



Archive Facebook

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What is it?

- Add-on for Mozilla Firefox
- Allows you to grab a stand-alone archive of the content of your Facebook account
- Utilizes browser's viewport, so result is WYSIWYG



Current Methods

- “Doesn’t Facebook already allow you to do this?”
 - Yes! But the look-and-feel is lost, removing the familiarity of traversing one’s FB content
- Facebook controls what you are able to download (e.g. not friends’ profile pictures)



Why is this important?

- Archive Facebook provides a more true-to-original archive by preserving look-and-feel
- Archive integrity
 - What gets downloaded with FB's method is of their choosing
 - What gets downloaded with ArchiveFB's method is of your choosing [as supported]



Why is this important?

- Bad Things Can Happen to Your Information
 - FB can delete account at their discretion

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Accounts

Expand All

- Account may be compromised and data lost forever



Why is this important?

- Information is frozen-in-time (a true snapshot), so will be preserved even if comments are deleted, posts are modified, etc.
 - Even if my account is up and functioning, I can look at the past, but I will be looking at the past with today's filter, i.e. FB history is not a true archive of the past



Content Dump versus WYSIWYG



Facebook Native Profile Download



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Sex: Male
Birthday: 11/16/1982
Relationship Status: Married - Melissa Kelly
Family: Jennifer Kelly Price (sister)
Melissa Kelly (sister)
Michele Glaser Kelly (mother)
Jill Craver (cousin)
Eile Craves (cousin)
Craver Is Jesus (cousin)
Steve Glaser (cousin)
Kevin Glaser (uncle)
Sharon Robbins Glaser (aunt)
Carol Bartol (aunt)
Eileen Kelly (grandmother)
Joyce Baker (aunt)
Kelly Baker (cousin)
Brian Kelly (uncle)
Renee Kelly Scarzafava (cousin)
Rebecca Stage (cousin)

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Profile
Wall
Photos
Friends
Notes
Messages



Archive Facebook Archiving Session Result

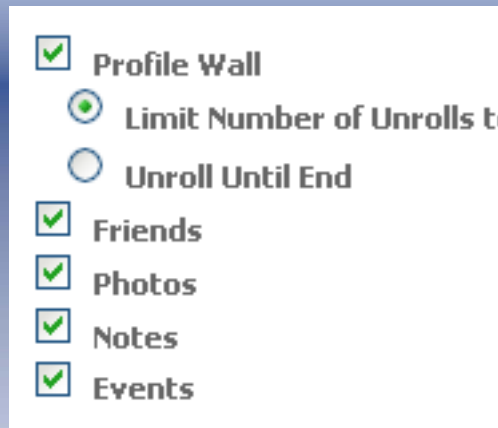
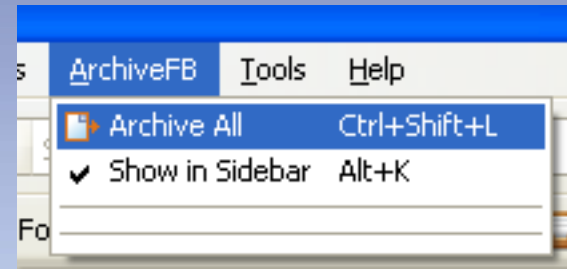


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<http://bit.ly/archivefb>

How Does it Work

- Minimal UI provides navigation ease – only one menu item selection to get started

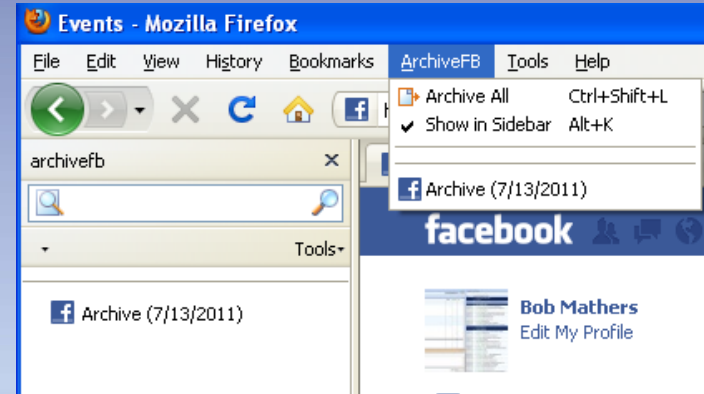


- Pick and choose what you want archived based on a list of supported media type
- Can choose defaults and archive all
- Very few clicks produce significant results



How do I access my archive?

- New menu item added
- Restoring is as simple as clicking the dated archive's name

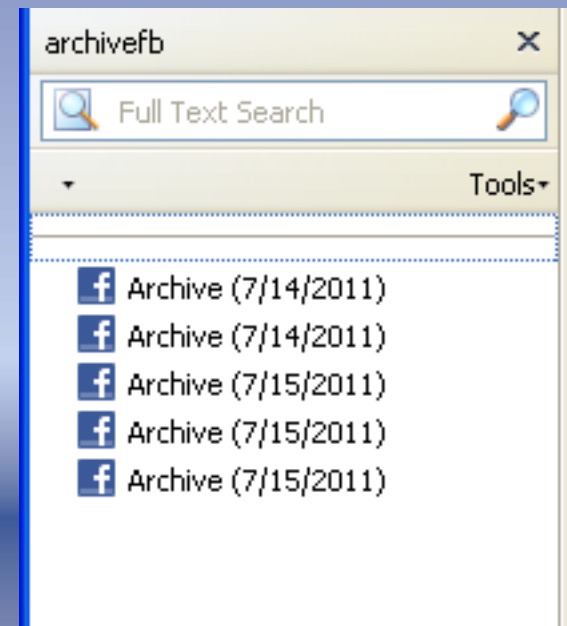


- Archived files are stored locally and can be backed up to alternative medium, viewed by other applications and treated as normal files on the system



What it Doesn't Do (Yet)

- Chain together various archiving sessions – each session is independent from all others.
- Allow you to archive anything beyond your own information
 - This would violate FB's TOS, has been implemented but the functionality is hidden
- Maintain robustness through FB's redesigns



Complications in Developing the Add-On

- No prior experience in Add-On Dev Domain
- FB occasionally changed their URI scheme and data storage method, which breaks ArchiveFB
 - They do this often, so it's a matter of cat & mouse
- Archiving can take awhile (inherent to the problem)



Further Suggested Improvements

- Appeal code to social media sites other than FB (e.g. G+, MySpace) 
- Allow for automatic archiving based on a user-defined period
- Give an option to store archives in a user-defined location
- Allow archiving of group/fan pages, friends' FB pages, etc



Where can I get it?

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/archivefacebook/>

or -

<http://bit.ly/archivefb>

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