



Create Wayback-Consumable WARC Files from Any Webpage

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What is WARCreate?

- Google Chrome extension
- Creates WARC files
- Enables preservation by users from their browser
- First steps in bringing Institutional Archiving facilities to the PC





Target Content



- Unreachable by web crawlers
 - Behind authentication
 - Not listed in search engines (Deep Web)
- Private



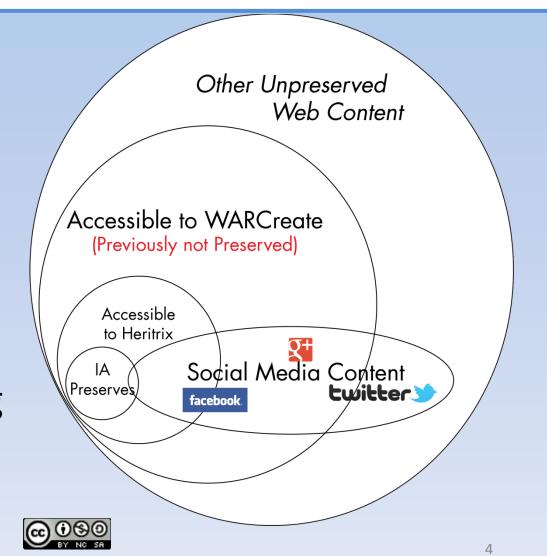
- We don't want our bank statements in Wayback
- Non-pertinent to public
 - Others have little interest in our Facebook comments



Preserving More!

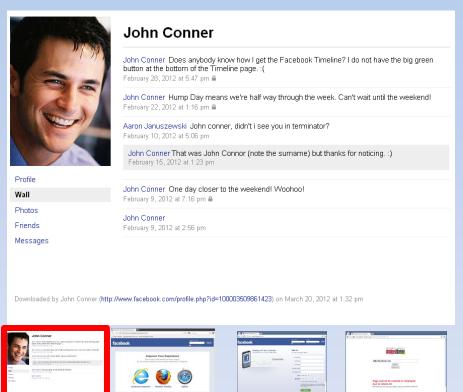
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- Much digital information is needlessly lost
- User chooses what they deem important
- Compatible with standard archiving tools.



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Facebook-Supplied Data Dump





Using Scraping Tools (e.g. wget)



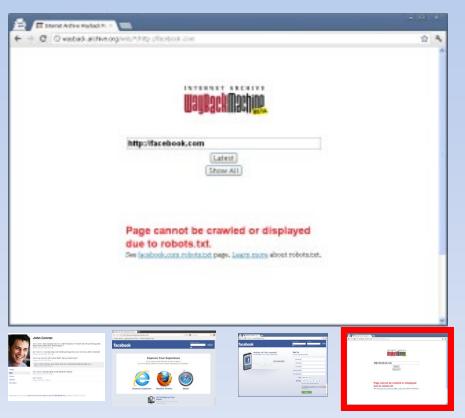


A Crawler Has No Context





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Goals

- Make it easy to use (GUI-based, no cmd line)
- Make it useful (fill the need)
- Demonstrate novelty of browser-instigated preservation
- Show value of WARC format for Personal Web preservation
- Bring WARC format to Personal Digital Archiving









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- Surveillance by secret agents
- People standing behind you

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I've Made a WARC. Now what?

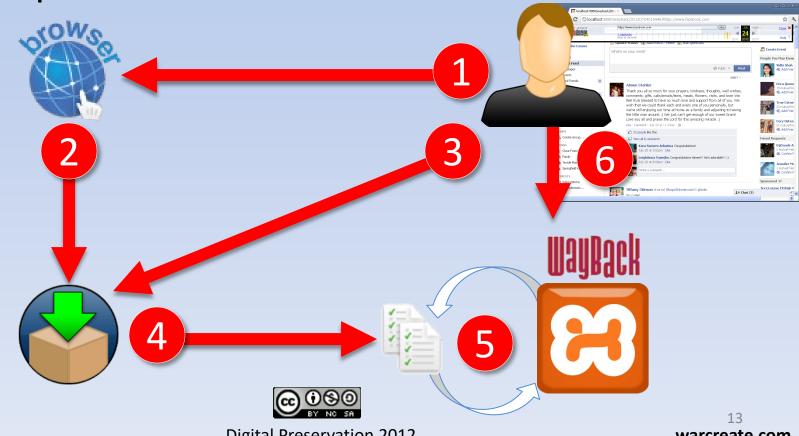
- What you do with the archive is up to you.
 - Install it in your local Wayback instance
- Who has their own Wayback Instance!?
 - Wayback is free & open source
- That seems like a lot of work!
 - One additional reason for users NOT to preserve what they would like archived



WARC Creation & Replay

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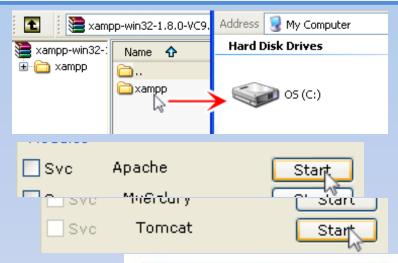
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Suite Installation & Interaction

Drag & Drop .zip to hd

- Start relevant services using GUI
- Execute WARCreate process

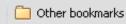




View Archive at http://localhost/wayback



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Replay of Preserved Twitter page



And My Bank Statements?

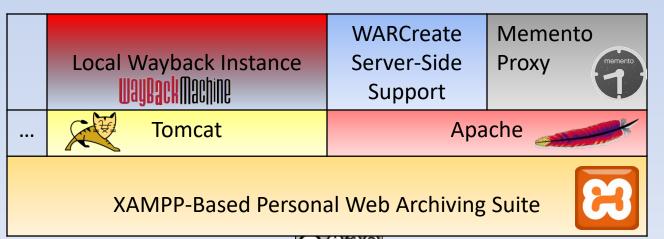
- Preserved content:
 - never leaves WARC files
 - never leaves local machine
- WARCreate provides preliminary encoding/encryption support
- Wayback instance is hosted on your own machine – no external access by default

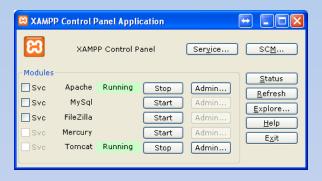




Why Use a Client-Side Server?

- Server scripts do what JS can't
- Can reside on your machine!
- Controls are GUI based
- Resource fetching w/o XSS issues





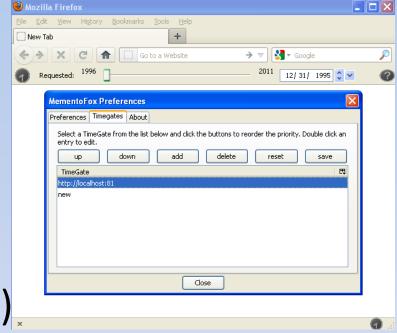
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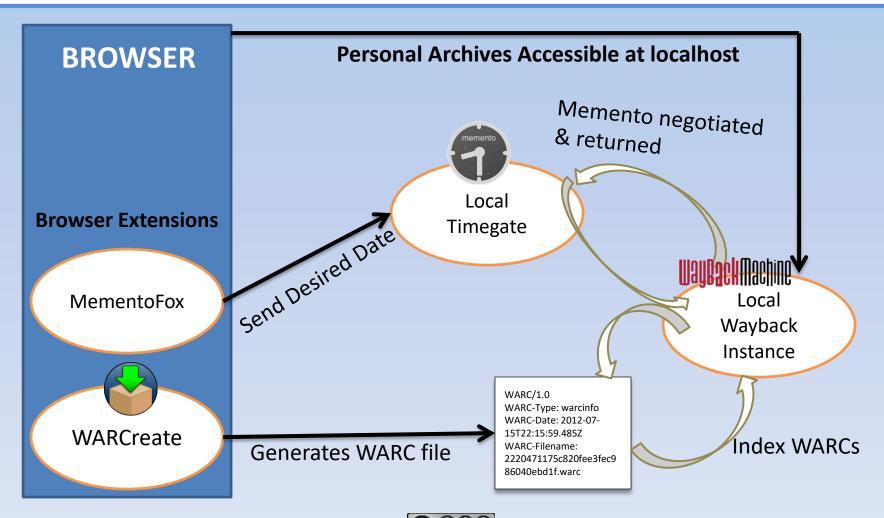
Extras: Memento Support

- Suite's includes tailored
 Timegate
- Memento abstraction is beyond WARC
- Point MementoFox
 (or other Memento tools)
 to localhost





How it All Relates





Contribution of Work

- Facilitate browser-based Personal Web Archiving
- Determine feasibility of fully Client-Side Preservation
- Integrate with existing tools for establishing use cases



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Backup Slides



Future Work

- Decouple from "server"
- Refine Memento integration
- Reference full WARC spec
- Built-in WARC validation
- Built-in replay
- Compression
- Optimization (removing duplicates)
- ...many more



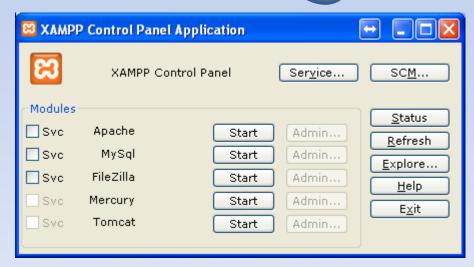


Extras: Configuration Sanity Check

- Server scipts make up for Javascript shortcomings
- The server can reside on your machine!
- Setup,Start,Stop are GUI based

- **X** WARC Validation
- X AJAX XSS Circumvention
- X HTML5 Sandbox Escaping
- X Memento Support
- X Local Wayback Instance

In WARCreate





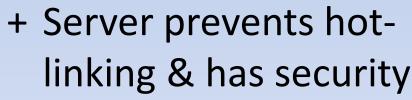


Extras: Configuration Sanity Check

- + Apache allows generated WARCs to be validated
- + Javascript cannot write to disk, server-side scripts can

- √ WARC Validation
- **✓ AJAX XSS Circumvention**
- √ HTML5 Sandbox Escaping
- ? Memento Support
- **X** Local Wayback Instance

In WARCreate



Content better preserved using server techs







Extras: Configuration Sanity Check

- Memento requires Wayback
 Wayback requires Tomcat
 - ∴ Memento requires Tomcat

- √ WARC Validation
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In WARCreate

Memento Timegate req's

Python+modules (pre-packaged + included)

