

A DataVerse 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 Kitty In The DataVerse...



Figure 1: Harvard Kitty

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The screenshot shows a web browser window for the Harvard DataVerse. The URL in the address bar is `dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/harvard/?q=fileMd5%3A7d62417b5b689ed91dc25f10c9c2132`. The page header includes the Harvard logo, the word "HARVARD", and "Dataverse". Navigation links include "Add Data", "Search", "About", "User Guide", "Support", "Sign Up", and "Log In". A metrics box shows "58,975,440 Downloads". A search bar contains the file MD5 hash "fileMd5:7d62417b5b689ed91dc25f10c9c2132". Buttons for "Contact" and "Share" are visible. On the left, filters are applied for "Dataverses (0)", "Datasets (0)", and "Files (1)". The main search results area displays "1 to 1 of 1 Result" for a file named "cat.jpg" from June 26, 2014. The file is described as a "JPEG Image - 4.3 MB - MD5: 7dB...132". A small thumbnail image of a cat is shown next to the file name.

Figure 2: Harvard Kitty Internet Page

So How'd You Cite This Kitty Picture?

*Joshua Carp, 2014, "cat.jpg", CarpTest,
<https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS>, Harvard
Dataverse, V1*¹

¹As suggested in

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/file.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS>
accessed on 2024-02-06 <https://dataverse.org/best-practices/data-citation>

How To Retrieve This Kitty Picture Now?

Like this?

```
curl -L "https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS"\  
> cat.jpg
```

How To Retrieve This Kitty Picture Now?

Wait a minute ...

```
cat cat.jpg  
| head -n2
```

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>  
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

That ain't no cat, it is an HTML page.

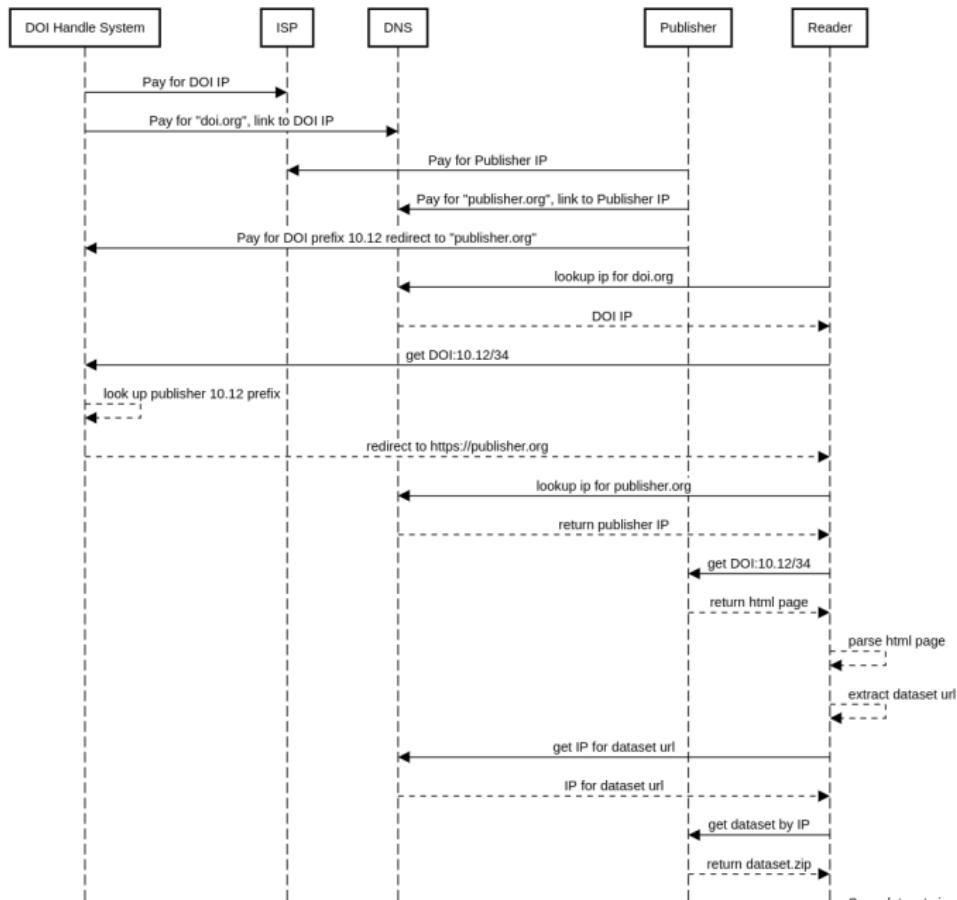
How To Retrieve This Cat Picture Now?

Take 2.

- ▶ turn on the internet (still there?)
- ▶ open a web browser
- ▶ load <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS>
 - ▶ and rely on a delicate and complex socio-technical network
- ▶ inspect page
- ▶ use mouse to click on a link that looks like cat.jpg
- ▶ download image and **trust** its authenticity

DOI Economics and Redirection

steps to use DOI to download dataset



How To Retrieve This Cat Picture 50 Years From Now?

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<https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS>, Harvard
Dataverse, V1*

Likely will not work due to intricate network of dependencies.

How To Retrieve This Cat Picture 50 Years From Now?

Proposal: Sign the citation ²

... by adding the digital fingerprint of the image.

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<https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/24358/N4FCVS>,

Harvard Dataverse, V1

hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132

²Elliott M.J., Poelen, J.H. & Fortes, J.A.B. (2023) Signing data citations enables data verification and citation persistence. *Sci Data*.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-023-02230-y>

hash://sha256/f849c870565f608899f183ca261365dce9c9f1c5441b1c779e0db49df9c2a19d

How To Retrieve This Cat Picture 50 Years From Now?

... by searching the world (in, and beyond, the internet) for the content with the unique fingerprint

hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132 .



<https://linker.bio/hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132>



<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/harvard/?q=fileMd5%3A7d6>



preston cat --remote

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu>

hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132



preston cat --remote <https://dataverse.org>

hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132



preston cat --remote

<https://linker.bio>,<https://dataverse.org>

hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132

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

```
preston cat\
```

```
--remote "https://dataverse.org"\
```

```
hash://md5/7d62417b5b689ed91dcd25f10c9c2132\
```

```
> cat.jpg
```



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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.³

³Jorrit Poelen. 2024. Unleashing Digital Knowledge Into The Future. Accessed on 2024-02-06 at <https://linker.bio>
line:hash://sha256/8ac18eb75ff20d40d1d60bb6ad5a745eb528093d1ffbe373e3847c131460

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.*⁴

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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?*⁵

⁵ Jorrit Poelen. 2024. Unleashing Digital Knowledge Into The Future. Accessed on 2024-02-06 at <https://linker.bio>
line:hash://sha256/8ac18eb75ff20d40d1d60bb6ad5a745eb528093d1ffbe373e3847c131460

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.*⁶

A bibliographic citation:

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

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line:hash://sha256/8ac18eb75ff20d40d1d60bb6ad5a745eb528093d1ffbe373e3847c131460

