

Collaborating to Address a Digital Backlog of Web Archives

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Case Study: Applied Research

- *How can we reduce the amount of underdescribed Web materials?*
 - *While: building on organizational strengths, maintaining standard descriptive practice, and achieving higher throughput to describe large-scale digital collections?*
- *Where can we apply inspirations or take lessons from archival description practices?*

LC Web Archives

- Program since 2000
- Thematic & Event
- Permission to crawl required
- Much available:

loc.gov/websites/collection

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Library of Congress Web Archives Collection

This is an archived Web site from the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/>

Archived: **01/08/2001** at 00:55:00

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Above, the interior of the dome of the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress

New Processes & Products

Collaborative Inputs

- Recommenders - nominate collections
- Cataloger - developed MODS framework
- Web Archivist - develop python scripts
- Web Services - push to loc.gov site

Minimal Description

Pulled information from
crawl database into minimal
MODS framework

More details [here](#)

Example ([cute overload! ;](#)): [loc.gov](#),
[MODS](#)

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Cute Overload was a widely read blog created by Megan Frost featuring cuteness in animals. The site's hosts would take submissions and publ



ARCHIVED WEB SITE

Beliefnet : Inspiration, Spirituality, Faith

Beliefnet.com offers daily inspiration with news articles on faith, religion, politics, health, family entertainment, sustainable living, and more in English and Spanish Electronic (Form).

Contributor: Beliefnet (Firm)

Date: 2009-01-13

Relational Series



ARCHIVED WEB SITE

Beliefnet: The source for Spirituality, Religion and Morality

beliefnet

Beliefnet: The source for Spirituality, Religion and Morality, a Web Site produced by BeliefNet, a religious organization, is part of the Library of Congress September 11 Web Archive and preserves the web expressions of individuals, groups, the press and institutions in the United States and from around the world in the aftermath of the attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Web...

Contributor: Beliefnet

Date: 2001-09-13



ARCHIVED WEB SITE

Beliefnet : spirituality, prayer, God, angels, meditation...

Beliefnet is the largest spirituality and faith website. Whether you are exploring your own religion or other spiritual traditions, you will find inspiration, prayer tools, spiritual teachers and an welcoming community. You will also find devotional tools such as bible study guides and online meditations. Web Site. electronic | Electronic (Form).

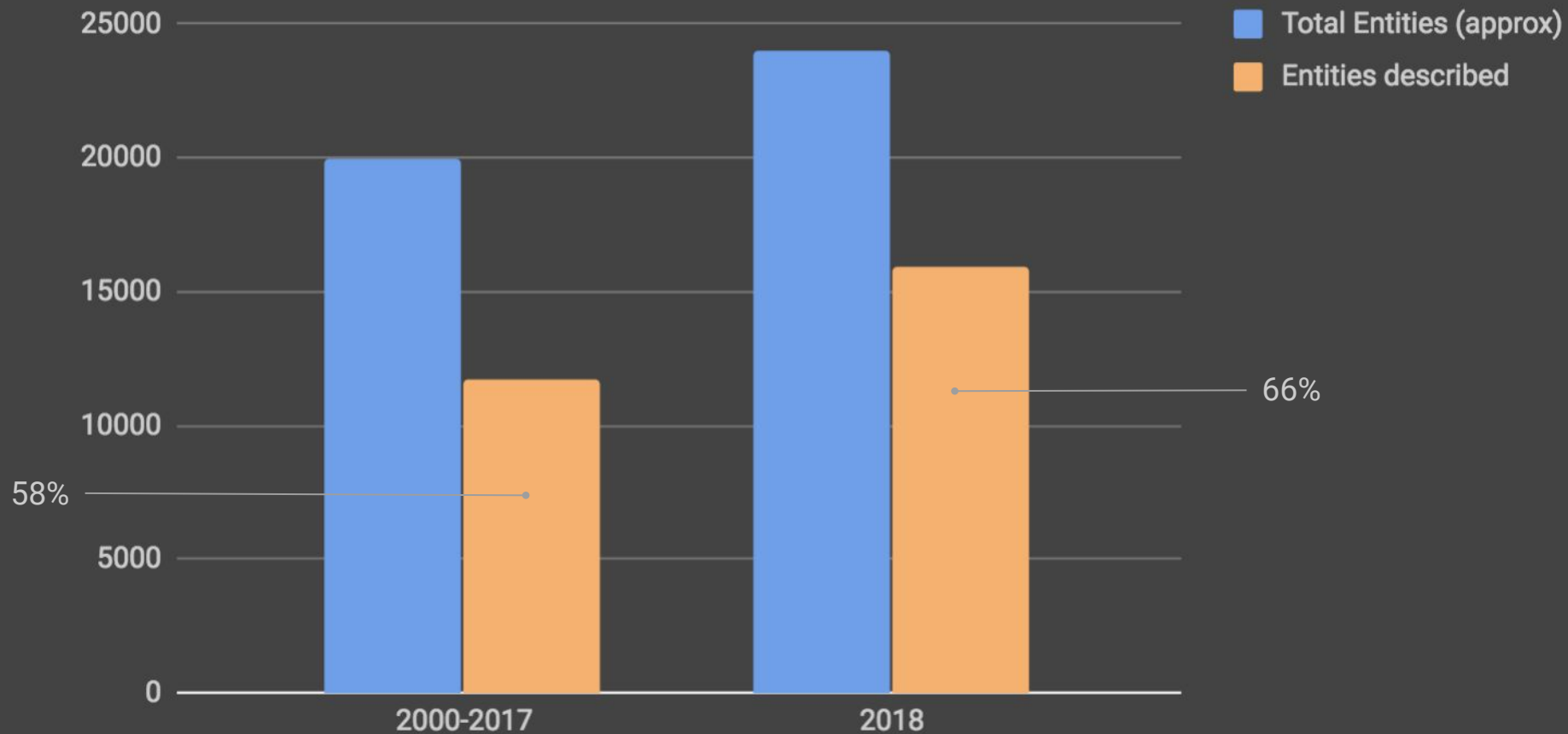
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Date: 2006-03-20

Part of...

- Crisis in Darfur 2006 Web Archive (241)
- Iraq War 2003 Web Archive (342)
- Collections and Services Directorate (508)
- African and Middle Eastern Division (1,594)
- Public Policy Topics Web Archive (2,358)
- Research and Reference Services Division (2,376)
- Humanities and Social Sciences Division (9,146)

Extent of Web Archives Described

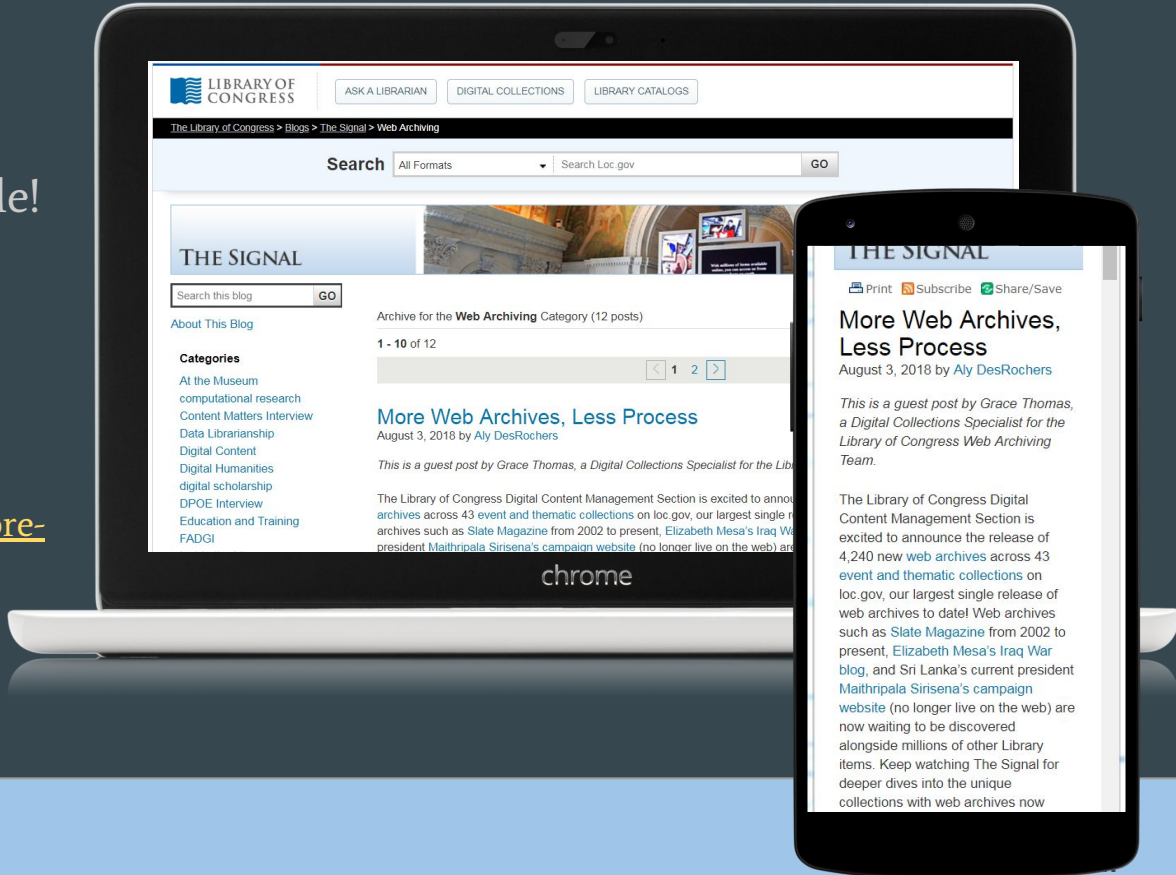


Implications

- More web archives available!
- Alternative to hierarchical description

Longer version available on The Signal:

<http://blogs.loc.gov/thesignal/2018/08/more-web-archives-less-process/>



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