End of Term Web Archive Collaborating to Preserve the US Federal Web Domain

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Agenda

- Background and history of the End of Term Archive (https://eotarchive.org)
- Timeline and moving parts
- Various ways to access EOT
- Next steps
- How you can help!
- Q&A



it all began a long, long, time ago, in a far away place



Goals of the end of term project



United States Central Command Sept 16, 2008



U.S. Department of State Official Blog Feb 13, 2013



Healthcare.gov Twitter Feb 15, 2013

- □ Work collaboratively to preserve public U.S. Government websites
- □ Document federal agencies' presence on the web at the end of Presidential terms
- ☐ Enhance the existing research collections of the partner institutions
- □ Raise awareness about the need for preservation
- □ Engage with researchers and subject experts

EOT nuts and bolts



General Timeline of EOT Process

- Jan Mar Begin meeting to discuss upcoming EOT
- Mar Apr Set up Nomination Tool Instance https://digital2.library.unt.edu/nomination/
- Apr-Sept Begin seeking nominations
- Sept Begin "bookend crawl" (broad scope/comprehensive crawls)
- Sept Begin Human Nominated/Prioritized Crawls (updated every two weeks)
- Dec Generally Initial bookend completes.
- Feb Begin second bookend crawl
- Mar May Copy and stage data for access at IA
- Following 3 years Rest.

EOT Crawling Partners

	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024
Archive Team (AT)			Crawl		
California Digital Library (CDL)	Crawl				
Internet Archive (IA)	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl
Library of Congress (LOC)	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl		
University of North Texas (UNT)	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl	Crawl

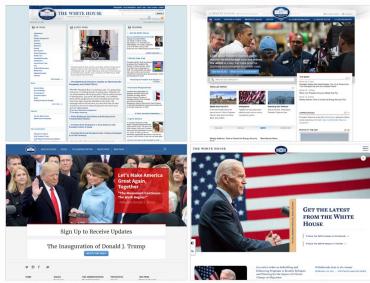
https://eotarchive.org https://github.com/end-of-term eot-info@archive.org

End of Term Web Archive

Background Partners Presentations Datasets

Purpose

The End of Term Web Archive captures and saves U.S. Government websites at the end of presidential administrations. The EOT has thus far preserved websites from administration changes in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020.



Whitehouse.gov captures from: September 15, 2008; March 21, 2013; February 3, 2017; and February 5, 2021.

Archive Scope

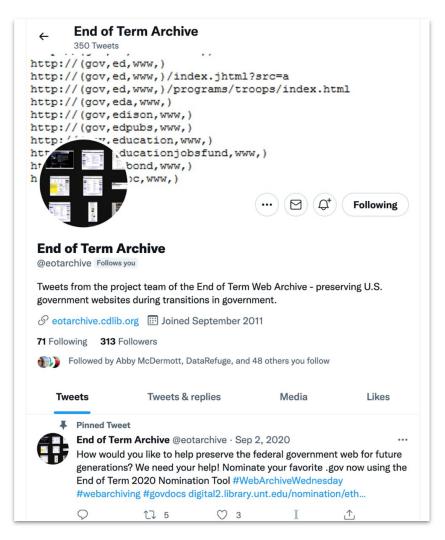
The End of Term Web Archive contains federal government websites (.gov, .mil, etc) in the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial branches of the government. Websites that were at risk of changing (i.e., whitehouse.gov) or disappearing altogether during government transitions were captured. Local government websites, or any other site not part of the federal government domain were out of scope.

U.S. Federal Government Domain End of Term 2024 Web Archive

For the End of Term 2024, The Library of Congress, University of North Texas Libraries, Internet Archive, Stanford University Libraries, U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have joined efforts again to preserve public United States Government websites at the conclusion of the presidential administration ending January 20, 2025. This web harvest – like its predecessors in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 – is intended to document the federal government's presence on the World Wide Web during the transition of presidential administrations and to enhance the existing

https://x.com/eotarchive

@eotarchive



Access to EOT Archive



Datasets

https://eotarchive.org/ https://github.com/end-of-term

End of Term Datasets

The End of Term project is working with the Amazon Web Services' Open Data Sponsorship Program to host a copy of the 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 End of Term Datasets.

The work of inventorying, staging and moving the data into AWS is still ongoing and more information will be provided here in the future.

Currently we have these datasets partially available for use.

Dataset	WARC#	WARC Size Compressed
EOT-2020	239811	266.04 TB
EOT-2016	194683	139.3 TB
EOT-2012	78509	41.42 TB
EOT-2008	125704	15.32 TB
EOT-2004	58977	6.42 TB

Datasets to date

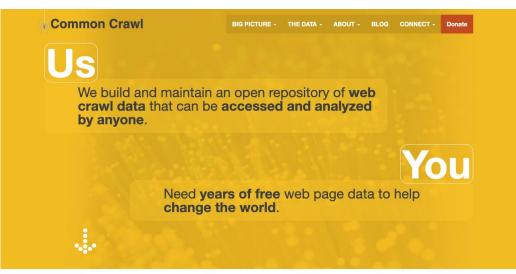
Crawl	WARC Files	WARC Size	WAT Size	WET Size	CDX Size	META Size
EOT-2004	58,977	7TB	108GB	18MB	6GB	36GB
EOT-2008	125,704	15TB	447GB	108GB	9GB	68GB
EOT-2012	78,509	41TB	885GB	217GB	12GB	82GB
EOT-2016	194,683	139TB	2TB	331GB	25GB	178GB
EOT-2020	239,811	266TB	9TB	3ТВ	84GB	713GB
Total	638,707	468TB	12TB	4TB	136GB	1TB

Common Crawl

https://commoncrawl.org

"Common Crawl is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing a copy of the internet to internet researchers, companies and individuals at no cost for the purpose of research and analysis."

- Monthly large (~300TB) crawls of the web
- Uses Nutch for crawling
- Stores data in WARC files
- Openly shares their data via AWS Open Data Sponsorship Program

















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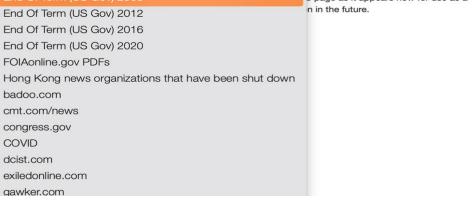
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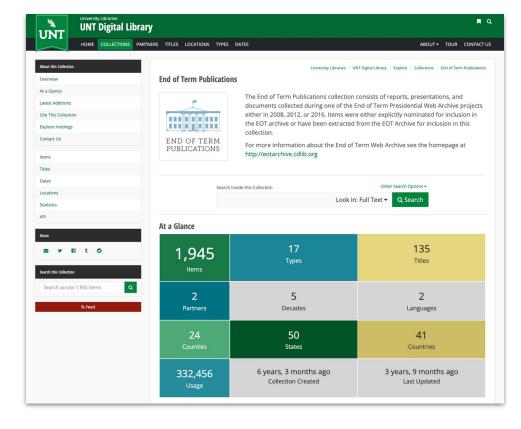
End of Term Publications

During the 2016 End of Term project we identified all of the PDF documents that had been nominated for capture.

These totaled over 1,900.

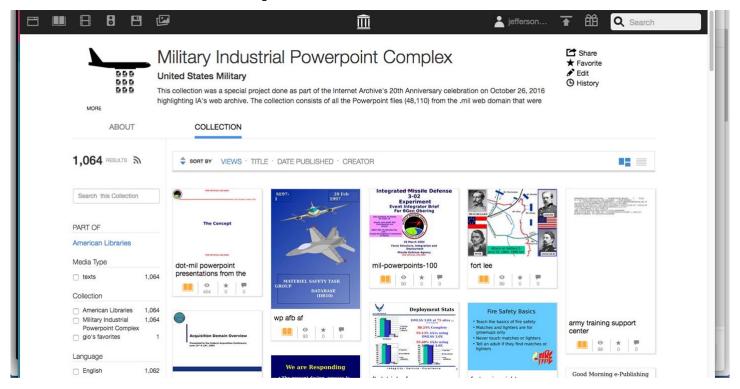
We extracted these from our crawls and built a digital collection for these in the UNT Digital Library

We worked with volunteers to create metadata records these documents so they could be easily accessed.



https://digital.library.unt.edu/explore/collections/EOT/

Extracted Special Web Collections



https://archive.org/details/MilitaryIndustrialPowerpointComplex

Next Steps

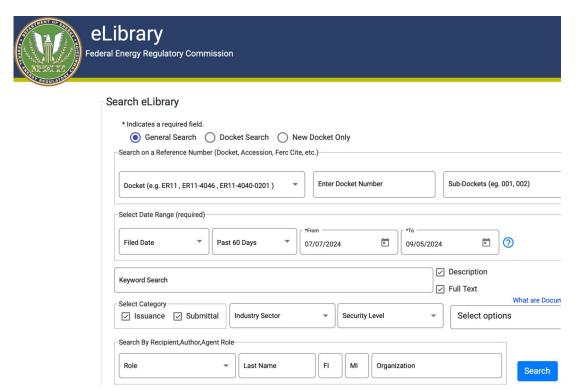


How you can help with EOT

	End of Term Presidential Harvest 2024	
any and all nominations welcome	Project Home About This Project Project Reports Feeds ▼	Add A URL
we need particular help with:	Capture the Following Site	
judicial branch websites	Website URL: ★ The URL you wish to nominate for capture	
government content on non-		ď
government domains (.com, .edu, etc.)	Metadata	
important content or subdomains on	Title: Title of this URL.	
very large websites (such as NASA.gov) that might be related to current Presidential policies	Branch: Branch of government.	
current Présidential policies	© Executive	
Official social media accounts	Clegislative	
	Agency: Government agency.	

https://digital2.library.unt.edu/nomination/eth2024/ Or https://eotarchive.org

We're also targeting databases!





Questions / Discussion

AMA (about EOT!)

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