# Referencing Internet Resources Using the Wayback Machine

The **Wayback Machine** is a digital archive of the internet, maintained by the Internet Archive (https://archive.org/). It allows you to view historical snapshots of websites, showing how they looked at different points in time. This is useful for retrieving deleted content, tracking website changes, or researching digital history. The Wayback Machine is a reputable resource that can be freely used for "educational and scholarship" purposes (see their Terms of Use).

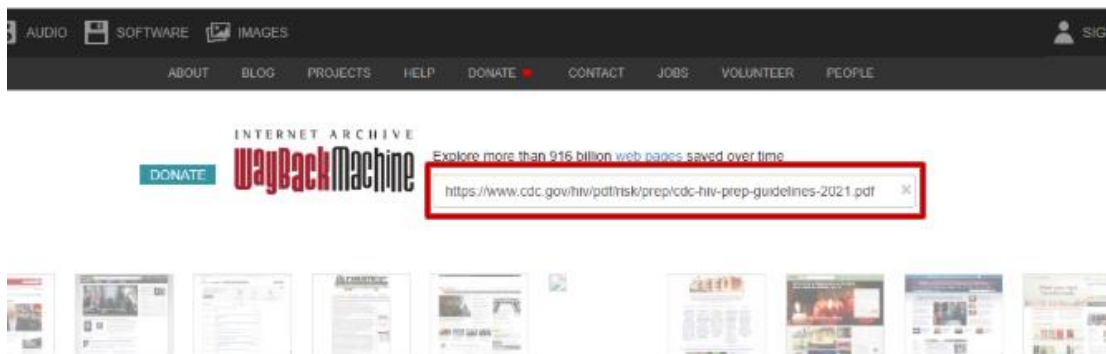## How to use the Wayback Machine website:

1) **Go to the Wayback Machine Website**
   - Open a web browser and visit https://web.archive.org/
   - Some organizations may automatically block access in certain browsers due to how the URL is formatted. If it does not work, try a different browser.
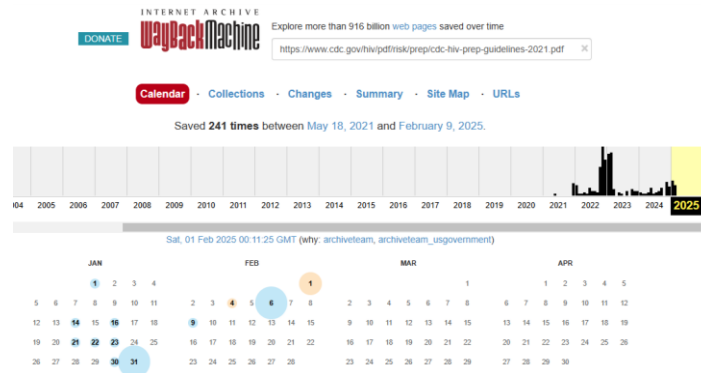
2) **Enter the Website URL**
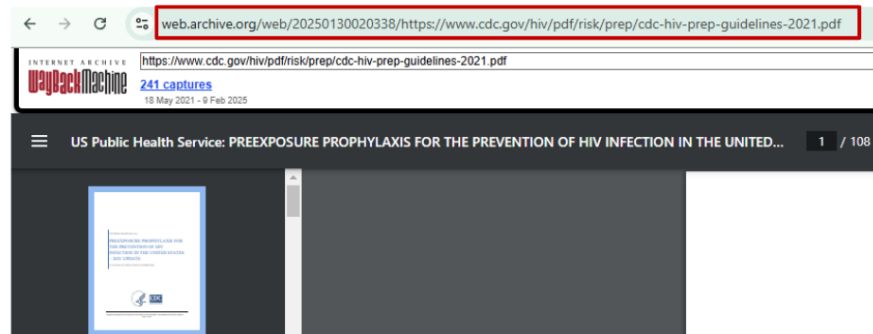   - Type or paste the full URL of the website you want to check in the search bar.



3) **Choose a Date and View the Archived Page**
   - A timeline will show the years the website was archived. Below it, a calendar view highlights available snapshots.
   - Click a year, select a date, and choose a timestamp to view how the site looked at that time.

## 4) Navigate the Archived Website
- Browse as the website appeared on the selected date.
- The hyperlink provided at the top of your browser now represents a direct link to the archived instance of the webpage you are looking at.



## 5) Referencing using the Wayback Machine
- To reference a page from the Wayback Machine in APA 7, follow the standard format for the original source and then include the archived link.

For example:

US Public Health Service. (2021). *Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States - 2021 Update - A Clinical Practice Guideline*. Centre for Disease Control. https://web.archive.org/web/20250130020338/https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/prep/cdc-hiv-prep-guidelines-2021.pdf

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