

Targets

Websites of Public Agencies

WARP harvests the websites of public agencies in Japan per the National Diet Library Law.

- National Institutions
- Local Governments
- National and Public Universities etc.

Websites of Private Organizations

WARP harvests the websites of a number of private organizations with the permission of the webmasters.

- Political Parties
- Academic Societies
- Private Universities
- Events etc.

Statistics

Number of targets	12,135
Number of captures	158,050
Data size	1,403TB
Number of files	7,358,486,773

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The History of WARP

2002 Start of the WARP pilot project.

2006 Start of full-fledged operation.

2010 WARP starts to harvest websites of public agencies per the 2009 revision of the National Diet Library Law.



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Let's WARP to the past of the Web!



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Archiving websites for the future

Information on the Internet is updated frequently, and websites come and go just as quickly. To counter the ephemeral nature of information on the Internet, the National Diet Library (NDL) regularly collects and archives websites to preserve their content for the future.



Searching for information on WARP

Finding missing pages

Have you ever been unable to find a webpage that you were certain you had seen not so long ago, only to find out later that it no longer exists? WARP archives webpages. They can be retrieved by keywords, URL, title, and publisher.

On the Internet

The complete WARP archive of websites is available for browsing on the premises of the NDL. Moreover, a full 80% of these archived websites are available via the Internet with the permission of their webmasters, thereby enabling WARP users to access a wide variety of information from their houses and workplaces.

Archive information in WARP

A record of the present

Websites are important media for delivering content. But once a website closes, all traces of the organizations and events that were recorded there are gone. WARP is an archive of websites. Even if original website disappears, WARP preserves archived versions for future reference.

Linking from live websites

Japan's Legal Deposit system provides WARP with the rationale for comprehensive archiving of the websites of public agencies. Often, before deleting content from websites, many of these agencies add a link to the WARP archive of that content. This enables these websites to keep archived content available from their own website while reducing the burden on, and therefore the operating costs of, their own web servers.