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What is Heritrix?

- Goal: open-source, extensible, web-scale, archival-quality, web crawling software
- Collaboratively developed
 - Internet Archive, IIPC, partner libraries, and others
 - Over seven releases since January 2004
- Technical parameters:
 - Inspired by many other open source libraries
 - Tested and supported on Linux



Last year (IWW'04)...

- Heritrix introduced at IWW'04
 - Version 1.0
 - Core architecture, basic features in place
- Primarily useful for focused crawls
 - Hundreds to thousands of specific target web @Ö•
 - Over 20 million collected URIs per crawl
 - Crawls run for up to a week



Heritrix Releases: 1.2

- Heritrix 1.2: November 2004
 - Motif: “requested features and fixes”
 - Better session-id handling (“URI canonicalization”)
 - IP politeness $\sim 4\times$



Heritrix Releases: 1.4

- Heritrix 1.4: April 2005

Motif: “memory efficiency at scale”

- Much improved single-machine capacity
 - Big data structures moved to BDB JE.
- Customizable ‘decide rule’ scope
- Improved balanced-progress and javac control (“q VVPV getting”)
- Experimental “Adaptive Recrawl”ifrontier
(by Kristinn Sigurdsson, National Library of Iceland)
- Experimental programmatic remote control
(via “JMX” Java management extension)



Heritrix: Current Wo''



Heritrix: Future Plans (2.0+)

- Bigger & faster crawling
 - Automatic multi-machine coordination
 - Improved prioritization



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