On the Persistence of Persistent Identifiers of the Scholarly Web

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How does this work via HTTP?

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-540-87599-4_38





Arrived at landing page

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HTTP redirects

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-540-87599-4_38

→ (HTTP 302 redirect)

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→ (HTTP 200)





Questions...

- How persistent is this DOI resolution?
- Given different clients and network environments:
 - Can we consistently arrive at the same location at the end of the redirect chain?
 - Is the path there (redirect chain) the same?
 - Are there differences between Open Access and non-OA?
 - Subscription vs non-Subscription level content?
 - Do scholarly content providers differ from the popular web?





Idea...

- Comparative study investigating scholarly publishers' responses
 - To common HTTP requests
 - Against DOIs
- Using different web clients and request methods, resembling
 - Machines "browsing", crawling
 - Humans browsing
- From network environments with different subscriptions/licenses
 - Amazon Web Service EC2 instance
 - LANL internal
- Compare against web servers providing popular web content





HTTP clients, request methods, dataset, networks

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For more background, details, results



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Thank you & stay safe!

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