

DIY Web Archiving Workshop at People's Media Camp 2025

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Tool overview: Conifer by Rhizome.org

<https://conifer.rhizome.org/>

Pros/Cons

- Free, open-source tool
- User-driven captures
- Saves interactive, dynamic sites
- Stores in WARC format
- Great for small, detailed projects
- Not for large-scale crawling

Instructions

Quick Start: Capture a Webpage

The screenshot shows the Conifer web archiving tool interface. It features a sidebar on the left with the user's name 'Pat Shiu' and a 'pinecone' icon. The main area is titled 'New Capture' and contains several input fields and buttons. Yellow callout boxes with numbers 1 through 3 point to specific elements: 1. 'Enter URL to capture' points to the URL input field containing 'https://www.instagram.com/rhizomedotorg/'. 2. 'Select Collection' points to the 'Add to collection' dropdown menu, which currently shows 'Default Collection'. 3. 'Click Start' points to the 'Start Capture' button. Other elements include a 'Select browser' dropdown set to 'Use Current Browser', a 'Session settings' section with a 'Session Notes' text area containing 'June 2020 capture of Rhizome.org's Instagram by Pat Shiu.', and a 'Start Capture' button. At the bottom, there are links for '+ New Collection' and 'Upload', and a status bar showing 'Default Collection' and '3.12 KB'.

1. Enter URL to capture

2. Select Collection

Optional: Pick browser

Optional: Add session notes

3. Click Start

Learn more

- Conifer User Guide: <https://guide.conifer.rhizome.org/>
- Web Archiving with Conifer Tutorial video by the Norfolk Record Office: <https://youtu.be/Y6eGu6LmkP4>

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Tool overview: Archive Web.page by Webrecorder

<https://webrecorder.net/archivewebpage/>

Pros/Cons

- Free, open-source tool
- Use Chrome browser extension or download the desktop app
- Stores in WARC and WACZ file formats
- All data is saved on your computer
- Peer-to-peer sharing feature in development
- Not for large-scale or automated crawling

Instructions

1. Setup
 - Chrome extension: Click link at <https://webrecorder.net/archivewebpage/> in the Chrome browser in order to install from the Chrome Web Store
 - Desktop app: Click the link above to install for your computer's operating system
2. Navigate to your site URL in the browser.
3. Initiate the extension and click around "Start Archiving"
4. Click around on whatever you want to be captured
5. Replay
6. View archived pages
7. Download your file
8. Use <https://replayweb.page/> to view your saved files at any time

Learn more

- User guide to ArchiveWeb.page extension (English): <https://archiveweb.page/guide>
- Guía de usuario de la extensión de ArchiveWeb.page (Español): <https://archiveweb.page/gu%C3%ADa>