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## CLOCKSS

*A trusted community-governed archive  
committed to open access*

"As more and more of our collections become electronic, it is the responsibility of libraries to protect these digital collections for future generations. CLOCKSS is a trusted model that allows libraries to take action as part of a united community."

**Ernie Ingles,  
Vice Provost  
and Chief Librarian  
University of Alberta**

In 2006, several of the world's largest scholarly publishers and top research libraries, challenged by the responsibility to preserve digital scholarly assets for the good of the entire community, joined forces to build a global archive for the very long term. Their unique collaboration emphasized community governance and a commitment to open access. Today, CLOCKSS (Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) is a not-for-profit organization governed transparently and democratically by participants around the world.

CLOCKSS has achieved a unique consensus among the world's leading scholarly publishers, who have agreed to make their content available for free, under a creative commons license, in the event that they can no longer supply it. CLOCKSS is thus the only way to make sure that, no matter what happens in the publishing market, scholarly research will always remain in the hands of scholars.

The archive is distributed across 12 geopolitically and geographically diverse long-lived steward libraries that have agreed to take on an archival role on behalf of the wider international community, in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, Scotland, and growing.

CLOCKSS is committed to the very long term: to become a safe haven for scholarly content from all corners of the world, including underserved scholarly communities and those who cannot afford to archive their materials on their own.

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## Why CLOCKSS?

### A commitment to open access

CLOCKSS is for the entire world's benefit. Content no longer available from any publisher ("triggered content") is available for free. CLOCKSS uniquely assigns this abandoned and orphaned content with a creative commons license to ensure that it remains available, forever.

CLOCKSS has experienced several trigger events and has responded by releasing the triggered content, making it free not only to CLOCKSS participants, or to current or former subscribers to that licensed content, but free to everyone with access to the Internet.

### Distributed preservation: proven and sustainable

Built on low-cost, open-source, award-winning LOCKSS technology, the CLOCKSS archive comprises a network of redundant nodes located at 12 major research libraries, into which e-content is ingested, copied, and preserved. CLOCKSS's decentralized, geographically disparate preservation model ensures that the digital assets of the community will survive intact.

### Community governed

CLOCKSS is designed to share the responsibility of archiving across the global academic community. Publishers and librarians have equal say in deciding procedures, priorities, and when to trigger content. CLOCKSS is committed to a transparent community-based governance structure, to be most sustainable in the future as technologies and priorities change.

## CLOCKSS Archive Nodes

Australian National University \* Australia  
Humboldt University – Berlin \* Germany  
Indiana University \* USA  
National Institute of Informatics \* Japan  
OCLC \* USA  
Rice University \* USA  
Stanford University \* USA  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore \* Italy  
University of Alberta \* Canada  
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