Preserving the No. 10 website - the story so far

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Topics

- Selection
- Transfer
- Accessioning
- Presentation
- Storage and loss
- Some thoughts
The ‘snapshot’
Selection

- **What**
  - snapshot of June 6th 2001

- **Why**
  - Subject matter
    - Election day
    - Technical interest
    - theoretical and practical
Transfer

• Technical issues
  - Project management
  - structure mapping in a new technical environment

• Documentation
  - Minimum required?
  - Installation guide, system description and support plan, user and admin guides, others....
Presentation

• How do you find it?
  - PROCAT as PREM/18/1
  - Google

• What does it look like?
  - Quality
    • links to external references
    • validation

• Who has looked at it and why?
Prime Minister's Office: Web Site Snapshots

Series PREM 18 contains one day snapshots of the database and visual elements comprising the 10 Downing Street website. These websites contain the same information as the original site, however, certain features such as the registration forms and search engine have not been reproduced.

Document PREM 13/1 is a snapshot of the 10 Downing Street website as it was on the day before the June election. We are working to make earlier examples of this site available to show how government presentation of information on the web has changed over the life of the Internet.

The current 10 Downing Street website can be seen at www.pm.gov.uk
Acceptable loss

• What is an acceptable level of failure in:
  - Migration
  - Subsequent migrations
  - Transfer to open standard format
  - Subsequent migrations
  - Emulation

• How will the loss be recorded
Some thoughts

- Preserving the Web
  - Web harvesting
    - How will harvesting work with database driven sites?
  - Hand crafted approach
    - Like NDAD, takes skilled staff, costs money and takes time
Thank you

Questions