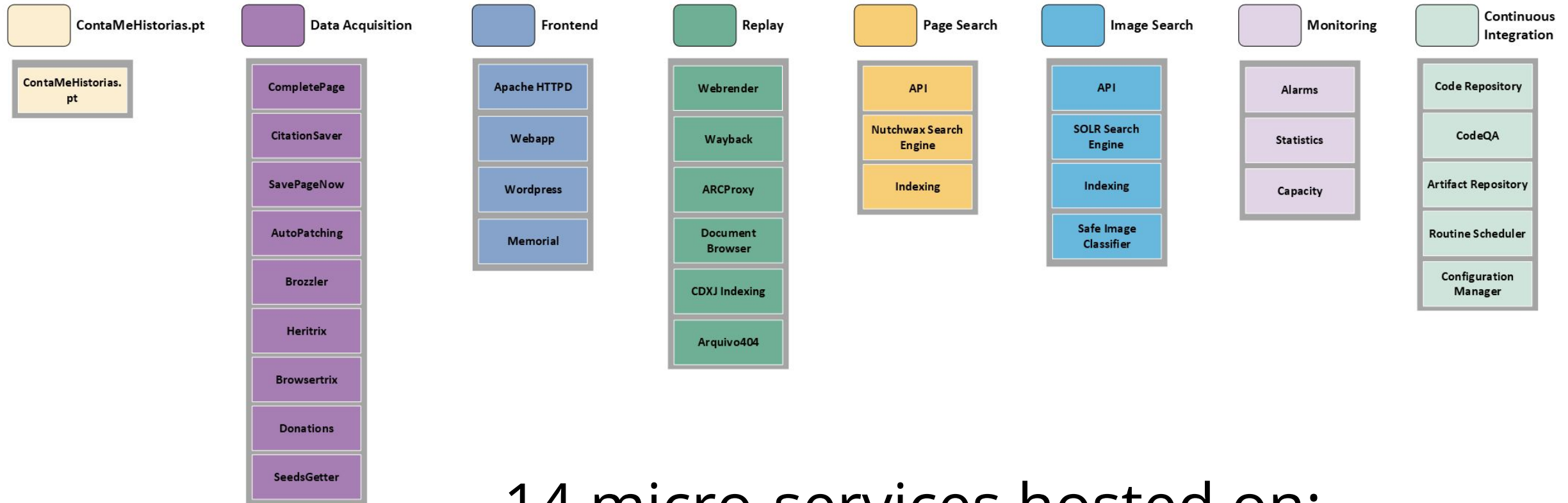
- 77 servers mounted on 167 Rack Units
- 18 TB of RAM memory
- 2 180 vCPUs
- 1 234 hard drives (5.18 PB)

Supported by a lot of software



Software Architecture of Arquivo.pt

Systems



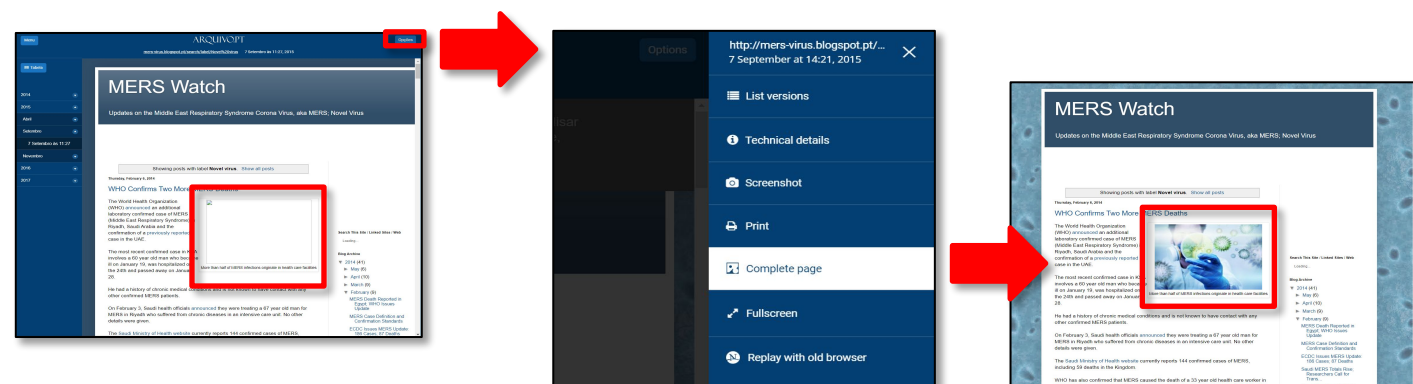
14 micro-services hosted on:

- 8 systems
- 35 components
- 88 servers



Data Acquisition

- CompletePage
- CitationSaver
- SavePageNow
- AutoPatching
- Brozzler
- Heritrix
- Browsertrix
- Donations
- SeedsGetter



Missing files obtained from the live-web/archives are integrated to improve the quality of the archived page



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 [arquivo](#) / [CitationSaver](#)

[Menu](#) ARQUIVO.PT

CitationSaver Preserves citations to online resources

Documents cite online content that quickly disappear.

CitationSaver preserves the content of cited links (e.g. web pages cited in a book) so that they can be later recovered from Arquivo.pt.

Submit a document and CitationSaver will preserve its cited links:

URL	File	Text
<p>Insert the URL to the document:</p> <input type="text"/>		
<p>Accepted formats: PDF, TXT. Max size: 100 MB</p>		
<p>Your email (optional):</p> <input type="text"/>		
<input type="button" value="Save cited links"/>		

arquivo.pt/citationsaver



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ARQUIVO.PT

 **SavePageNow** Record webpages on Arquivo.pt

e.g. www.fccn.pt

The SavePageNow service allows a page to be archived at the exact moment the user makes the request.
The archived contents are later integrated in the Arquivo.pt collection.

[Learn more](#)

arquivo.pt/savepagenow



Data Acquisition



Libraries to convert files to WARC format



ARQUIVO.PT Arquivo.pt Award 2023 Apply until may 4th

About...

Menu

sobre.arquivo.pt > Collaborate > Donate historical web content

Donate historical web content

Last updated on June 21st, 2021 at 12:13 pm

Contribute to preserve web knowledge by donating historical web content so that Arquivo.pt can preserve it.

Arquivo.pt periodically crawls the Portuguese web since January 2008. However, content previously published online must be gathered from external sources to be preserved by our system.

If you have web content interesting for the Portuguese community or science and technology and want to contribute for its preservation, please [contact us](#).

We consider that all content published on sites under the .PT domain is part of the Portuguese web and must be preserved. However, contents hosted under other domains, considered of interest for the Portuguese community, will also be accepted.

Should I supply only old content?

We are interested in receiving contents that are no longer available online, independently from their publication date.

The web is extremely dynamic and the lifetime of most contents is very short.

Thus, many contents are lost because they become unavailable before we can gather them, even though we perform periodic crawls of the Portuguese web.

Backups of Portuguese websites are a good example of contents that may be provided.

How can I supply web content?

Arquivo.pt stores the archived content using the [ARC format](#). Ideally, content should be supplied using this format.

However, it's natural that most people do not use it to keep their files. Therefore, we accept Portuguese web contents kept in any format.

Later, the Arquivo.pt team will convert them to the ARC format so that they can be integrated into our system.

arquivo.pt/donate



Data Acquisition



Queries to external APIs and crawl
log analysis



arquivo.pt/suggest

Suggest websites to be preserved

International websites are welcome!

A screenshot of the "Suggest websites to be preserved" form on the arquivo.pt website. The form is white with a blue header bar. It contains several input fields and a submit button. The first field is for an email address, with the text "sawfccn@gmail.com" and a "Switch accounts" link. Below it is a red asterisk and the word "Required". The second field is labeled "Email *" and has a placeholder "Your email address". The third field is labeled "Website (1 per line) *" and has a placeholder "Your answer". The fourth field is labeled "Description of the Websites" and has a placeholder "Your answer". A blue submit button is at the bottom right.



Data Acquisition

CompletePage



CitationSaver



 [arquivo / CitationSaver](#)

SavePageNow



AutoPatching



Brozzler

 [internetarchive / brozzler](#)

Heritrix

 [internetarchive / heritrix3](#)

Browsertrix



Donations



Libraries to convert files to WARC format

SeedsGetter



Queries to external APIs and crawl log analysis

Frontend

Apache HTTPD

Webapp

Wordpress

Memorial



ARQUIVO.PT

Arquivo.pt Award 2023

About the service...

Arquivo.pt

News

Information about the Arquivo.pt service

Arquivo.pt preserves millions of files collected from the web since 1996 and provides a public search service over this information. It contains information in several languages.

Arquivo.pt: pesquise páginas do passado

Watch later

Share

Watch on YouTube

Periodically it collects and stores information published on the web. Then, it processes the collected data to make it searchable, providing a "Google-like" service that enables searching the past web (English user interface available at www.archive.pt). This preservation workflow is performed through a large-scale distributed information system.

Examples of web-archived pages

Search the past

More news ...

Menu

ARQUIVO.PT

Q Words or URL

Search

1991

2023

Pages

Images

Narrative

Advanced search

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Arquivo.pt Award 2023

TRAVEL IN TIME

and win 10.000€

know more

What is Arquivo.pt?

Arquivo.pt: pesquise páginas do passado

Users testimonials

What do you think about web archiving ev...

Suggest

Suggest webpages to be preserved

SavePageNow

Archive a webpage immediately

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Follow our latest updates

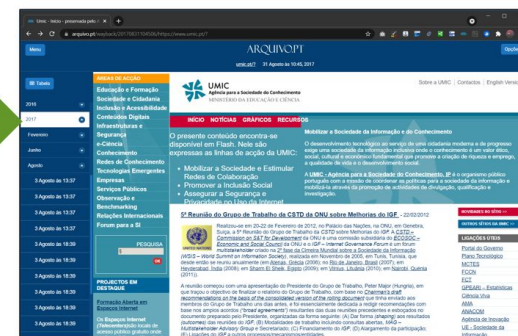
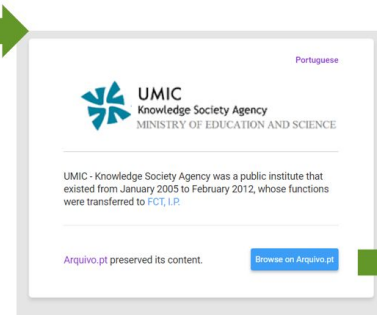
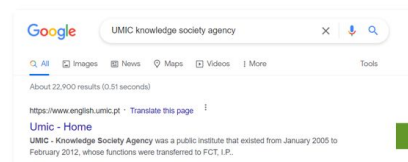
Training

Learn how to preserve digital information

Frontend



Don't kill your historical website!
Preserve it in the **Arquivo.pt Memorial**: arquivo.pt/memorial



 Frontend





Replay



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
29 May at 03h02, 2010

List versions

Technical details

Screenshot

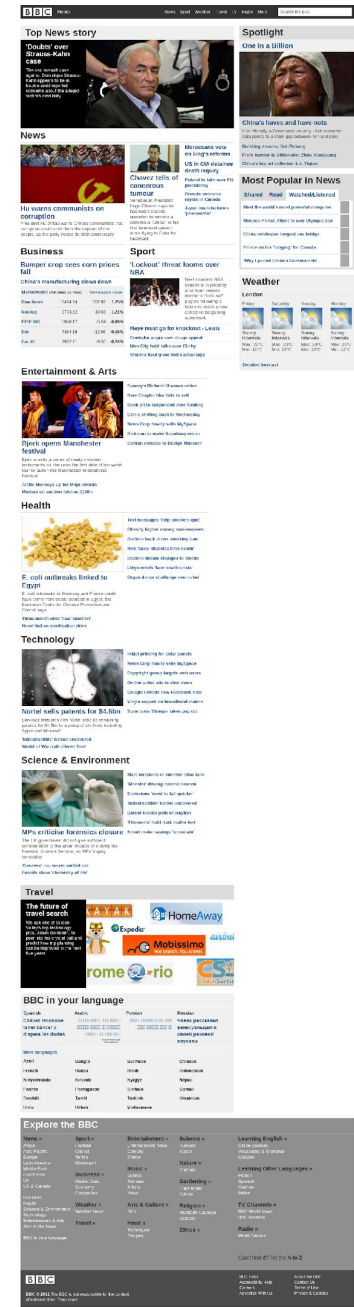
Print

Take a screenshot of this page?

OK

Cancel

- Webrender
- Wayback
- ARCPProxy
- Document Browser
- CDXJ Indexing
- Arquivo404



Replay

Webrender

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ARQUIVO.PT

Q: Search

1996 1 Jan — 2021 12 Nov

Pages Images Narrative Advanced search

Cerca de 2,538 resultados desde 1996 a 2021

Table List

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
15 Feb	4 May	29 May	4 Jan	21 Jan	10 Jan	5 Sep	1 Jan	1 Jan	20 Jan	1 Jan	1 Jan
14 Mar	20 May	30 May	6 Jan	27 Jan	11 Jan	7 Sep	2 Jan	2 Jan	9 Feb	1 Jan	2 Jan
22 Oct	20 May	4 Aug	12 Jan	31 Jan	12 Jan	23 Sep	3 Jan	4 Jan	10 Feb	2 Jan	3 Jan
22 Oct	11 Jun		12 Jan	11 Mar	15 Jan	24 Sep	4 Jan	8 Jan	3 Apr	2 Jan	4 Jan
23 Oct	22 Jun		14 Jan	12 Mar	17 Jan	26 Sep	5 Jan	8 Jan	4 Apr	2 Jan	5 Jan
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ARQUIVO.PT


bbc.co.uk 1 July at 07:43, 2011

BBC Mobile News Sport Weather Travel TV Radio More Search the BBC

Top News story


'Doubts' over Strauss-Kahn case

The sex assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn appears to be in trouble amid reported concerns about the alleged victim's credibility.



Spotlight

One in a Billion



China's haves and have-nots

It is officially a Communist country - but economic data points to a stark gap between rich and poor.

Building dreams: Dai Zhikang


From hawk to billionaire: Zhou Xiaoguang

China's top art collector: Liu Yiqian

News


Hu warns communists on corruption

President Hu Jintao warns China's communists that corruption could cost them the support of the people, as the party marks its 90th anniversary.



Chavez tells of cancerous tumour

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez says he has had a second operation to remove a cancerous tumour, in his first televised speech since flying to Cuba for treatment.



Moroccans vote on king's reforms

Poland to take over EU presidency

Crowds welcome royals in Canada

Japan manufacturers 'pessimistic'

Most Popular in News

Shared Read Watched/Listened

Meet the world's most powerful computer

Monaco Prince Albert to wed Olympic star

China celebrates longest sea bridge



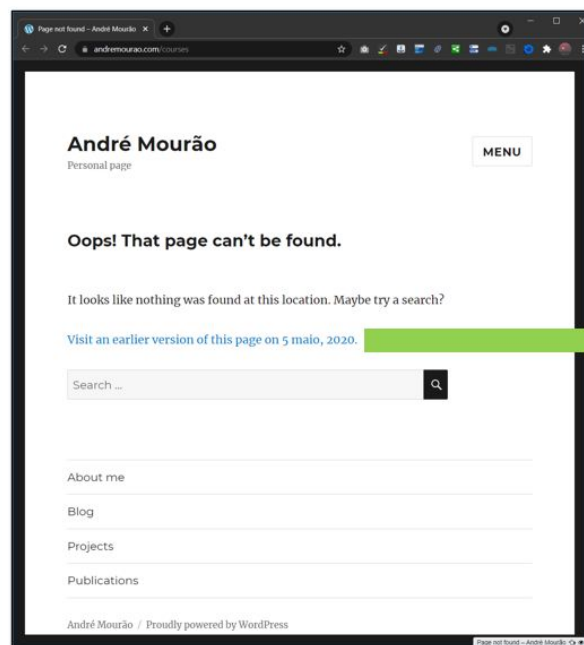
Replay



JavaScript



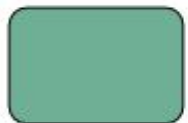
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Page not found at live website



Page available at Arquivo.pt



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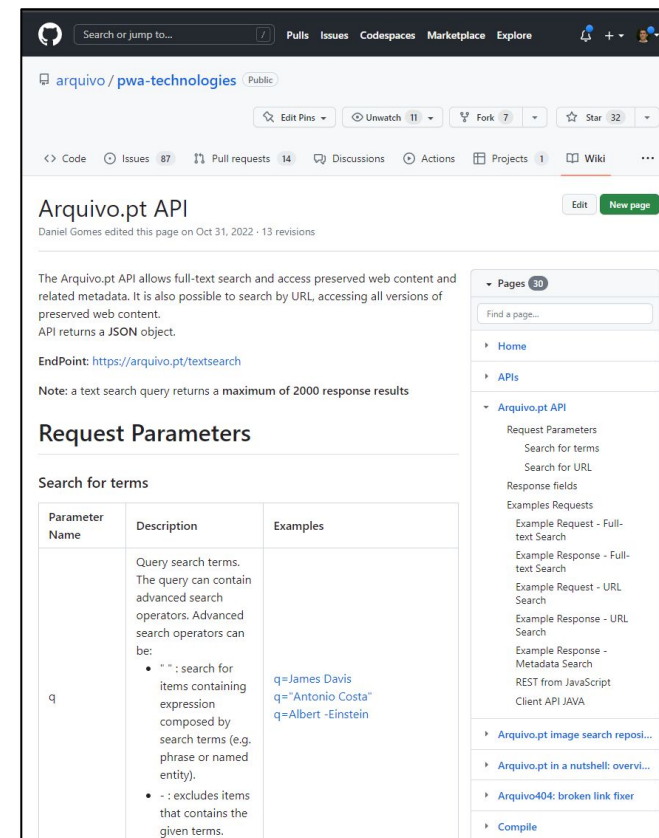
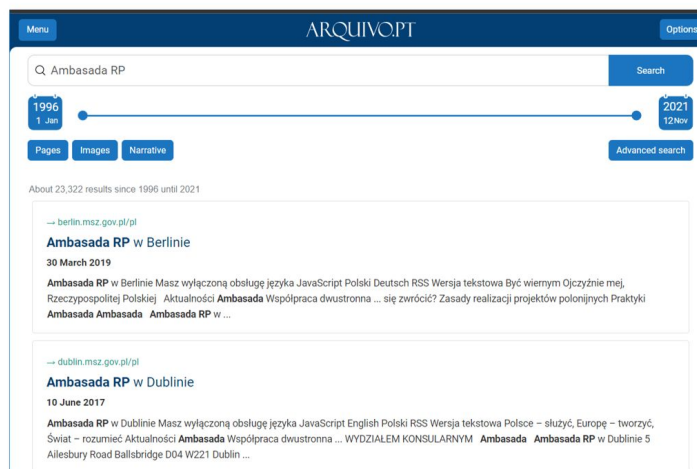


Page Search



arquivo / pwa-technologies

Search **texts** from the past in any language





Page Search

API



{JSON}

Nutchwax Search
Engine



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Indexing



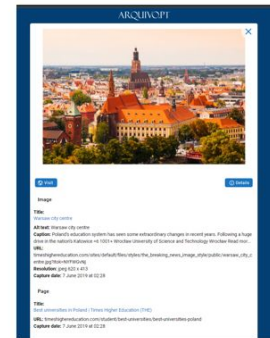
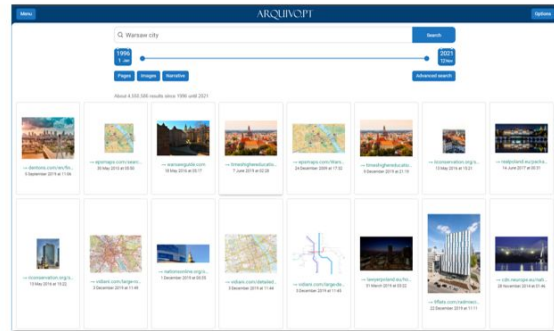
 [arquivo / pwa-technologies](#)



Image Search



Search **images** from the past



ImageSearch API v1.1 (beta)

Daniel Gomes edited this page on Dec 16, 2022 · 16 revisions

The ImageSearch API allows keyword to image search and access to preserved web content and related metadata.

The API returns a JSON object.

EndPoint: <https://arquivo.pt/imagessearch>

Changelog

Note that API version changes are **breaking**. The API endpoint does not change, but only the latest version (currently 1.1) is available. Fields removed between version are not accessible anymore due to changes in our search backend.

1.1 (March 2021):

- Improved search backend with 584+ million images referenced in 1800+ million pages;
- Subdomain filtering using the `siteSearch:` parameter is not expanded by default, you must use wildcards to add subdomains to the filter. Check how to do this `siteSearch:` line of the [Request Parameter section](#);
- Added the `imgCaption` multivalued field;
- `imgAlt`, `imgTitle` and `collection` fields are now multivalued;
- Added additional image metadata fields (`imageMetadataChanges`, `pageMetadataChanges`, `matchingImages`, `matchingPages`);
- Some secondary fields were removed (`pageProtocol`, `imgThumbnailBase64`, `imgSrcURLDigest`).

Pages **30**

Find a page...

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[ImageSearch API v1 \(beta\)](#)

ImageSearch API v1.1 (beta)

Changelog

1.1 (March 2021):

1.0:

Request Parameters

Search for terms



Image Search



{JSON}



 `arquivo / image-gpu-classifier`

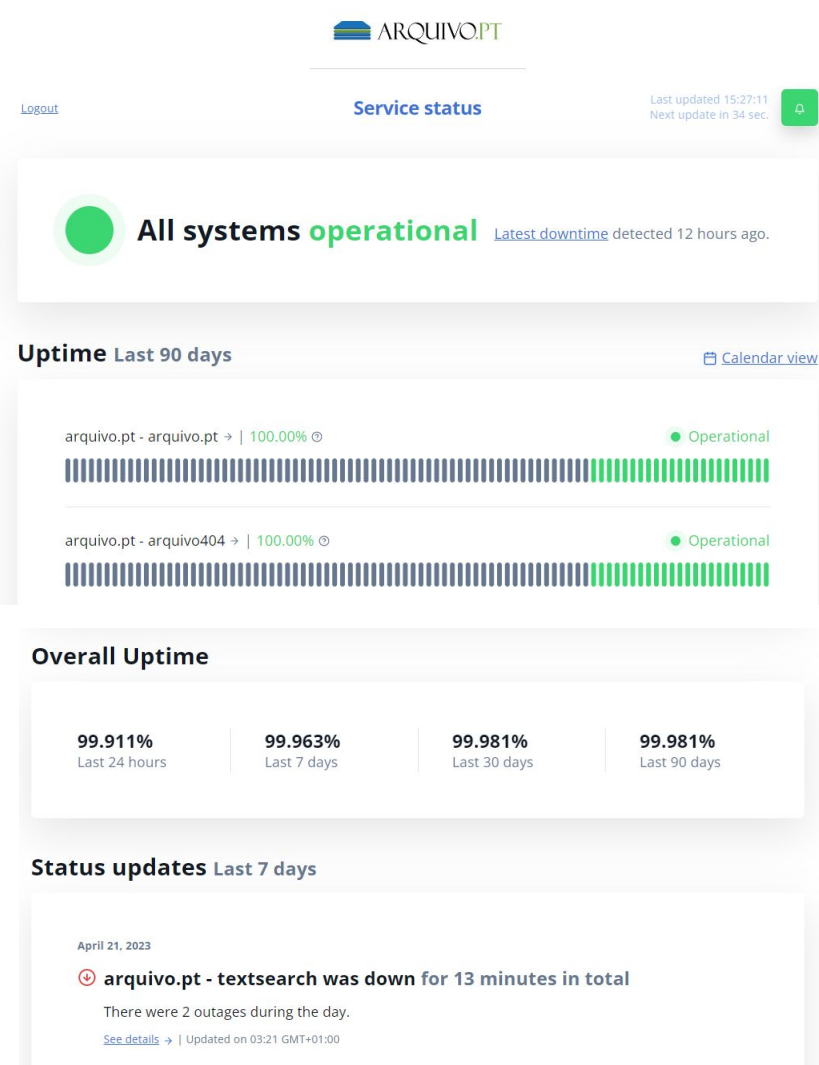


Monitoring



● UptimeRobot

● ICINGA





Monitoring



Alarms

Statistics

Capacity

• UptimeRobot



Google Analytics



494 internal monitors/alarms
140 external monitors/alarms

sonarcloud



SAUCELABS

Continuous Integration

Code Repository

CodeQA

Artifact Repository

Routine Scheduler

Configuration Manager



Jenkins

S	W	Name ↓	Último Sucesso	Última falha	Duração da Última
!	☁	QA _Report	1 mo 5 days #24	15 hr #29	1 hr 0 min
!	☁	Tests-Dev-Android	N/D	6 days 21 hr #4	2 hr 10 min
!	☁	Tests-Dev-iOS	N/D	4 days 1 hr #4	5 hr 51 min
!	☁	Tests-Dev-MacOS	N/D	4 days 1 hr #4	6.7 sec
!	☁	Tests-Dev-Windows	21 hr #6	21 days #3	1 hr 6 min
!	☁	Tests-Prod-Android	N/D	2 days 18 hr #4	1 hr 37 min
!	☁	Tests-Prod-iOS	N/D	4 days 20 hr #4	5 hr 23 min
!	☁	Tests-Prod-MacOS	N/D	4 days 10 hr #4	5.8 sec

Build #4
(14/04/2023, 18:30:00)

MANTENHA ESTA FÁBRICA PARA SEMPRE

Started 6 days 21 hr ago
Took 2 hr 10 min

Sauce Labs results

Sauce Labs statistics

- Started by timer
- Revision: 0c76d211c9a1a20b6e39c0a5172912d57f2bdf5a
Repository: <https://github.com/arquivo/arquivo-jenkins>
• master
- Revision: c248ceaaa39d74d1c6ba705d7645511821238309
Repository: <https://github.com/arquivo/functional-tests.git>
• refs/remotes/origin/master

Job Name	Status	Duration	OS	Browser	Job Links
savePageNowURLNotFound[0]	Passed	1m 3s	Linux	Android 12.0	Watch - Logs
narrativeButtonTest[0]	Passed	1m 9s	Linux	Android 12.0	Watch - Logs
urlSearchListPTTest[0]	Failed	1m 14s	Linux	Android 12.0	Watch - Logs

Continuous Integration



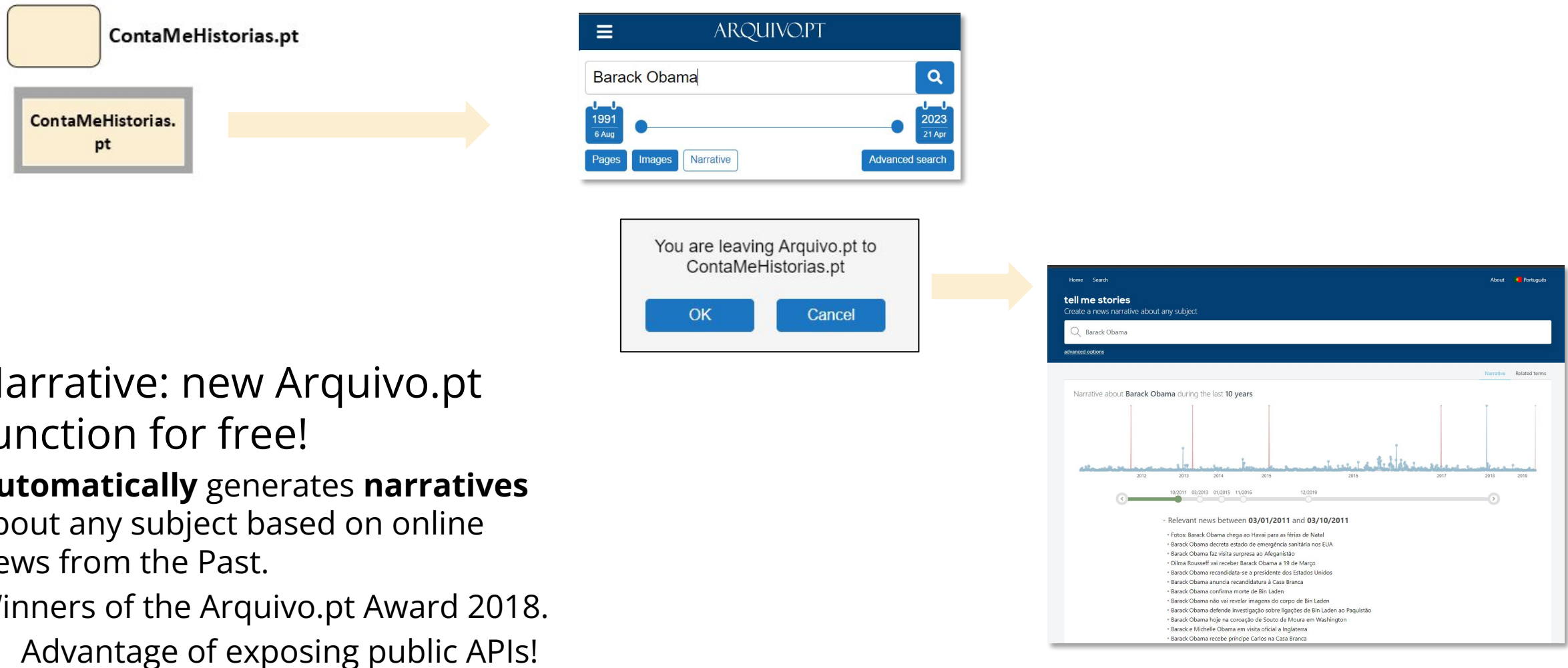
58 regression tests

- 812 environments tested on Sauce labs (combinations of Firefox, Chrome and Safari on Windows, MacOS, IOS and Android)

50 operational routines (Jenkins)

50 orchestration playbooks (Ansible)

Third party service: “Tell me stories”



Narrative: new Arquivo.pt function for free!

Automatically generates **narratives** about any subject based on online news from the Past.

Winners of the Arquivo.pt Award 2018.

□ Advantage of exposing public APIs!

Communication and documentation tools



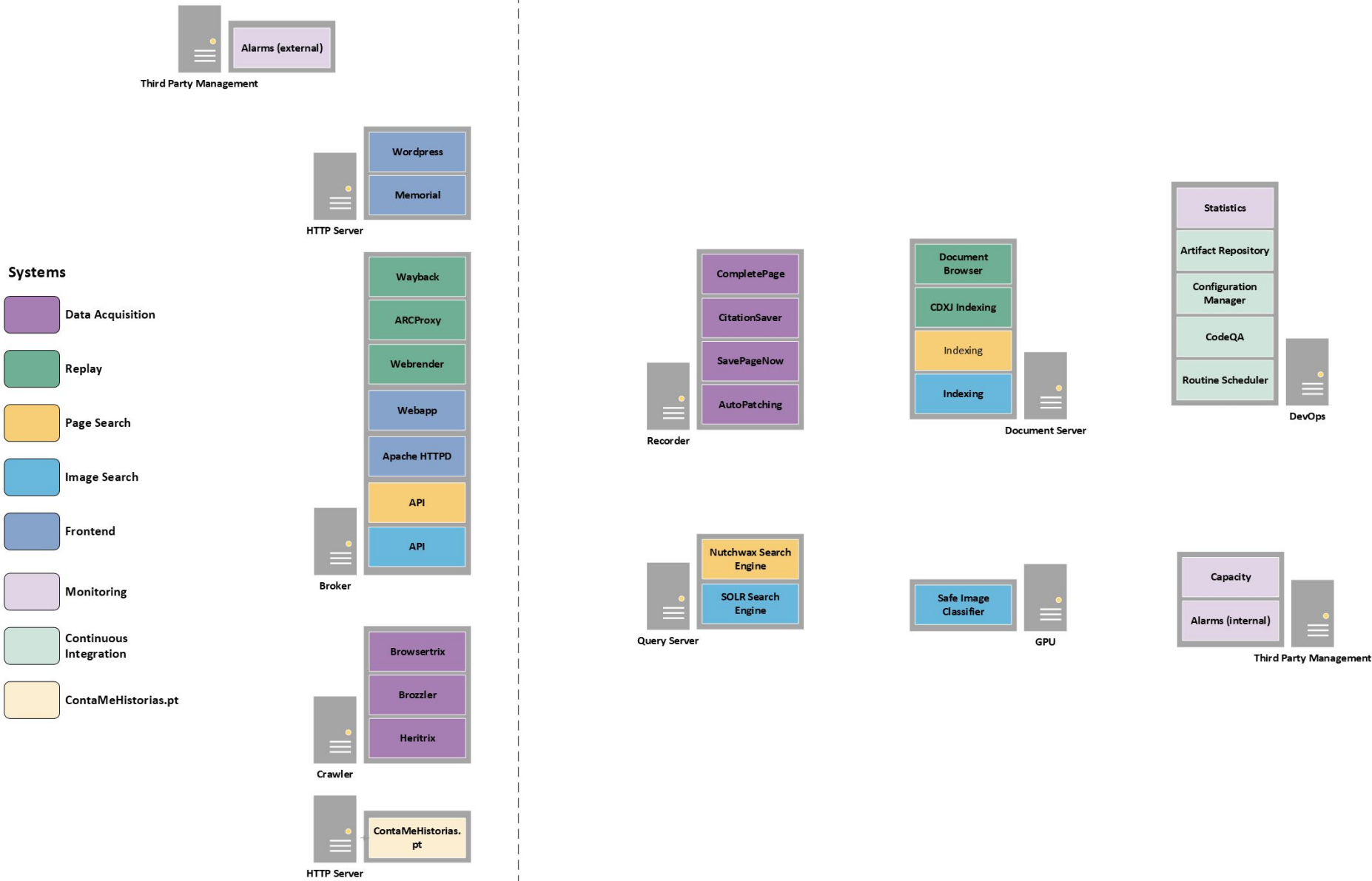
More tools, less communication

There are over 25 official communication tools used within our organization.

We use 5 tools in Arquivo.pt and it is more than enough

- GitHub
- Email
- Cell phone
- WhatsApp
- Google Drive

Hardware Architecture of Arquivo.pt



9 hardware profiles for servers to facilitate acquisitions

Configuration Profile	CPU	RAM (GB)	Storage	Network	GPU	Description
Crawler	20	256	50TB	PUBLIC	NO	Crawls information from the live-web in batch.
Broker	40	256	40TB SSD	PUBLIC	NO	Hosts CDXJ indexes and routes queries to Page and Image indexes.
Recorder	40	256	40TB	PRIVATE	NO	On-demand selective browser-based crawling.
Query Server	20	512	50TB	PRIVATE	NO	Hosts Page and Image indexes to answer queries.
Document Server	6-20	256	150TB	PRIVATE	NO	Hosts ARC and WARC files and indexing processes.
DevOps	2	32	250GB (slave) / 8TB (master)	PRIVATE	NO	Continuous Integration tools: artifacts, builds, logs, and jenkins data.
GPU	10	512	50TB	PRIVATE	YES	Not-Safe-For-Work image classifiers.
HTTP Server	4-8	16	128GB	PUBLIC	NO	Routes HTTP requests and hosts informative website.
3rd Party Management	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hired cloud services.
Demand:						
HIGH						
MEDIUM						
LOW						

Own data-center shared with other public administration services

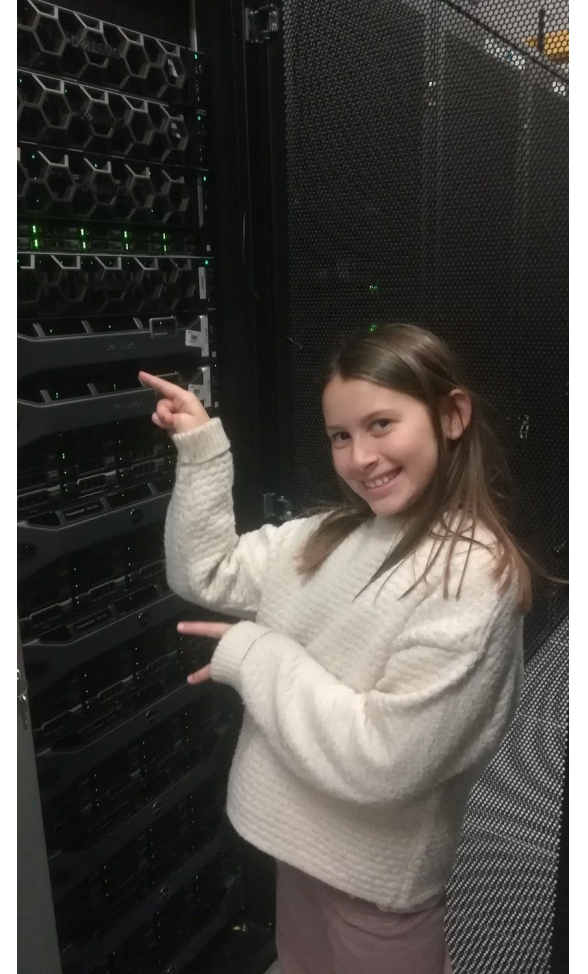
77 servers mounted on 167 Rack Units

□ 7.4 meters in linear space


18 TB of RAM memory

2 180 vCPUs

1 234 hard drives (5.18 PB)



The people behind the computers



Arquivo.pt Award
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Suggested publications

- Web archives as research infrastructure for digital societies: the case study of Arquivo.pt (2022), Daniel Gomes
- The Anatomy of a Web Archive Image Search Engine (2022), André Mourão
- Information Search in Web Archives (2014), Miguel Costa
- Learning Temporal-Dependent Ranking Models (2014), Costa et al.

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Recommendations to manage a web archive

No part-time web archivists

- Web archiving is complex, requires training and full dedication
- Document thoroughly, prepare the leave when you hire someone

Listen to your users

- Don't guess what they need, hire User Experience researchers to find it

Use existing tools and micro-services

- Webrecorder.net, Archive-it
- Micro-services facilitate technology replacements

Design-to-fail architecture

- Service must resist to any component fault
- Test, test, test: maintaining is harder than developing