

Citing from a Digital Archive like the Internet Archive: A Cheat Sheet

1. Citing a digitally archived book in a wiki that supports citations like Wikipedia, LIMSwiki, etc.

First, verify the available citation templates and how they are used on the wiki.


e.g. Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Citation_templates

e.g. LIMSwiki: http://www.limswiki.org/index.php?title=Category:Citation_templates

Next, using the book template format, add all available information from the source. The wiki citation templates will most likely not have a location for physical location of the document or the name of the archive. This may force you to use the "others" field and place the publisher name in "others" and the archive name in the "publisher" section:

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<ref name="Dict1720">{{cite book
|url=https://archive.org/details/The_New_World_of_English_Words_Or_A_Gene
ral_Dictionary |chapter=Algorithm |title=The New World of Words: Or,
Universal English Dictionary |author=Phillips, Edward |publisher=Internet
Archive |others=Taylor, I. |date=1720 |edition=7th |pages= |accessdate=25
November 2014}}</ref>
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It would appear in the "References" section of the wiki page as:

Phillips, Edward (1720). "Algorithm". *The New World of Words: Or, Universal English Dictionary*. Taylor, I. (7th ed.). Internet Archive. Retrieved 25 November 2014.

2. Citing a digitally archived book in MLA format for a research paper

Follow normal MLA formatting for a book, but also add the location of the archived version (if applicable; without italics or quotation marks) and the name of the archive (italicized) before the source and access date:

Smith, Richard Gordon. "The Spirit of the Willow Tree." *Ancient Tales and Folklore in Japan*. London: A & C Black, 1908. 12–18. *Internet Archive*. Web. 28 Nov. 2014.

3. Citing a digitally archived book in APA format for a research paper

Follow normal APA formatting for a book, but also add the name of the archive (without italics or quotation marks), a colon, and the URL to the archived version after the "Retrieved from" text:

Smith, R. G. (1908). The Spirit of the Willow Tree. In *Ancient Tales and Folklore in Japan* (pp. 12–18). Retrieved from Internet Archive website: <https://archive.org/details/ancienttalesandf00gordrich>

4. Citing an archived URL from Wayback Machine in a wiki that supports citations like Wikipedia, LIMSwiki, etc.

First, verify the available citation templates and how they are used on the wiki.

e.g. Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Citation_templates

e.g. LIMSwiki: http://www.limswiki.org/index.php?title=Category:Citation_templates

Next, using the web template format, add all available information from the source, and also be sure to add the "archiveurl" and "archivedate" attributes (failing to add one or the other will result in an error):

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<ref name="KeaneArch05">{{cite web |url=http://www.keane.com/|archiveurl=https://web.archive.org/web/20051125010336/http://www.keane.com/|title=Welcome to Keane|work=Keane.com|author=|publisher=Keane International|date=|archivedate=25 November 2005|accessdate=25 November 2014}}</ref>
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5. Citing an archived URL from Wayback Machine in MLA format for a research paper

Confirm with your instructor if they wish you to include URLs for archived websites. If they do or you want to be safe, follow normal MLA formatting for a web page, but add at the end the original URL (in < and >), the name of the archive (italicized), and the archive URL (in < and >):

McDonald, R. C. "Basic Canary Care." *Robirda Online*. 12 Sept. 2004. Web. 25 Nov.

2014. <<http://www.robirda.com/cancare.html>>. *Internet Archive*. <<http://web.archive.org/web/20041009202820/http://www.robirda.com/cancare.html>>.

6. Citing an archived URL from Wayback Machine in APA format for a research paper

Follow normal APA formatting for a web page, and simply use the archived URL in the "Retrieved from" section:

McDonald, R. C. (2004, September 12). *Basic Canary Care*. Retrieved from

<http://web.archive.org/web/20041009202820/http://www.robirda.com/cancare.html>