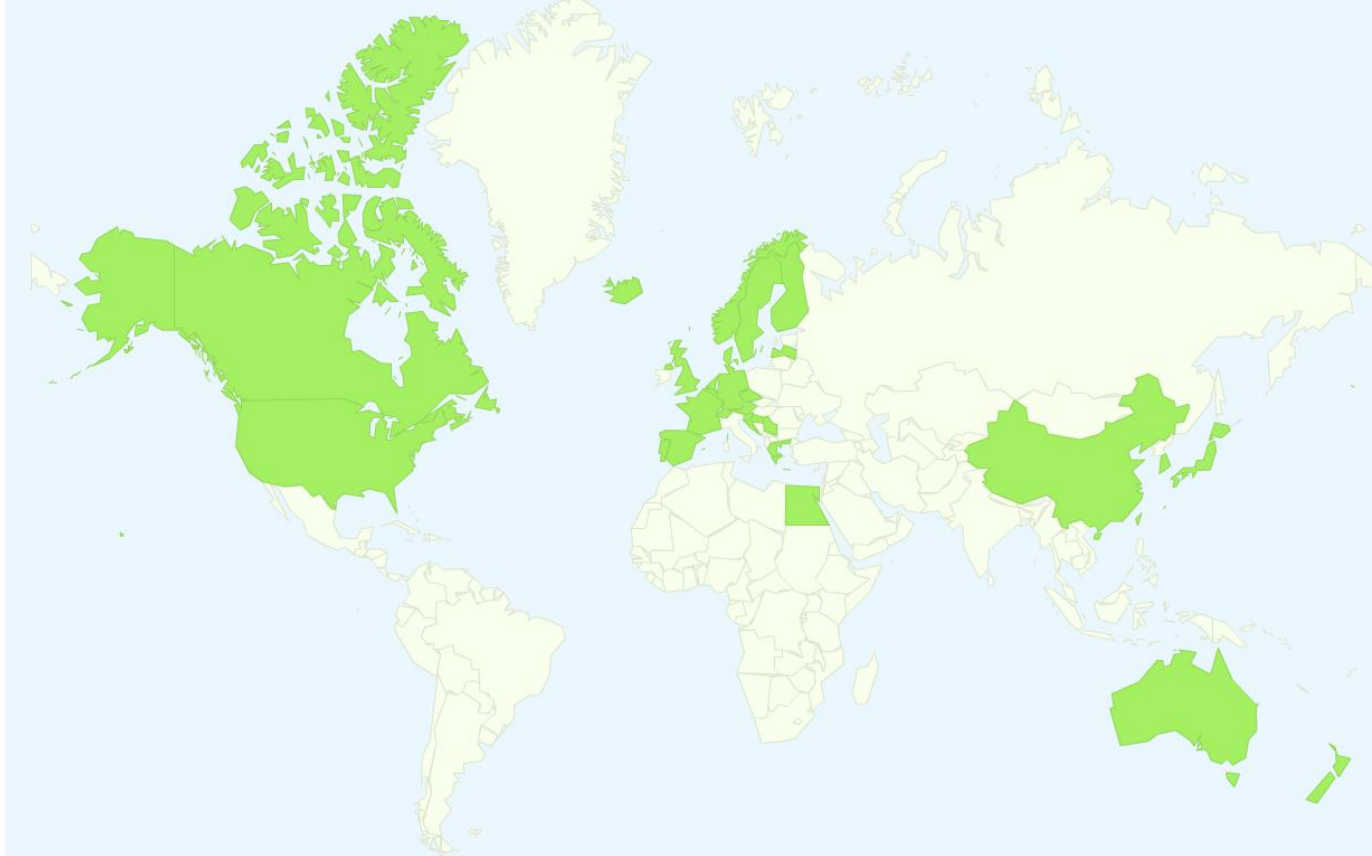


# Creating a billion-scale searchable web archive

**Daniel Gomes**, Miguel Costa, David Cruz,  
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# Web archiving initiatives are spreading around the world



- At least 6.6 PB were archived since 1996

The Portuguese Web Archive aims to  
preserve Portuguese cultural heritage



PORTUGUESE  
WEB ARCHIVE

# The Portuguese Web Archive project started in 2008

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## Portuguese Web Archive

### Welcome to the Tomba project: the Portuguese web archive

Publishing tools, such as Blogger, enabled people with limited technical skills to become web publishers. Never before in the history of mankind so much information was published. However, it was never so ephemeral. Web documents such as news, blogs or discussion forums are valuable descriptions of our times, but most of them will not last longer than one year.

If we do not archive the current web contents, the future generations could witness an information gap in our days.

The [Internet Archive](#) collects and stores contents from the world-wide web. However, it is difficult for a single organization to archive the web exhaustively while satisfying all needs, because the web is permanently changing and many contents disappear before they can be archived.

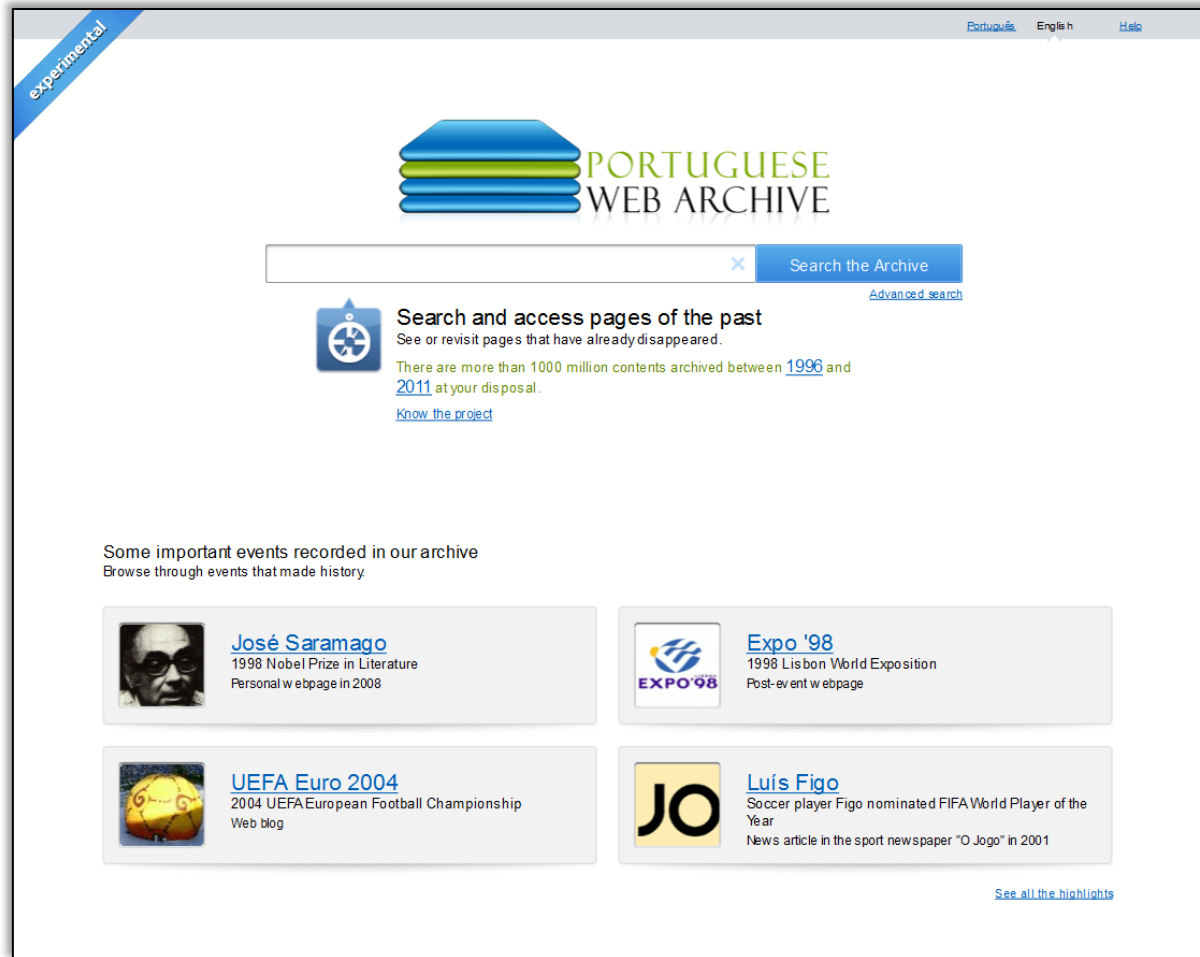
As a result, several countries are creating their own national archives to ensure the preservation of contents of historical relevance to their cultures.

Portugal is now beginning its national web archiving initiative with the Tomba project at [FCCN](#) (National Foundation for Scientific Computing).

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# It was announced last year (2012)



- Public and free at [archive.pt](http://archive.pt)

# Provides **version history** like the Internet Archive Wayback Machine



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Search the Archive

between:  and: [Advanced search](#)


Did you want to see webpages with the text: [http://www.ul.pt?](#)

## Versions of the archived the Web pages

We archived 347 versions of the Web page <http://www.ul.pt> from 1 January, 1996 and 3 May, 2013.

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<a href="#">13 Oct</a>	<a href="#">15 Jul</a>	<a href="#">25 Jan</a>	<a href="#">25 Jan</a>	<a href="#">9 Apr</a>	<a href="#">18 Jan</a>	<a href="#">27 May</a>	<a href="#">2 Feb</a>	<a href="#">12 Feb</a>	<a href="#">2 Jan</a>	<a href="#">1 Jan</a>	<a href="#">3 Jan</a>	<a href="#">15 Feb</a>	<a href="#">25 Jun</a>	<a href="#">9 Jun</a>
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# But also **full-text search** over 1.2 billion web files archived since 1996



Português English Help

US elections

Search the Archive

Advanced search

between: 01/01/1996 and: 31/12/2007

Decemb 2007

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

OK Cancel

Results 1 to 10 from 16,627

**US Elections**  
**6 January, 2007** - other dates  
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**U.S. Embassy Lisbon, Portugal - Government & Other Links**  
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[http://www.zeit.de/2004/45/european\\_us\\_wahl](http://www.zeit.de/2004/45/european_us_wahl)

Now...the details.



Acquiring web data

# Integration of third-party collections archived before 2007

- Integration of historical collections (175 million)
  - 123 million files (1.9 TB) archived by the Internet Archive from the .PT domain between 1996 and 2007
  - CD ROM with few but interesting sites published in 1996

# Oldest Library of Congress site



*The Library  
of Congress*  
*Founded in 1800*

Choose a topic below, see [what's new](#), or [search](#) our Web pages and Gopher menus.

## [General Information and Publications](#)

Find out about the Library and its mission, special programs and services, information for visitors, publications (including Library Associates and *Civilization Magazine*), employment opportunities, and other general information.

## [Government, Congress, and Law](#)

Search THOMAS (legislative information), access services of the Law Library of Congress (including the Global Legal Information Network), or locate government information.

## [Research and Collections Services](#)

Browse historical collections for the National Digital Library (American Memory), visit Library Reading Rooms, access special services for persons with disabilities, and read about Library of Congress cataloging, acquisitions, and preservation operations, policies, and related standards.

# Tools to convert saved web files to ARC format



The screenshot shows the website for pwa-technologies, which is part of the Portuguese Web Archive. The header includes the logo and the text "PWA preserves today's knowledge for future generations." Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Project Home, Downloads, Wiki (selected), Issues, Source, and Administer. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "RelatedProjects" and includes a description: "List of projects and software related to the development of the Portuguese Web Archive search engine." It is updated by whispsil on Sep 21, 2011. The section "Related projects and software" lists two tools: HTTrack2Arc and Roteiro2Arc, both of which convert web data to ARC format.

**pwa-technologies**  
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★ **RelatedProjects**  
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## Related projects and software

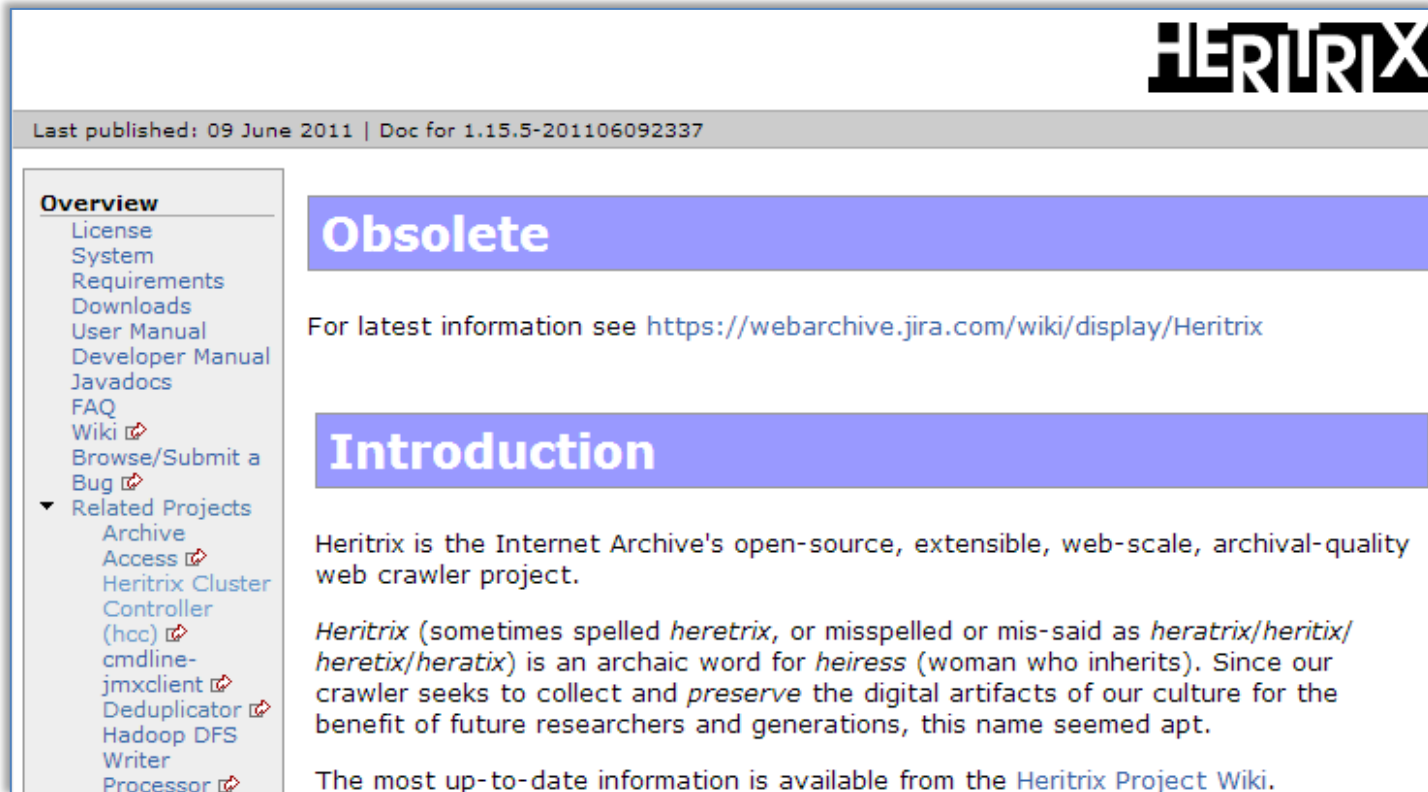
This page list several projects and software developed by or relevant to the Portuguese Web Archive.

### Software developed by the Portuguese Web Archive

- [HTTrack2Arc](#) — is a tool that converts HTTrack crawls(<http://www.httrack.com/>) to ARC files, the file format used by the Internet Archive.
- [Roteiro2Arc](#) — is a tool that converts to Internet Archive ARC files the local archive of the Portuguese Web present in the CD-ROM featured with the book "Novo Roteiro Prático da Internet" by José Magalhães.

- “Dead” archived collections became searchable and accessible

# Crawling the live-web since 2007



The screenshot shows the Heritrix project website. At the top right is the 'HERITRIX' logo. Below it, a grey bar contains the text 'Last published: 09 June 2011 | Doc for 1.15.5-201106092337'. On the left is a sidebar with a table of contents under the heading 'Overview'. The main content area has a large blue box with the word 'Obsolete' in white. Below this, it says 'For latest information see <https://webarchive.jira.com/wiki/display/Heritrix>'. Another blue box with the word 'Introduction' in white follows. Below this, a paragraph describes Heritrix as the Internet Archive's open-source, extensible, web-scale, archival-quality web crawler project. It explains that 'Heritrix' (sometimes spelled 'heretrix', or misspelled or mis-said as 'heratrix/heritix/heretix/heratix') is an archaic word for 'heiress' (woman who inherits). It concludes that since the crawler seeks to collect and preserve the digital artifacts of our culture for the benefit of future researchers and generations, this name seemed apt. A final line states that the most up-to-date information is available from the Heritrix Project Wiki.

**HERITRIX**

Last published: 09 June 2011 | Doc for 1.15.5-201106092337

**Overview**

- License
- System
- Requirements
- Downloads
- User Manual
- Developer Manual
- Javadocs
- FAQ
- Wiki
- Browse/Submit a Bug
- ▼ Related Projects
  - Archive
  - Access
  - Heritrix Cluster Controller (hcc)
  - cmdline-jmxclient
  - Deduplicator
  - Hadoop DFS Writer
  - Processor

**Obsolete**

For latest information see <https://webarchive.jira.com/wiki/display/Heritrix>

**Introduction**

Heritrix is the Internet Archive's open-source, extensible, web-scale, archival-quality web crawler project.

*Heritrix* (sometimes spelled *heretrix*, or misspelled or mis-said as *heratrix/heritix/heretix/heratix*) is an archaic word for *heiress* (woman who inherits). Since our crawler seeks to collect and *preserve* the digital artifacts of our culture for the benefit of future researchers and generations, this name seemed apt.

The most up-to-date information is available from the [Heritrix Project Wiki](#).

- Heritrix 1.14.3 configured based on previous experience crawling the Portuguese Web
  - 10 000 URLs per site
  - Maximum file size of 10 MB
  - Courtesy pause of 10 seconds
  - All media types
  - ...

# Trimestral broad crawls

- Includes Portuguese speaking domains (except Brazil)
- 500 000 seeds
  - ccTLD domain listings (.PT, .CV, .AO)
  - User submissions
  - Web directories
  - Home pages of previous crawl
- 78 million files per crawl (5.9 TB)
- New sites from allowed domains are crawled

# Daily selective crawls

- 359 online publications selected with the National Library of Portugal
  - Online news and magazines
- Begins at 16:00 to avoid site overload
- Reaches 90% at 7:00
- 764 000 files per day (42 GB)

# Problems with daily crawls



# The URLs of the publications change frequently



- Expresso newspaper since 2008
  - www.expresso.pt, aeiou.expresso.pt, expresso.clix.pt, online.expresso.pt, expresso.sapo.pt
  - Crawl all domains: many duplicates
  - Crawl only new domain: miss legacy content on previous domains
- Must be periodically validated by humans

# Default Robots.txt of Content Management Systems forbid crawling images

- Developers of popular Content Management Systems are not aware of web archiving
  - Mambo, Joomla
- Search engines only need the textual content

# Joomla robots.txt forbids crawling images since 2007

The Joomla SEO Book © Alledia Inc. 2007

The default Joomla robots.txt looks like this:

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /administrator/
Disallow: /cache/
Disallow: /components/
Disallow: /editor/
Disallow: /help/
Disallow: /images/
Disallow: /includes/
Disallow: /language/
Disallow: /mambots/
Disallow: /media/
Disallow: /modules/
Disallow: /templates/
Disallow: /installation/
```

Post subject: Update v2.5.7 and robots.txt

Posted: Thu Sep 27, 2012 12:22 am

Hi, maybe a little too late, but has anyone noticed the contents of the robots.txt being wiped out after the latest Joomla update v2.5.7, and replaced with this ?:

#### Code:

```
# If the Joomla site is installed within a folder such as at
# e.g. www.example.com/joomla/ the robots.txt file MUST be
# moved to the site root at e.g. www.example.com/robots.txt
# AND the joomla folder name MUST be prefixed to the disallowed
# path, e.g. the Disallow rule for the /administrator/ folder
# MUST be changed to read Disallow: /joomla/administrator/
#
# For more information about the robots.txt standard, see:
# http://www.robotstxt.org/orig.html
#
# For syntax checking, see:
# http://www.sxw.org.uk/computing/robots/check.html
```

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /administrator/
Disallow: /cache/
Disallow: /cli/
Disallow: /components/
Disallow: /images/
Disallow: /includes/
Disallow: /installation/
Disallow: /language/
Disallow: /libraries/
Disallow: /logs/
Disallow: /media/
Disallow: /modules/
Disallow: /plugins/
Disallow: /templates/
Disallow: /tmp/
```

- Joomla has been widely used

# Attempt to raise awareness

- Contacted webmasters of the selected publications by email
  - Only 10% returned feedback
- Some of them did not know they had robots exclusion rules on their sites

# DEDUPPLICATOR



LANDSBÓKASAFN ÍSLANDS  
HÁSKÓLABÓKASAFN

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## DeDuplicator

### Welcome

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[Javadoc](#)

### Project Documentation

► [Project Information](#)  
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SOURCEFORGE.NET



## The DeDuplicator (Heritrix add-on module)

### Release information

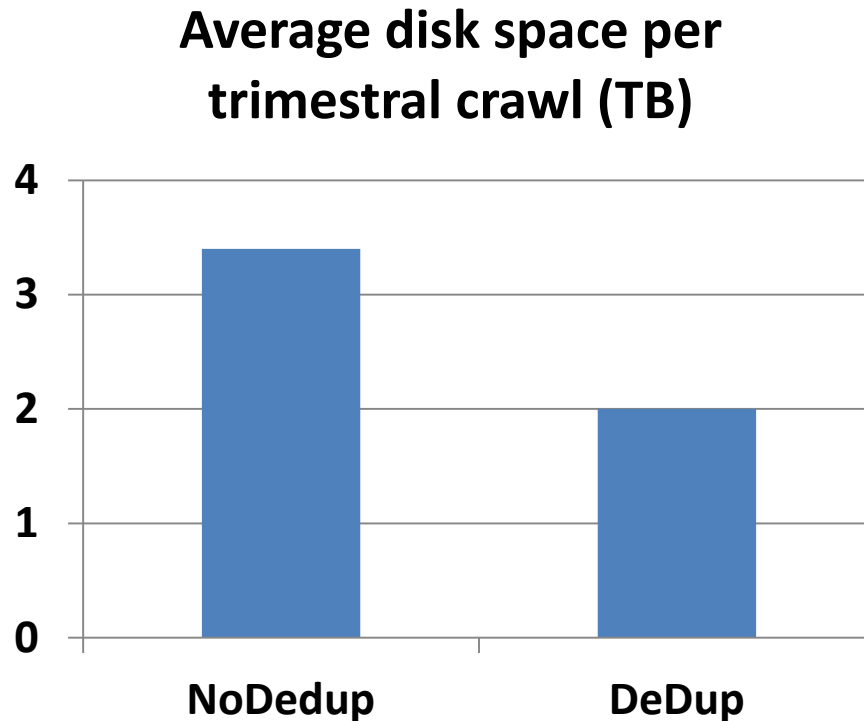
Current stable release is [0.4.0](#).

All releases, including interim (potentially unstable) releases can be found here: [Release History of DeDuplicator for Heritrix 1](#) and here: [Release History of DeDuplicator for Heritrix 3](#)

- Downloads content, computes checksum and compares it with version from the previous crawl
  - Unchanged->Discarded
  - Changed->Stored
- No impact on download rate

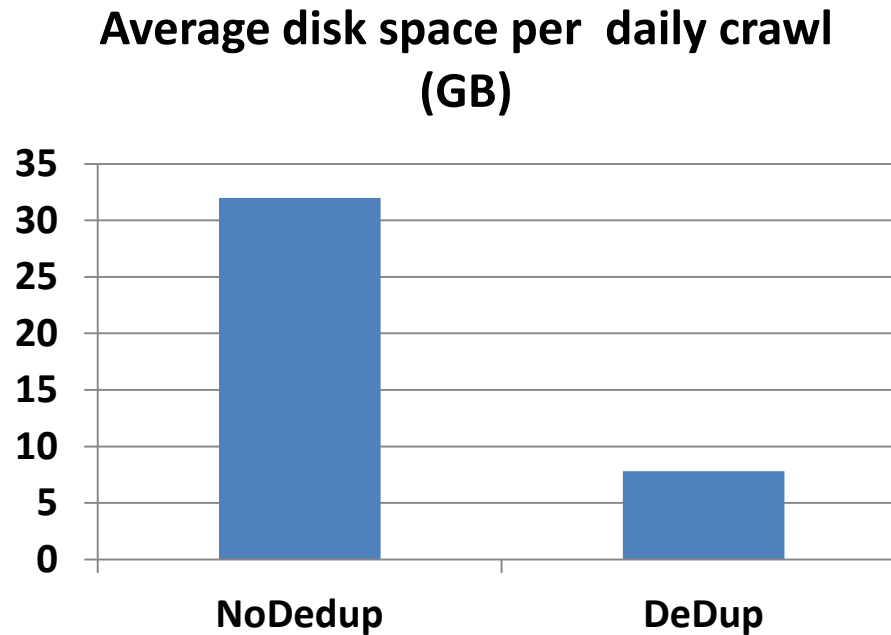
How much space did we save?

# Savings on Trimestral crawls



- 41% less disk space to store content
- 1.4 TB saved every 3 months

# Savings on Daily crawls



- 76% less disk space to store content
- 24.2 GB saved everyday (8.9 TB/year)



Total savings from using DeDuplicator

26.5 TB/year

# Ranking the past Web

Efforts to evaluate and improve  
search ranking results

# NutchWAX as baseline for full-text search



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built by:  **maven**

## Introduction


NutchWAX (*"Nutch" + Web Archive eXtensions*) searches web archive collections. The Web Archive eXtensions (WAX) include adaptation of the Nutch fetcher step to go against web archives rather than crawl the open net -- adaptation currently does [Internet Archive](#) [ARC files](#) only -- and plugins to add extra fields to the index that return an Archive Records' location in the repository, its collection name, etc.

## Project Sponsors

 international internet preservation consortium	The International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) is a consortium of twelve National Libraries and the Internet Archive. The mission of the IIPC is to acquire, preserve and make accessible knowledge and information from the Internet for future generations everywhere, promoting global exchange and international relations.
	The Nordic Web Archive (NWA) is the Nordic National Libraries' forum for co-ordination and exchange of experience in the fields of harvesting and archiving web documents.
	The Internet Archive (IA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to build a public Internet digital library.

# Users were not satisfied with NutchWAX search

Recolha AWP02



ARQUIVO DA WEB  
PORTUGUESA

Pesquisa

eleições date:20041204000000-20091204000000 Localizar Help

Search took 10.533 seconds. Resultados 1-10 (de um total de 359.901 documentos):

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[EXPRESSO — Notícias, opinião, blogues, fóruns, podcasts. O semanário de referência português.](#)  
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<http://alaoquer.blogs.sapo.pt/8081.html> [html] (16547 bytes) - 2008-04-11 22:12:04 - [other versions](#) - [explain](#)

- Unpolished interface
- Slow results
  - 40M URLs, >20s
- Low relevance for search results

# Developed a new web archive search system

- Quicker response times
- Improve relevance for search results



“Improved relevance”?!

How did you evaluate your results?

# Evaluated our web archive search with TREC benchmark

- TD2003, TD 2004 created to evaluate live-web ranking models
- Our initial ranking model
  - Document fields
    - URL, title, body text, anchor text, incoming links
    - **No temporal fields: crawl date**
  - Ranking features
    - Lucene (based on TFXIDF), Term distance between query terms and title, content, anchor text
    - **No temporal ranking features: age of the page**
- TREC results were acceptable but relevance of our results was obviously weak
  - Inadequate testing

# We built a Web Archive Information Retrieval Test Collection: PWA9609

- Corpus of documents from 1996 to 2009
  - 255 million web pages (8.9 TB)
  - 6 collections: Internet Archive, PWA broad crawls, integrated collections



# Topics describing users' information needs (topics.xml)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<topics>
  <topic number="1" type="navigational">
    <query>público</query>
    <period>
      <start format="dd/mm/yyyy">01/01/1996</start>
      <end format="dd/mm/yyyy">31/12/2000</end>
    </period>
    <description lang="en">
      Público newspaper between 1996 and 2000.
    </description>
    <description lang="pt">
      Jornal Público entre 1996 e 2000.
    </description>
  </topic>

```

- Only navigational topics
  - I need the page of Público newspaper between 1996 and 2000.

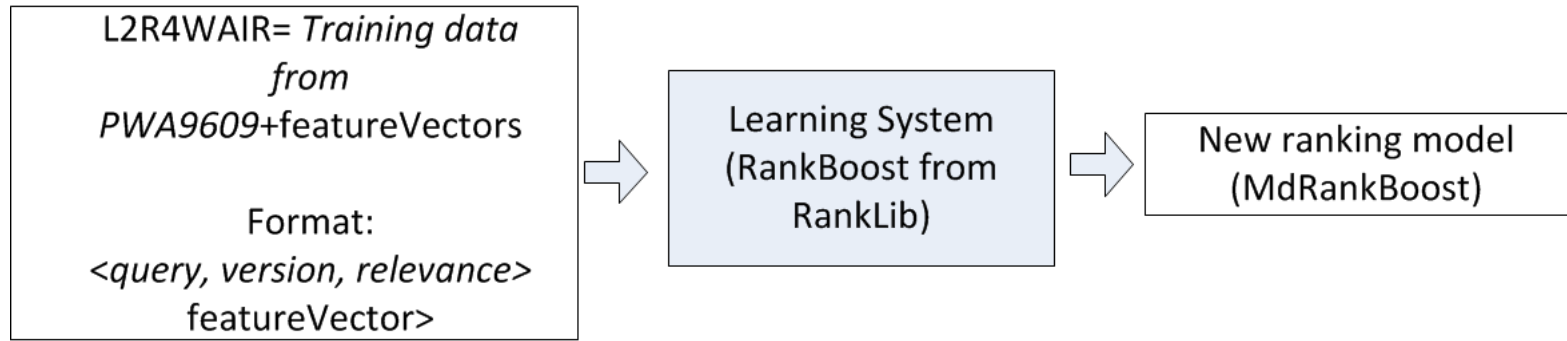
# Relevance judgments for each topic (qrels)

```
Topic_id, USELESS_LEGACY, version_id, relevance_judgement  
1 0 id8447index5 0  
28 0 id760084index0 0  
3 0 id346219index4 0
```

- TREC format to enable reuse of tools

Time-aware ranking models evaluated  
with the PWA9609 test collection

# Time-aware ranking models derived from Learning2Rank

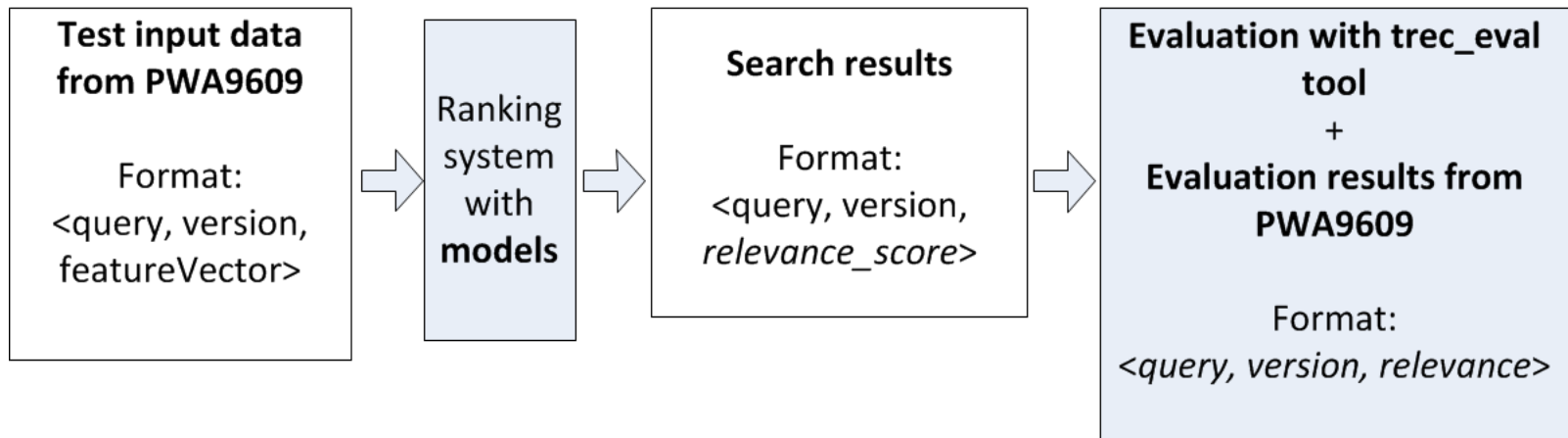


- **MdRankBoost:** RankBoost machine learning algorithm over L2R4WAIR

# Time-aware ranking models based on intuition

- **Assumption:** persistent URLs tend to reference persistent content (Gomes, 2006)
- **Intuition:** URLs that persist longer are more relevant
- **TVersions:** higher relevance to URLs with larger number of versions
- **TSpan:** higher relevance to documents with larger time span between first and last version

# Evaluation methodology



# Results

Metric	Time-unaware ranking models	Time-aware ranking models (our proposals)		
	NutchWAX	TVersions	TSpan	<b>MdRankBoost (L2R)</b>
nDCG@1	0.250	0.430	0.450	<b>0.550</b>
nDCG@10	0.174	0.202	0.193	<b>0.555</b>
Precision@1	0.320	0.500	0.520	<b>0.600</b>
Precision@10	0.168	0.172	0.158	<b>0.194</b>

- Temporal L2R approach provided the best results (MdRankBoost )
  - 68 features including temporal features
- TVersions and TSpan yield similar results
  - Persistence of URLs influences relevance
- More details: Miguel Costa, Mário J. Silva, [Evaluating Web Archive Search Systems](#), WISE'2012

# Future Work


- Temporal L2R (MdRankBoost) provided the most relevant results
  - 68 features take too much effort to compute
  - Need feature selection
- Extend test collection to include informational queries and re-evaluate ranking models
  - Who won the 2001 Portuguese elections?



Designing user interface

# NutchWAX (2007) vs. PWA (2012)

**Recolha AWP02**



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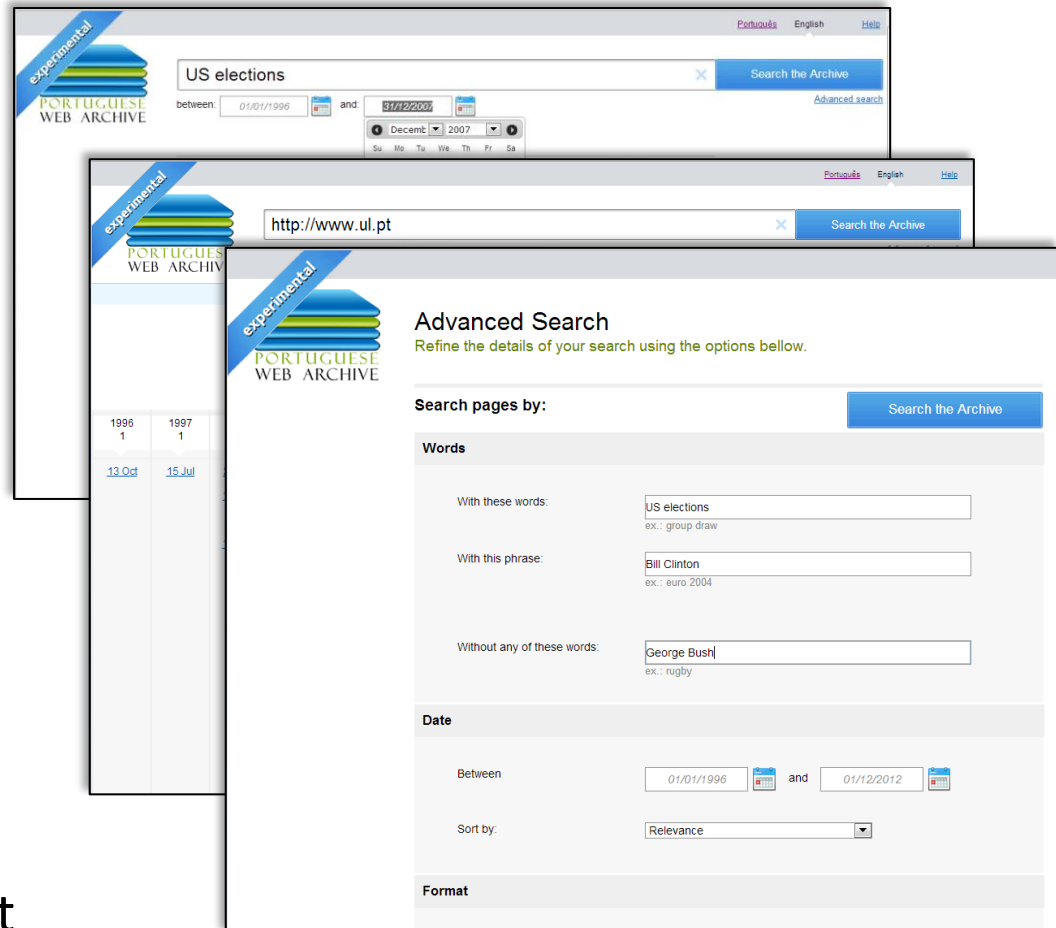
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The screenshot displays the Portuguese Web Archive (PWA) search interface. The top section shows a search for "US elections" with filters for date (between 01/01/1996 and 01/12/2012) and a calendar view. Below this, the "Advanced Search" section allows refining search details. It includes fields for "Words" (With these words, With this phrase, Without any of these words), "Date" (Between, Sort by), and "Format".

**US elections**

between 01/01/1996 and 01/12/2012

Search the Archive

**Advanced Search**  
Refine the details of your search using the options below.

Search pages by: Search the Archive

**Words**

With these words: US elections  
ex.: group draw

With this phrase: Bill Clinton  
ex.: euro 2004

Without any of these words: George Bush  
ex.: rugby

**Date**

Between 01/01/1996 and 01/12/2012

Sort by: Relevance

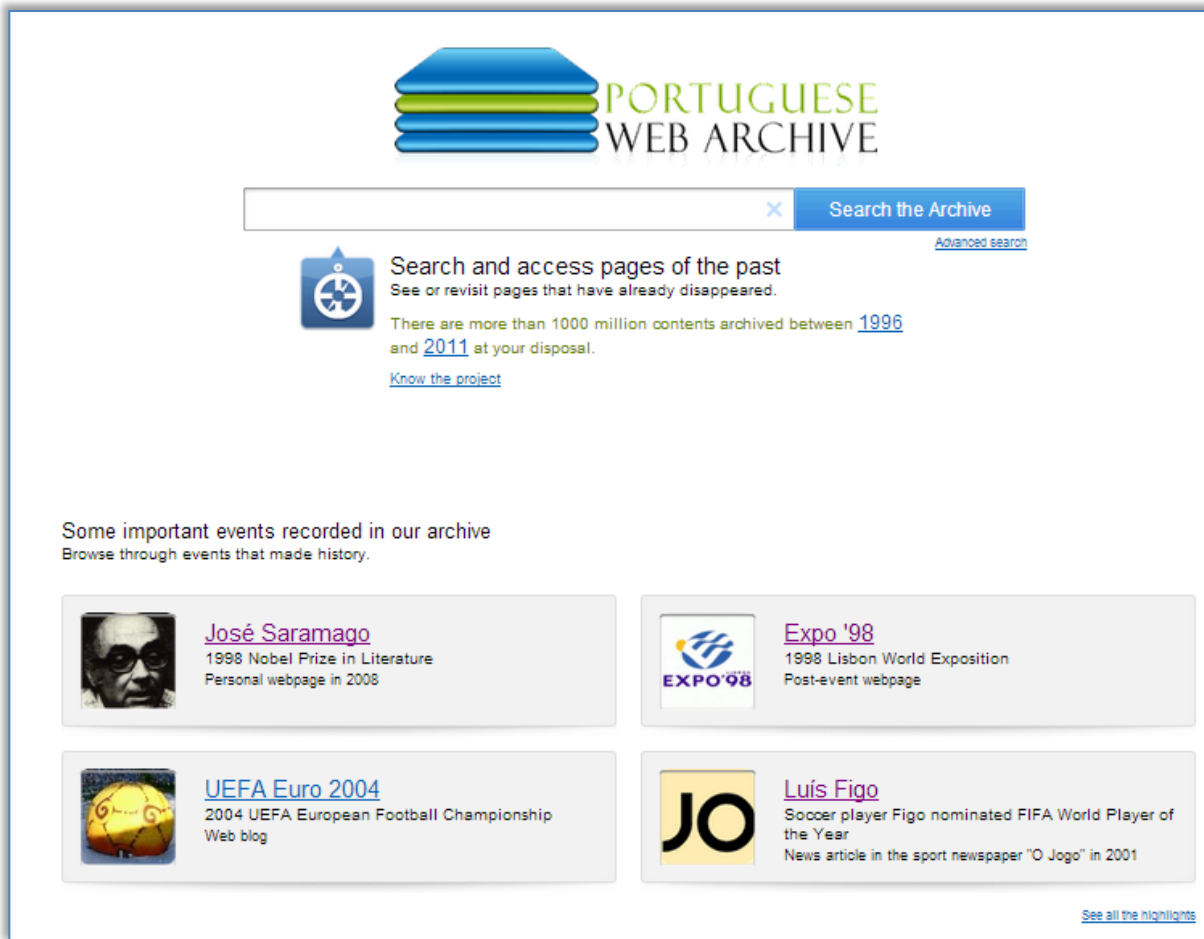
**Format**

- Internationalization support
- New graphical design
- Advanced search user interface
- 71% overall user satisfaction from rounds of usability testing

# Observations from usability testing

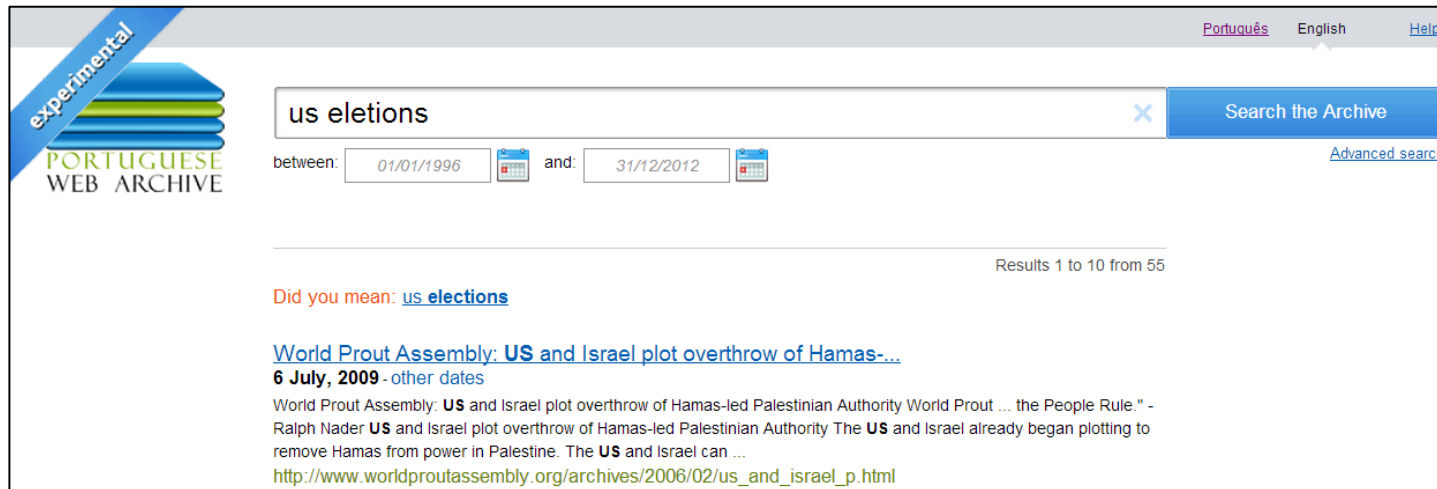


# Searching the past web is a confusing concept



- Understanding web archiving requires being techie
- Provide examples of web-archived pages

# Users are addicted to query suggestions



- Developed query suggestions mechanism for web archive search


# Users “google” the past

- Users search web archives replicating their behavior from live-web search engines
- Users input queries on the first input box that they find
  - Search system must identify query type (URL or full-text) and present corresponding results
- Provide additional tutorials and contextual help

# Conclusions

- Must raise awareness about web archiving among users and developers
- Time aware ranking models are crucial to search web archives
- We would like to collaborate with other organizations
  - Project proposals online

# All our source code and test collections are freely available





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The Portuguese Web Archive (PWA) main goal is the preservation and access of web contents that are no longer available online.

During the developing of the PWA IR (information retrieval) system we faced limitations in searching speed, quality of results, scalability and usability. To cope with this, we modified the archive-access project (<http://archive-access.sourceforge.net/>) to support our web archive IR requirements. Nutchwax, Nutch and Wayback's code were adapted to meet the requirements. Several optimizations were added, such as simplifications in the way document versions are searched and several bottlenecks were resolved.

The PWA search engine is a public service at <http://archive.pt> and a research platform for web archiving. As it predecessor Nutch, it runs over Hadoop clusters for distributed computing following the map-reduce paradigm. Its major features include fast full-text search, URL search, phrase search, faceted search (date, format, site), and sorting by relevance and date.

The PWA search engine is highly scalable and its architecture is flexible enough to enable the deployment of different configurations to respond to the different needs. Currently, it serves an archive collection searchable by full-text with 180 million documents ranging between 1996 and 2010.

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Thanks.



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