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Welcome to this guide to the best of the Web for Archaeology.

In these pages you will find a selection of some of the most useful websites for students, lecturers and researchers of Archaeology.

The selection is by no means exhaustive, but it should give you a flavour of the range of resources available on the Internet for education and research.

Supporting your Internet research

For those interested in exploring the wider Web, we offer free Internet search and training services for further and higher education via *Intute* – details of these can be found at the end of the guide.

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Subject gateways

A subject gateway functions as a point of entry to other websites and as such is a good place to start when exploring the Internet.

ArchNet
http://archnet.asu.edu/

ArchNet reviews and catalogues a wide range of online resources relevant to Archaeology. Resources can be found by broad subject area, regions, academic departments, publishers and journals, and museums.

Civilization
http://www.civilization.ca/

The Civilization website provides access to the online catalogues, virtual collections, virtual exhibitions, bibliographies and other resources from six of Canada's national museums.

Council for British Archaeology (CBA)
http://www.britarch.ac.uk/

The CBA works to promote the study and safeguarding of Britain's historic environment. It provides the gateway to British archaeology online, listing many useful Web links.

Internet Ancient History Resource Guide
http://www.ancienthistory.ugent.be/history/iahrg/

A useful starting point for searches on Ancient Greek or Roman topics, this website provides links to Internet resources for epigraphy, papyrology, numismatics, cartography, art and architecture and much more.

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Learning and teaching

This section draws together resources of particular use in learning and teaching, from organisations to online interactive materials.

Digital Egypt for Universities
http://www.digitalegypt.ucl.ac.uk/

This JISC-funded resource is a rich source of information on ancient Egyptian culture, accessible via an interactive map and a timeline summarising the history and cultural background of Egypt through the ages.

Higher Education Academy Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology (HCA)
http://www.hca.heacademy.ac.uk/

HCA exists in order to enhance teaching and learning within History, Classic and Archaeology. Among its many resources, this website features a calendar of forthcoming events; access to the virtual slide library; a newsletter and briefing papers; and a bibliography for teaching and learning.

Making Archaeology Teaching Relevant in the XXI Century: MATRIX
http://www.indiana.edu/~arch/saa/matrix/

The MATRIX website is an online teaching aid for Archaeology, providing a series of prepared course materials, guidance and suggestions to improve teaching.

Publications and Archives in Teaching: Online Information Sources (PATOIS)
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/patois/

The PATOIS project has developed four interactive tutorial packs to introduce students to the electronic analysis and use of primary archaeological data resources.

Data services and sets

Electronic access to large (and often previously inaccessible) collections of data.

Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/

The Archaeology Data Service (ADS) is part of the Arts and Humanities Data Service (AHDS) and supports research, learning and teaching with high quality and dependable digital resources. It does this by preserving digital data in the long term, and by disseminating a broad range of data in Archaeology. The ADS also promotes good practice and provides technical advice in the use of digital data in Archaeology.

Archaeological Records of Europe – Networked Access (ARENA)
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/arena/

ARENA is a European humanities computing initiative that has developed Web-based information technology for preserving archive material, particularly in the archaeological and heritage sectors.

Coflein
http://www.coflein.gov.uk/

Coflein is the online historic environment database for the National Monuments Record of Wales (NMRW) and contains details of many thousands of archaeological and maritime sites, monuments and buildings.

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland (CRSBI)
http://www.crsbi.ac.uk/

The CRSBI is an evolving electronic archive of British and Irish Romanesque stone sculpture. The aim of the project is to photograph and record all the surviving sculpture.

English Heritage Images of England
http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/

Images of England is a project run by the English Heritage National Monuments Record and aims to create a 'point in time' photographic record of England's listed buildings.

Excavations: Database of Irish Excavation Reports
http://www.excavations.ie/

This database provides concise descriptions of all archaeological excavations carried out in Ireland between 1970 and 2000.

Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies (FAMSI)
http://www.famsi.org/

The FAMSI website offers an online collection of images, photographs and reproductions from Mesoamerican sites and artefacts together with extensive documentation and bibliography.

Historic Environment Information Resources Portal (HEIRPORT)
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/heirport/

HEIRPORT gives access to a number of different UK data sources such as National Monument Records and Historic Environment Records via a single simple interface that uses geographic location as an underlying theme.

Historic Environment Information Resources Network (HEIRNET)
http://www.britarch.ac.uk/HEIRNET/

HEIRNET enables access to Historic Environment Information Resources for conservation, research, learning and general interest. It does this by promoting HEIRs and informing information managers about new developments in IT.

Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS)
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/oasis/

The aim of the OASIS project is to provide an online index to the mass of archaeological grey literature produced as a result of large-scale developer funded fieldwork.

Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)
http://www.finds.org.uk/

The Portable Antiquities Scheme provides a database of descriptions of chance archaeological finds in England and Wales.

Prof. John Haskins' Slide Collection
http://www.pitt.edu/~haskins/

This website contains images of Scythian art and archaeology, a bibliography and a series of maps from a collection of slides by the late Prof. John Haskins.

Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network (SCRAN)
http://www.scran.ac.uk/

SCRAN is a subscription-based collection of some 325,000 learning resources, images, video clips and audio files, from museums, galleries, archives and the media. Many of the resources are relevant for Archaeology and the site also offers over 3,000 educational packs.

Stone Pages
http://www.stonepages.com/

This is an online guide to over 500 European megaliths and other ancient sites, with a particular focus on England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales.

University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology Digital Image Database
http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umma/research/onlinecatalogs/

The Museum of Anthropology website has developed an online collection of over 15,000 digital 35mm slides that represent over 60 years of archaeological work throughout the United States, Latin America, Asia and Europe.

Organisations

This section presents the websites of a selection of archaeology-related organisations.

Architectural Heritage Fund
http://www.ahfund.org.uk/

This website provides information on the Fund itself, rescuing buildings, grants and loans available for rescue work and general support for community and voluntary organisations interested in regenerating historic buildings.

Cadw
http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/

Cadw is the Welsh Assembly Government's historic environment division. It undertakes the conservation, presentation and promotion of the built heritage of Wales.

Computer Applications in Archaeology (CAA): Computer and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology
http://www.caaconference.org/

The CAA is an international organisation bringing together archaeologists, mathematics and computer scientists to network about computer applications and quantitative methods in Archaeology.

Council for Scottish Archaeology (CSA)
http://www.scottisharchaeology.org.uk/

The CSA aims to promote and secure the archaeological heritage of Scotland. It supports local archaeological initiatives and offers a comprehensive information service.

English Heritage
http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/

English Heritage is the UK government's statutory adviser on the historic environment. The site's archaeology section provides details of its conservation and preservation work as well as the historic sites in its care.

Environment and Heritage Service, Northern Ireland
http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/

The Environment and Heritage Service website provides information about heritage sites and historic monuments in Northern Ireland. It features information on building preservation and conservation, and the listing and grading of buildings.

Historic Scotland
http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/

This Scottish Government website is concerned with all aspects of the historic environment in Scotland. It introduces historic sites, describes methods of preservation and provides a database of all listed buildings in Scotland.

Institute of Field Archaeologists
http://www.archaeologists.net/

The IFA is the professional organisation for archaeologists in the UK. Its website provides information on the organisation itself along with codes, guidelines and standards relating to archaeological work in the UK.

Institute of Nautical Archaeology
http://ina.tamu.edu/

This website provides information on projects undertaken by the Institute, which is based at Texas A&M University, as well as access to a virtual museum complete with site plans, images of discoveries and bibliographies.

Manx National Heritage
http://www.gov.im/MNH/

This is the official heritage website of the National Heritage agency of the Isle of Man, which exists in order to preserve, protect and promote the Manx natural and cultural heritage.

National Trust
http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/

The National Trust works to preserve and protect the coastline, countryside, and buildings of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The site provides information about its numerous buildings and conservation and preservation issues.

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS)
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/

RCAHMS is responsible for recording, interpreting and collecting information about the built environment. The site informs on this work and features 'Canmore', the database of the National Monuments Record of Scotland.

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCHMW)
http://www.rcahmw.org.uk/

The aim of the RCHMW is to carry out accurate and scholarly surveys which are then made available via an archive, a national database and publications. The site hosts two databases: Coflein (listed above) and CARN, the Core Archaeological Record Index.

Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
http://www.saa.org/

Formed in 1934, the SAA aims to promote the research and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. Its website provides information on the Society, government affairs, and career and education opportunities.

Society of Antiquaries of London
http://www.sal.org.uk/

The Society of Antiquaries of London is one of the UK's oldest learned societies. Its website provides information on the Society, its library and collections, and the Antiquaries Journal.

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
http://www.socantscot.org/

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780 with the aim of studying the antiquities and history of Scotland, particularly by means of archaeological research.

Electronic journals and texts

Many scholarly, peer-reviewed journals are now freely available electronically.

Assemblage: the Sheffield Graduate Journal of Archaeology
http://www.assemblage.group.shef.ac.uk/

This e-journal is run by graduate students from Sheffield University. It contains contributions from graduates and professionals as well as peer-reviewed research papers, opinion essays, reviews and bulletin boards.

Internet Archaeology
http://intarch.ac.uk/

Internet Archaeology is a scholarly e-journal published by the Council for British Archaeology. Its articles regularly contain searchable databases; interactive images, plans and sections; video footage; virtual reality models, and access to digital archive material.

JSTOR
http://uk.jstor.org/

JSTOR is a unique digital archive collection of core scholarly journals, containing the electronic full-text of some 14 archaeological journals in particular. Institutional subscription is required to access the articles.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR)
http://www.sair.org.uk/

The SAIR website was created to address the gap between a growing demand for publication of full archaeological reports and the increased pressure on available space and high costs involved in doing this.

Stanford Journal of Archaeology (SJA)
http://archaeology.stanford.edu/journal/

The SJA is an online periodical which combines traditional peer-reviewed paper publication with the potentialities of a Web-based medium. It particularly encourages publications by younger academics.

Bibliographies and citations

Online bibliographies offer quick and convenient access to information about secondary sources.

Aigyptos
http://www.aigyptos.uni-muenchen.de/

Aigyptos is a database providing rapid access to research bibliographies in Egyptology from the prehistoric to the Greco-Roman periods, including Coptic and Nubian studies.

British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography (BIAB)
http://www.biab.ac.uk/

The BIAB focuses on the archaeology of Britain and Ireland, with a database listing publications from AD 1695 to the present day.

Chloris
http://clvl.cla.umn.edu/chloris/

Chloris is a searchable bibliography – listing books, articles and PhD theses - of the Bronze Age archaeology of mainland Greece and Crete.

COPAC
http://www.copac.ac.uk/

COPAC is a British union catalogue that provides free access to the merged online catalogues of 24 major university research libraries and to national libraries in the UK and Ireland.

ZETOC
http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk/

ZETOC provides access to the British Library's database of journal articles and conference proceedings. With over 20 million records, it covers all fields of academic study and is updated daily. An ATHENS subscription is required.

Standards and practice

This section provides suggestions of where to find information online about archaeological good practice.

ADS Guides to Good Practice
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/goodguides/g2gp.html

In conjunction with the AHDS, the ADS has published a series of online guides to good practice. These provide practical guidance in applying recognised standards to facilitate the creation, preservation, and re-use of digital resources. Guides have been written for GIS, CAD, Virtual Reality, geophysical data, archiving aerial photography and remote sensing data and digital archives from excavation and fieldwork.

Archaeological Standard Protocol for the Integrated Reporting of Events (ASPIRE)
http://www.aspire-resource.info/

ASPIRE has been designed in order to rigorously specify data structure, data type and required fields for reporting new archaeological information to SMRs and the RCAHMS in Scotland.

Centre for Educational Technology Interoperability Standards (CETIS)
http://www.cetis.ac.uk/

CETIS represents UK Higher and Further Education on a range of international educational standards initiatives. These standards allow the exchange of information between learning content, learning management systems, student profile systems and administrative systems.

English Heritage: National Monuments Record Thesauri
http://thesaurus.english-heritage.org.uk/

This website provides highly detailed thesauri to help professionals standardise the terminology used to describe heritage sites and materials when creating records for the public and professional domain.

Forum on Information Standards in Heritage (FISH)

http://www.fish-forum.info/

The FISH website is a forum for anyone involved in recording information about the history, heritage or current state of the many thousands of archaeological buildings or monuments in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Heritage Law
http://heritagelaw.org/

Heritage Law is a group sponsored by the West Wales Heritage Consultancy that promotes the study and discussion of European laws on heritage management. The group is based in the UK but its activities span the whole of Europe.

INSCRIPTION
http://www.fish-forum.info/inscript.htm

INSCRIPTION is a collection of 'wordlists' maintained and recommended by FISH. It provides tools for comprehensive and consistent indexing of different aspects of the built and buried heritage.

Manual and Data Standard for Monument Inventories (MIDAS)
http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/filearea.cgi?LMGT1=FISH&a=get&f=/web_midasintro.htm

MIDAS is part of FISH and aims to set out an agreed list of the items or 'units of information' that should be included in an inventory or other systematic record of the historic environment.

Subject news and discussion lists

The following resources represent excellent ways of keeping in touch with your subject community.

Ancient Near East
http://ancientneareast.net/

This portal and blog site provides Web links to archaeological sites and excavations, museums and exhibitions, institutions, academic departments and events. All links relate to the ancient Near East and Egypt.

Archaeology in Europe
http://www.archaeology.eu.com/weblog/

This blog reports news of archaeological relevance from various sources and is an essential resource for updates on European archaeology.

British Archaeological Jobs Resource (BAJR)
http://www.bajr.org/

The BAJR website provides a list of UK job vacancies of interest to professional and academic archaeologists. Job seekers may also place their CVs on the site.

European Journal of Archaeology
http://eja.e-a-a.org/

This is the official blog of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) and contains regular news both about the Association and archaeology in Europe.

Explorator
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Explorator/

Explorator is a weekly online newsletter reporting archaeological news from all over the world. Users may access an archive of past editions and subscribe to receive the newsletter via email.

JISCmail
http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/

JISCmail hosts several email discussion lists relevant for archaeologists, aimed primarily at the UK academic community but freely available to anyone.

Miscellany

This section contains a miscellany of websites – with an emphasis on world archaeology and individual projects.

Ancient Chinese Rice Archaeology Project
http://http-server.carleton.ca/~bgordon/Rice/

This website presents an important topic in Chinese archaeology: the search of the earliest evidence for the use of rice in China. The site includes a gallery of images, a bibliography, and a large collection of papers.

Archaeological Survey of India
http://asi.nic.in/

The ASI, part of the Indian Ministry of Culture, is charged with the exploration, excavation, preservation, and protection of monuments and sites in India. The website provides information on ASI's activities, short articles on archaeological sites in India, and news of recent discoveries and excavations.

ARCHEOGUIDE
http://archeoguide.intranet.gr/

Archeoguide is a system designed to provide new ways of information presentation at cultural heritage sites through the use of advanced IT. The project's objective is to create a virtual reality environment in which historic sites can be experienced as though at first hand.

A Manx Note Book
http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/

Focusing on the Isle of Man, this website contains a number of valuable resources including a bibliography of publications about the island, a cartobibliography, and the full-text of over 100 monographs.

Wessex Archaeology
http://www.wessexarch.co.uk/

Wessex Archaeology is one of the largest archaeological practices in the UK. Its website provides details of its projects across southern England, commercial services, training opportunities and educational work. The site also features online galleries, exhibitions and archaeological news.

Discover the best of the Web using Intute

The Internet can be a powerful tool for learning, teaching and research, offering a huge range of resources and services. However, finding relevant information online can be a daunting task, and issues of trust, quality and poor search skills are very real and significant concerns – particularly in education and research contexts.

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- The **Internet catalogue** provides access to thousands of high-quality Internet resources, selected and described by subject specialists, and covers all key areas of the arts and humanities.

- The **Virtual Training Suite** offers free Internet training with a set of "teach-yourself" online tutorials, designed to help students develop their Internet research skills.

- Free **support materials** for universities and colleges, such as flyers, posters, leaflets and presentations as well as a range of "best of the Web" subject booklets.

- **Limelight**, a monthly feature showcasing individual artists, topical subjects, new and noteworthy websites, or forthcoming events, exhibitions or festivals. Each feature gives information, links to related sites in the *Intute: Arts & Humanities* database and suggestions for possible searches.

- Search for practitioners in the Arts & Humanities via the **Artists Index**, including links to relevant resources in the database.

- Quick and easy access to scholarly **electronic journals** in the Arts & Humanities.
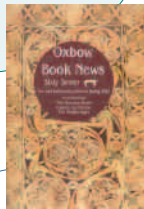

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- Sign up for a personal **MyIntute** account, which provides weekly email updates of recently reviewed websites and allows you to save resources of interest.

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