



Lab 3-1: Sampling current and historic Web site designs

In this lab, you will use the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine to compare the look of Web pages today with how they looked in the past.

1. Open your browser.
2. Go to www.google.com, then press **ENTER**. The Google home page will appear. Note the appearance of the page.
3. Go to <http://archive.org/web/web.php>, then press **ENTER**. The Internet Archive's Wayback Machine page will appear, as shown in Figure 3-3.

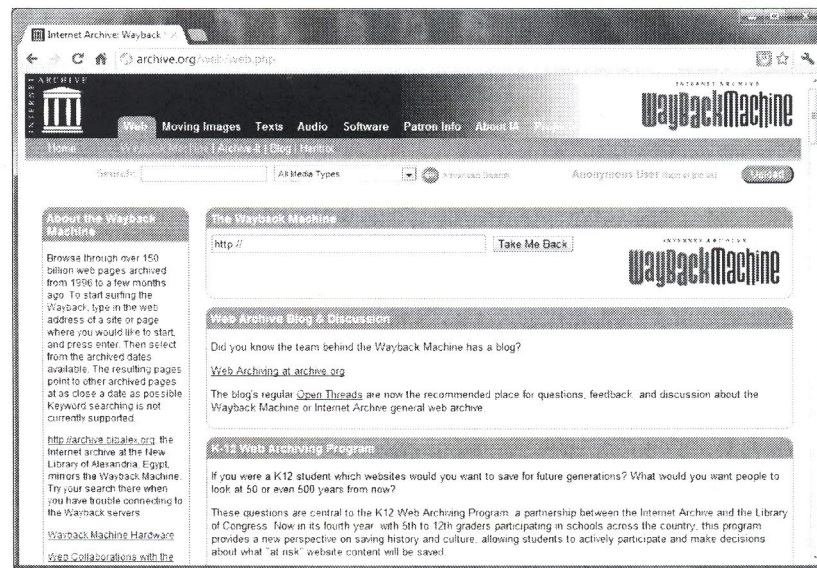


Figure 3-3: Internet Archive's Wayback Machine page

4. Click after the "http://" in The Wayback Machine text box, type www.google.com, then click the **Take Me Back** button. A Search Results page will appear containing a timeline and links to the archived dates available for the selected Web site.
5. Click the **Nov 11, 1998** link and notice the difference between the current Google home page and the home page as it looked on November 11, 1998.
6. The Wayback Machine's timeline for Google appears at the top of the page. Click different points on the timeline to view the Web page on various dates.
7. Click the **Wayback Machine logo** to return to the Wayback Machine home page.
8. Click after the "http://" in The Wayback Machine text box, type the address of a site that you know has been in existence for a number of years (e.g., www.ibm.com), then press **ENTER**. Click the most recent link to view the page as it appears today.
9. Click on the timeline link to view the site at least 10 years ago, and note the appearance of the page compared to the current version of the site.

- 10.** Go to additional sites and use The Wayback Machine to view how Web design has progressed. Notice how the look and feel of each site has changed over time. Some features may no longer render as they once did. You can see how technologies have changed and improved in past years.
- 11.** Close the browser.

