Bug Pictures Beyond The Internet

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Guiding Questions

- ► How do *you* cite data?
- ► How do you look up cited data *now*?
- ▶ How do you look up cited data 40 years from now?

There's A Bug In Zenodo...



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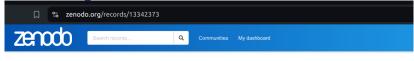


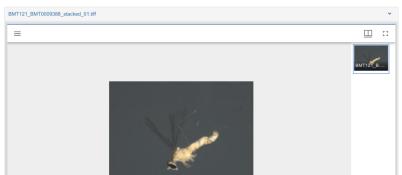
Photo of Specimen BMT0009388

Museum für Naturkunde

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Files



So How'd You Cite This Bug?

Museum für Naturkunde. (2024). Photo of Specimen BMT0009388. Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13342373

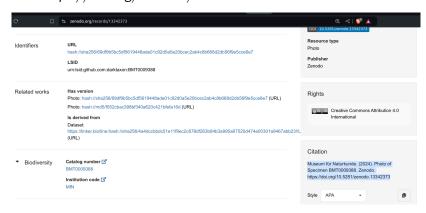


Figure 3: Bug Landing Page

How To Retrieve This Zenodo Bug Now?

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Like this?
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curl -L "https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13342373"\
    > bug.tiff
```

How To Retrieve This Bug Now?

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Wait a minute ...
cat bug.tiff
  | cut -z -b1-62
<!doctype html><html lang="en_US"><head><meta charset="UTF-That ain't no bug, it is an HTML page.</pre>
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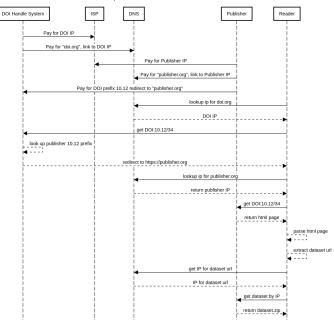
How To Retrieve This Bug Picture Now?

Take 2.

- turn on the internet (still there?)
- open a web browser
- ▶ load https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13342373
 - and rely on a delicate and complex socio-technical network
- inspect page
- use mouse to click on a link that looks like a bug picture
- download image and trust its authenticity

DOI Economics and Redirection

steps to use DOI to download dataset



How To Retrieve This Bug Picture 40 Years From Now?

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Likely will not work due to intricate network of dependencies.

How To Retrieve This Bug Picture 40 Years From Now?

Proposal: Sign the citation ¹

... by adding some digital fingerprints of the image.

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of Specimen BMT0009388. Zenodo.
https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13342373
hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d

¹Elliott M.J., Poelen, J.H. & Fortes, J.A.B. (2023) Signing data citations enables data verification and citation persistence. *Sci Data*.

How To Retrieve This Bug Picture 40 Years From Now?

... by searching the world (in, and beyond, the internet) for the content with the unique fingerprint $hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d\ .$

- https://linker.bio/hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d
- https://zenodo.org/records/13342373/files/BMT121_BMT0009388_
- preston cat --remote https://zenodo.org hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d
- preston cat --remote https://softwareheritage.org
 hash://sha256/69df9b5bc5df5619448ade01c92d0a5e20bcec2ab
- preston cat --remote
 https://linker.bio,https://zenodo.org
 hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d

Let Us Carry Our Bug Pictures Into The Future...

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preston cat\
  --remote "https://zenodo.org"\
  hash://md5/f052cbac398bf340a620c421bfefa16d\
  > bug.tiff
```



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Extra

Internet Is Designed For Exchanging Information

The internet is a powerful tool for exchanging digital information. But the Internet's contents changes constantly: websites are launched and taken down, webpages change, and content gets archived or lost.²

²Jorrit Poelen. 2024. Unleashing Digital Knowledge Into The Future.

Internet Is Location-based

By design, a web address, or Uniform Resource Locator (URL), points to a specific internet location from which a resource, like a webpage, can be retrieved. However, a URL does not provide a way to verify that a retrieved webpage was the one we asked for. ³

³Jorrit Poelen. 2024. Unleashing Digital Knowledge Into The Future.

Finding Content By Their Location Is . . . Tricky

Imagine using a URL-like reference to find a book at a library: instead of locating a book by what it is (e.g., title, author), you refer to a book by its location (e.g., third shelf on the second row next to the window). With this, a book becomes unfindable if moved to another shelf. And, if you do manage to find a book at the referenced location, how would you know you've found the book you are looking for? ⁴

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Finding Content By Their (Summarized) Content Is . . . What Librarians Do

Instead of pointing to where books are located, librarians point to them using a bibliographic reference. For practical reasons, only a few identifying clues are included in such a reference (e.g., author, year of publication, title, and publisher). So, librarians refer to content by what it is, and knowing where it may be located is secondary. ⁵

A bibliographic citation:

Darwin, C. 1859. On the Origin of Species. John Murray.

⁵Jorrit Poelen. 2024. Unleashing Digital Knowledge Into The Future.