



# The state of web archiving in Switzerland

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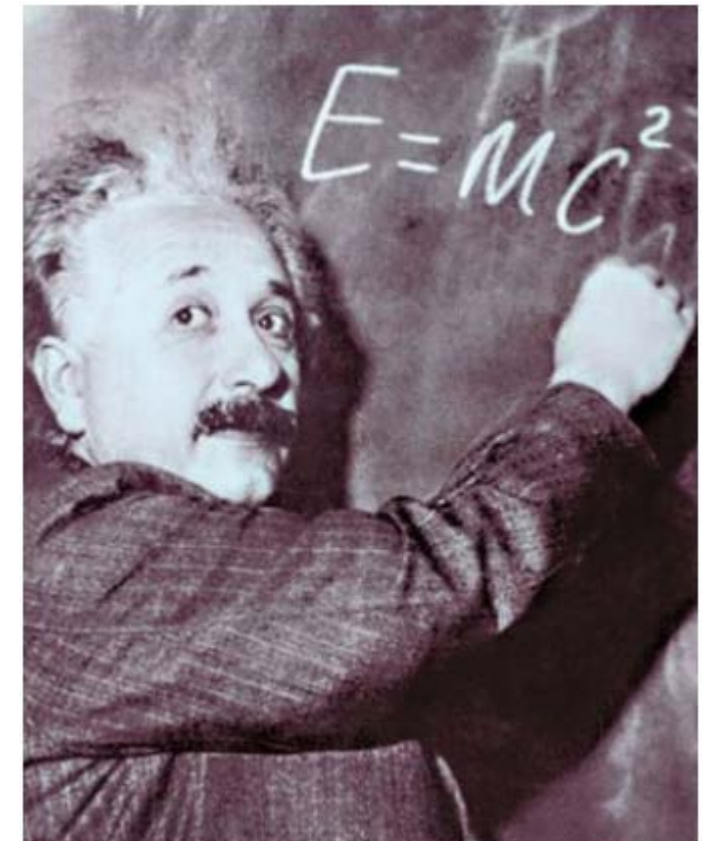
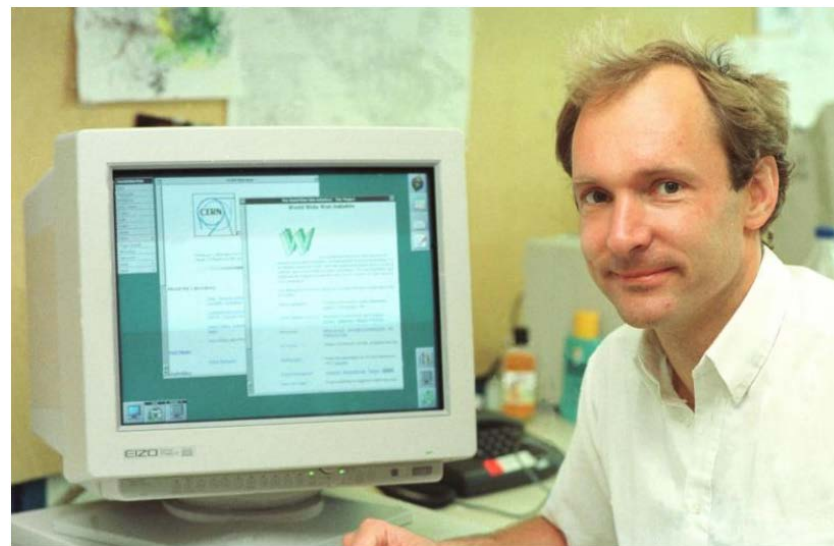
St.Gallen State Archives, Digital Preservation

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# 1. Introduction: What Switzerland is famous for





# 1. Introduction: Facts about Switzerland

- **Area comparison: 99.6% smaller than US, 90% smaller than DE, 50% smaller than AT**
- **8 Million inhabitants**
- **4 official languages**
- **26 states, thousands of communal authorities**
- **Swiss National Library, State Libraries, Communal Libraries**
- **Swiss Federal Archives, State Archives, Communal Archives**



## **2. Current state of web archiving in Switzerland: General**

- **No cooperation between libraries and archives**
- **Cooperation existing between libraries, leader is Swiss National Library**
- **No cooperation between archives in comparison to librarianship**
- **So far low-priority in archives sector**
- **Congress in May, 2013:  
Representatives from different archives and libraries  
made statements and reports  
Conclusion is to determine the archival value of websites  
from internet and intranet**



## 2. Current state of web archiving in Switzerland: Activities

- **Swiss National Library**  
**Cooperation; Heritrix, .arc/.warc, Wayback Machine;**  
**Participants mostly from State Libraries; Participants**  
**choose websites; National Library operates the processes**  
**and owns the data; Access at participants location;**
- **Swiss Federal Archives**  
**On-going feasibility study; travel notes (DFA),**  
**compliance/liability, currentness, anytime publication**  
**verification;**
- **State Archives**  
**On-going evaluation; Appraisal done; On-going tests;**  
**Archival description in finding aid; Original file formats i.e.**  
**.arc/.warc (dynamic); PDF/A (static);**



### **3. Current state of web archiving at St.Gallen State Archives**

- **Appraisal done, internet and intranet of state government, no compliance/liability reasons, only historical reasons**
- **Heritrix, .arc/.warc, Wayback Machine tested successful**
- **Ownership of data is very important**
- **Open questions**
  - What's our goal?**
  - Which file format/s is/are right?**
  - Which tools or services shall we use?**
  - Shall we cooperate with other Archives?**
  - Shall we confide web archiving to Internet Archive?**
  - Which approach is right for us?**
  - ...**
  - Shall we ask Tim Berners-Lee for advice?**

