



The Labyrinth Medieval Studies Website History and Documentation: 1992-2021

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Abstract

The Labyrinth medieval studies website was the first website in the world in the humanities, created by Deborah Everhart and Martin Irvine at Georgetown University in 1993. It is also the longest continuously available website in the humanities, still available at <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu> at the time this archive was created in 2021. The history of this website reflects not only the organization of medieval studies primary and secondary resources from around the world, but also the development of scholarly communities on the web, the evolution of research and pedagogical uses of online resources, and fundamental changes in authorship, textuality, and equitable access to resources. The narrative describes how medieval studies scholars and students first navigated hypertext within documents and on the web, first experienced a hybrid online/in-person conference, developed the first websites for professional societies, and rapidly evolved other scholarly practices to benefit from the unprecedented changes enabled by web technologies. This archive includes the Labyrinth Narrative (story and explanation); an Archiving Dossier Narrative (about the archive); History and Documentation (including information about the creators and contributors, a timeline, WorldCat Catalogue references, a bibliography of publications and presentations by the creators, citations and references to the Labyrinth, a list of Internet Archive documentation, and a description of artifacts included in the archive); the Labyrinth files in their original formats (HTML and ColdFusion); and 3rd party documentation of the Labyrinth website (Internet Archive captures).

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 - 2014 Georgetown University faculty page (2014-12-25-Irvine Georgetown University Faculty Page InternetArchiveCapture.pdf)
 - Georgetown University faculty page: <https://irvine.georgetown.domains/>



Martin Irvine and Deborah Everhart at Georgetown University showing an early Labyrinth web page

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Timeline

Note: This is a descriptive timeline that captures representative, notable events from the history of the Labyrinth. It is not an exhaustive list of the many events and ongoing evolution of the Labyrinth and its influence. For a fuller narrative, see the Labyrinth Narrative. For more information about publications and presentations listed in this timeline, see the “Publications and Presentations” and “Citations and References” below.

- March 1992: Deborah Everhart's early ideas for interconnected medieval studies resources.
- **1993-2014: Original Labyrinth URL (no longer available):**
<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/labyrinth-home.html>
- Early 1993: Original Labyrinth ideas and planning by the co-creators, Deborah Everhart and Martin Irvine.
- May 1993: Presentation about the Labyrinth at the 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- June 1993: *Interscripta* online discussion forum founded, starting with discussion of the development of the Labyrinth (labyrinth/interscripta/)
- August 1993: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant proposal submitted for resources to build the Labyrinth (not funded)
- December 1993: First Web server set up at Georgetown University. Creators code and install the first Labyrinth HTML files on the Georgetown server, and test files with a Lynx text-based Web browser. The Labyrinth files, as the beginning of the Labyrinth Website, were the first HTML files on the server, besides test files.
- **1994-2007 Labyrinth URL (no longer available):**
<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/>

- March 14, 1994: Deborah Everhart's article contextualizing the development of the Labyrinth in contemporary technological changes (labyrinth/article.html)
- April 29, 1994: The Humanist Discussion Group announces the Labyrinth launch demonstration
 - "An introductory, trial version of the Labyrinth will be open for World Wide Web access starting on Mon. May 2."
- May 2, 1994: Opening demo of the Labyrinth at Georgetown University
 - The first Georgetown University home page also existed by this point, because we refer to it in our demo script.
- May 7, 1994: Labyrinth unveiled to a huge crowd of medievalists at the 29th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- May 11, 1994: Labyrinth covered in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- July/August 1994: An early and notable reference to the Labyrinth in a scholarly publication, the *College and Research Libraries News*. Their listing of web resources includes the Labyrinth.
- Summer 1994: The Labyrinth starts to appear in many directories and listings of websites. Other websites around the world begin to link to the Labyrinth.
- Summer 1994: An early and notable reference to the Labyrinth in a medieval studies scholarly publication, *Arthuriana*
 - "This issue of The Round Table features a resource developed by one of our ArthurNet subscribers: Anne Callery's 'Brief Guide to Arthurian Resources on the Internet.'" (p.196)
 - "THE LABYRINTH, A WORLD WIDE WEB SERVER: Many of the items listed in the preceding sections of this guide are now, or will soon be, accessible through the Labyrinth. It has the potential to be the medievalist's one-stop center. URL: <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/labyrinth-home.html> For more information about the Labyrinth, contact the Co-Directors, Deborah Everhart and Martin Irvine, labyrinth@gusun.georgetown.edu" (p. 199)
- August 1994: Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) 1994 Workshop Final Report, covering the Labyrinth in general and our CNI workshop on July 31, 1994
 - "The Labyrinth was officially opened to the public on May 2, 1994. Our statistics of use, based on only one month's traffic (May 1994), reveal that the Labyrinth is being used by a wide range of academics and non-academics from 25 countries around the world. We have complete records documenting all requests for Labyrinth files from the server at Georgetown, and among the 9300 requests in

the log, we can identify users from educational, government, military, and commercial institutions and organizations. The Labyrinth is reaching an enormous audience, and our correspondence with an incredibly diverse range of interested people demonstrates the great potential for developing World Wide Web disciplinary servers for other subject areas.”

- The Labyrinth is also included in the Report’s “Appendix A: Important Computer-Based Projects in the Humanities and Arts,” alongside august projects such as the Oxford English Dictionary (CD-ROM), the Library of Congress Global Electronic Library ([web debut](#) June 22, 1994), and the Association for American University Presses Catalogs Project
- Winter 1994: Reference in *Arthuriana* to the opportunities the Labyrinth provides for sharing teaching and learning resources
 - “I would like to emphasize that an on-line listing of Arthurian courses would be invaluable to students and faculty in our field. Many ArthurNetters have volunteered information concerning offerings at their own institutions; the next step is to compile this information, solicit further information from other institutions, and organize these materials into a hypertext file or series of files. These files, mounted on a World Wide Web server, would be accessible to students and faculty around the world. The files would need to be updated regularly in order to keep them current. This body of information would not only aid students who are looking for Arthurian courses but also help faculty share resources and ideas related to similar courses offered at distant institutions. If any of our readers would be interested in taking on such a project, please contact me for further information concerning the process of developing World Wide Web resources. I would be very happy to provide guidance for this project, and once it is finished, I can easily create links to the Arthurian course information from the Labyrinth, a World Wide Web server for medieval studies that already enjoys a very broad audience.” (pp. 387-8)
- 1995: The Labyrinth rated in the *McKinley Internet Directory*
 - The Labyrinth receives a 4 star rating, including Net Appeal: 10; Depth of Coverage: 10; Ease of Exploration: 10
 - “Scholars and amateur Medieval enthusiasts will find this well-organized and extensive site an invaluable resource.”
- 1995: The Labyrinth is included in *Web.Guide*
 - “The Labyrinth... is an ambitious project to catalog medieval resources... It’s a particularly thorough and aggressively maintained index, considerably better than average and definitely the place to start for any study of the medieval period”

- 1995: The Labyrinth is included in World Wide Web Virtual Library, the oldest catalogue of the Web, started by Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the Web
- March 1995: Presentation, "The Labyrinth, the World Wide Web, and the Global Medieval Studies Community," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy, Boston, MA
- April 18, 1995: Invitation and how-to resources for medieval studies organizations to develop web resources (labyrinth/professional/howto/letter.html and labyrinth/professional/howto/template.html)
 - "Greetings from Georgetown, home of the Labyrinth! At the recent Medieval Academy meeting, we presented a paper addressing the long-term issues of scholarly development on the World Wide Web. As part of this paper, we proposed that medieval studies organizations and associations develop World Wide Web resources in their own scholarly communities, resources which could in turn be coordinated and made easily accessible through the Labyrinth. We would like to invite you to join us in this collaborative venture to extend the accessibility and intellectual content of medieval studies resources on the Web."
- August 1995: **Milestone of 1 million file requests on the Labyrinth site**, total cumulative web stats from the beginning (labyrinth/info_labyrinth/laby-index.html) [note that there is a mistake on this page: it says "Total number of Labyrinth file requests since opening of server (by Aug. '94): 1,000,000 +" but it should say "(by Aug. '95)," as the other stats on the page confirm)
- August 16, 1995: Coverage by Stanford University News Service
 - "In the rush to the World Wide Web, researchers in matters medieval and Anglo-Saxon apparently are leading the scholarly pack. 'We've always been driven,' says Georgetown University Professor Deborah Everhart. 'In medieval studies you can't just be interested in text. You have to be interested in languages and art history and lots of other disciplines. So adding one more new discipline isn't a problem for us.' Everhart, who did much of the research for her Ph.D. dissertation at Stanford with the help of Brown, has developed, with fellow Georgetown Professor Martin Irvine, a free World Wide Web server for medieval studies called Labyrinth. Since it was established a year ago, Labyrinth has served more than one million files - 'coming up behind McDonald's very quickly,' Irvine quips - 'to some 60 different countries.'
- October 27-28, 1995: Georgetown University hosted a hybrid online/face-to-face conference with proceedings published to the Labyrinth (conf/cs95/)
 - Cultural Frictions: Medieval Cultural Studies in Post-Modern Contexts: A Local and World-Wide Interactive Conference held at Georgetown University

- November 1995: Reference to the Labyrinth in the popular computing magazine *Internet World*
 - “This is a fun way to study the past, with Ariadne’s Thread as your guide.”
- 1996: *Encyclopedia Britannica* article for “Middle Ages” lists 2 “Related Internet Resources,” and one of them is the Labyrinth
- 1996: In a Point.com/Lycos independent survey, conducted by Point Communications Corporation, the Labyrinth is listed in the top 5 percent of web resources
- May 1996: The medieval studies journal *Bryn Mawr Medieval Review* announces that the journal could soon “be accessed from the link under Scholarly Publications from the Labyrinth Homepage.”
- 1997: The Labyrinth is awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities EDSITEment award
 - “Your website, ‘Labyrinth: Classical and Medieval Studies,’ has been selected as one of the best sites on the Internet for education in the humanities... A peer review panel... gave your site a very high rating.... a Blue Ribbon Panel comprised of leaders in education and the humanities confirmed the value of ‘Labyrinth’”
- 1997-2000: The Labyrinth hosts the Medieval Academy’s first website
- 1998: The Labyrinth continues to be an important part of Georgetown’s web presence.
 - A February 1998 email about the January stats: “Just checked out the top stats. Cool to see that Labyrinth is still the top subject-area website at GU in Jan. (nearly 33,000 hits to the home page [labyrinth-home.html and index.html are copies])”
 - A May 1998 email seeking nominations for interns describes the ongoing value of the work: “Recent statistics from our Web server show that the Labyrinth continues to draw new users and provide great visibility to Georgetown. In the month of April 1998, for example, the Labyrinth delivered 162,674 pages to people from around the world, with approximately 35,000 visitors to our homepage.”
- February 1998: The Georgetown University Liberal Studies Program recognizes the significance and impact of the Labyrinth in a special event, “The Future of the Web: Understanding our Changing Information Environments”
 - Dr. Everhart is a “pioneer” in introducing the use of computers in classroom teaching and in web development to enhance teaching and learning. The Labyrinth, the medieval studies World Wide Web server that she co-directs with Dr. Martin Irvine, is one of the premier Web sites in the humanities and was the

first Web project at Georgetown University. She assists students in developing Web projects and provides consultation for faculty and graduate students who are exploring the pedagogical and research possibilities of the Internet.

- 1999: Experimenting with Cold Fusion web database infrastructure for the Labyrinth, an innovative way to dynamically serve web pages based on the user's search and/or filters. The Arthurian Studies category of resources was the first section of the Labyrinth to be available using Cold Fusion, in 1999.
- **2000-present Labyrinth URL (still available in at the time of this writing in July 2021, redirects to WordPress URL): <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>**
- May 2000: Cold Fusion full site for all Labyrinth categories launched at <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>
- July 2001: Labyrinth chosen for inclusion in the History Channel Network, "a searchable, categorized index of the best history sites on the Web."
- October 2001: The Labyrinth continues to get recognition of value at Georgetown University, as shown in an email from Penn Szitty, Director of the Medieval Studies Program:
 - "The Web Site we are talking about is the Medieval Studies Program's Labyrinth gateway for Medieval Studies resources: www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth. The Labyrinth IS hosted on a Georgetown server. Its inventors were Deborah Everhart and Martin Irvine. It gets between 150,000 and 200,000 hits a month (monthly stats are available in a link on the opening page) from all over the world. It is one of the premiere discipline-oriented humanities gateway sites on the WEB; it is cross-listed everywhere."
- 2003: An example of how the Labyrinth became woven into studies of the canon, in the *Norton Anthology of English Literature* (W.W. Norton: Norton Topics Online):
 - "An excellent site based at Georgetown University and maintained by Martin Irvine and Deborah Everhart. Highlights include links to electronic primary texts and criticism; images; and lists of other medieval-related web material divided into subjects such as Social History and Medieval Women."
- September 2005: We continued to maintain the Labyrinth and add new resources, particularly at the beginning of every fall semester to meet the needs of the many faculty and students using the site. This work requires both technical and scholarly expertise. An example of this is described in a September 2005 email:
 - "I've cleaned up the Labyrinth for the beginning of the semester! I successfully completed the transition to the new Cold Fusion server earlier this summer, part of UIS' migration to better equipment and newer operating systems. That move included thorough cleanup of the back-end files and infrastructure. Then in the

past few weeks I've gone through all of the links in the database in a systematic cleanup. That included updating many links and getting rid of others that were defunct, as well as taking care of all email about links that needed correction. The overall size of the Labyrinth is now about 30% larger, despite needing to cull out many old broken links. I have one more pass to make, to manually check each and every link to make sure they're working, and that work will reduce the size somewhat, but over the next couple of months I'll go back in and add more new links."

- 2012: An example of how the Labyrinth was used in textbooks, in *Linguistics for Everyone: An Introduction*:
 - In their section on "The Development of English Spelling," the authors say "You can also take a look at a great many Old English texts at the Labyrinth Library collection."
- Nov. 29, 2013- Dec. 7, 2013: Rebuilding the Labyrinth pages as a WordPress site because the Cold Fusion server was being retired
- January 20, 2014: Cutover of labyrinth.georgetown.edu from the Cold Fusion site to the WordPress site
 - "I've requested that UIS redirect the old Labyrinth home page [labyrinth.georgetown.edu] to the new one [on WordPress]! It's very exciting to be able to keep everything up to date so easily on the new site. Let me know whatever links you'd like me to add. It would be great to get some buzz out of the fact that the Labyrinth is 20 years old, and the oldest website in the humanities."
- March 6, 2014: The Labyrinth's prior HTML and Cold Fusion files archived by Georgetown University Information Services. This collection of 5255 files is included in the archive artifacts.
- **2014-present Labyrinth URL (on WordPress- still available at the time of this writing in July 2021): <https://blogs.commonsgeorgetown.edu/labyrinth/>**
- 2017: The Labyrinth continues to get recognition on scholarly sites, including the Medieval Academy of America *Medieval Digital Resources, A Curated Guide and Database*:
 - "Labyrinth: Resources for Medieval Studies" recognized as a "National History Day Selected Resource"
- September 2020: The Labyrinth is selected for inclusion in Arweave, a blockchain architecture for permanent, verified access to resources as part of achieving "a sustainable and permanent ledger of knowledge and history."
(<https://www.arweave.org/yellow-paper.pdf>)

- “Arweave is a new type of storage that backs data with sustainable and perpetual endowments, allowing users and developers to truly store data forever – for the very first time. As a collectively owned hard drive that never forgets, Arweave allows us to remember and preserve valuable information, apps, and history indefinitely. By preserving history, it prevents others from rewriting it.”
 - Email from an Arweave curator: “We work to permanently preserve vital digital cultural and historical information and artifacts, using decentralised and immutable storage technology by [Arweave](#). We’re currently working with several organisations to provide storage solutions, including the [Internet Archive](#). We’re very interested in your work with the Labyrinth website and would love to know more about your archival process.”
 - Arweave provided a small grant to endow the storage costs of the Labyrinth archive on Arweave for perpetuity.
 - 2021: Deborah Everhart creates a stand-alone version of the Labyrinth HTML files that were archived in 2014, modifying the links between Labyrinth pages to be local references within the file set. This enables the Labyrinth to be explored as a file set on a personal computer, using a web browser to view local files without these Labyrinth files being hosted on an internet-accessible website. This collection of 2033 files is included in the archive artifacts. To explore the Labyrinth HTML file set, start with [labyrinth-home.html](#)
 - 2021: The Labyrinth archive and narrative history serve as a keystone example of the beginnings of digital scholarship in the humanities, in the publication *Medieval Studies, Digital Methods*, edited by Sean Gilsdorf and Laura K. Morreale.
 - **2021: Labyrinth URLs still available at the time of this writing in July 2021:**
<http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu> redirects to
<https://blogs.commonsgorgetown.edu/labyrinth/>
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WorldCat Catalogue References (chronological)

- [The labyrinth : resources for Medieval Studies](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994
 - OCLC number: 931878299
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - URL (redirects to WordPress URL): <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>
 - Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1994. *The labyrinth: resources for Medieval Studies*. [Washington, DC]: [Department of Medieval Studies] Georgetown University. <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu/>.

- [The Labyrinth : resources for medieval studies](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-2000
 - OCLC number: 807093085
 - Catalogue entry in Catalan
 - URL (redirects to WordPress URL): <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>
 - Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 2000. *The Labyrinth resources for medieval studies*. [Washington, DC]: Georgetown University. <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu/>.
- [Armarium Labyrinthi: Labyrinth Latin bookcase](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-
 - OCLC number: 39484463
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - URL (no longer available): <https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/latin/latin-lib.html>
 - Chicago citation: Everhart, Deborah, Martin Irvine, and Deborah Everhart. 1994. *Armarium Labyrinthi: Labyrinth Latin bookcase*. [Washington, D.C.]: Georgetown University. <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/latin/latin-lib.html>.
- [Labyrinth library. Middle English bookcase](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-
 - OCLC number: 39778144
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - URL (no longer available): <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/me/me.html>
 - Chicago citation: Everhart, Deborah. 1994. *Labyrinth library*. [Washington, D.C.]: [Georgetown]. <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/me/me.html>.
- [Manuscripts, Paleography, Codicology](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-
 - OCLC number: 818827315
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Catalogue entry notes: "Record-last-update: 09-01-95. - Record-last-verified: 09-01-95.'
 - URL (no longer available): <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/mss/mss.html>
 - Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1994. *Manuscripts, Paleography, Codicology*. [S.l.]: [s.n.]. <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/mss/mss.html>.
- [Medieval Italy](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-
 - OCLC number: 48092887
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "Part of the Labyrinth website. Provides an annotated list of links to electronic resources with information about Medieval Italy."

- URL (no longer available):
<https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/italy/italy.html>
- Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1994. Medieval Italy. Washington, DC: Georgetown University.
<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/italy/italy.html>.
- [Medieval music](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1994-
 - OCLC number: 49642073
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "Provides information on Renaissance and Medieval music and chant. Includes Medieval music databases, Medieval music societies and concerts, vendors of Medieval music, and related resources."
 - URL (no longer available):
<https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/music/music.html>
 - Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1994. Medieval music. Washington, DC: Georgetown University.
<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/music/music.html>.
- [Labyrinth library : Old English literature](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1995-
 - OCLC number: 612876278
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "Collection of texts at the Labyrinth medieval studies project. Includes poetry, prose, liturgical texts, and reference works."
 - URL (no longer available):
<https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/oe/oe.html>
 - Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin. 2004. Labyrinth library: Old English literature. [Washington, DC]: [Georgetown University].
- [The Labyrinth : a World Wide Web server for medieval studies](#)
 - Copyright Date: 1996-
 - OCLC number: 150203827
 - Catalogue entry in Dutch
 - URL (redirects to WordPress URL): <http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>
 - Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1996. *The Labyrinth: a World Wide Web server for medieval studies*. S.l: s.n.].
<http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu/>.
- [Welcome to the labyrinth : a world wide web server for medieval studies](#)
 - Copyright date: 199?-
 - OCLC number: 36162381
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "The Labyrinth is a global information network providing free, organized access to electronic resources in medieval studies ... The Labyrinth's easy-to-use menus and hypertext links provide automatic connections to databases, services, and electronic texts on other servers around the world ... In addition, the

Labyrinth will include a full range of new resources: an electronic library, on-line forums, professional directories and news, on-line bibliographies, an on-line 'university' of teachers and scholars available for electronic conferencing, and an archive of pedagogical tools ..."--Project description.

- URL (no longer available):
<https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/labyrinth-home.html>
- Chicago citation: Irvine, Martin, and Deborah Everhart. 1990. Welcome to the labyrinth: a world wide web server for medieval studies. Washington, D.C.: Dept. of English, Georgetown University.
- [The Labyrinth : Resources for Medieval Studies.](#)
 - Copyright Date: none provided
 - OCLC number: 487370977
 - Catalogue entry in Norwegian
 - URL (no longer available): <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/>
 - Chicago citation: Martin Irvine og Deborah Everhart, Georgetown University. n.d. *The Labyrinth: Resources for Medieval Studies*. Martin Irvine og Deborah Everhart.
- [Medieval Studies](#)
 - Copyright Date: none provided
 - OCLC number: 44355805
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "Presents an online information resource related to medieval studies. Provides access to bibliographies, course materials, and related software. Offers access to scholarly publications, conference proceedings, and medieval studies organizations. Links to online publications and to information on such specific subjects as medieval art, history, and sciences. Also links to other medieval studies projects and databases."
 - URL (no longer available):
https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/Virtual_Library/Medieval_Studies.html
 - Chicago citation: Everhart, Deborah, and Martin Irvine. n.d. Medieval Studies. Deborah Everhart.
http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/Virtual_Library/Medieval_Studies.html.
- [Philosophy and Theology](#)
 - Copyright Date: none provided
 - OCLC number: 44367433
 - Catalogue entry in English
 - Abstract: "Presents the full text of works in philosophy and theology, provided by Martin Irvine and Deborah Everhart. Highlights the full text of several works by Aristotle, Augustine, Plato, Plotinus, and Thomas Aquinas. Details biographical information on Medieval philosophers, such as Peter Abelard, Albertus Magnus, Saint Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas, and John Duns Scotus. Provides access to related text databases, teaching resources and course materials, professional associations, and philosophy resources. Posts an online feedback form."

- URL (no longer available):
<https://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/philosophy/phil.html>
- Chicago citation: Everhart, Deborah, and Martin Irvine. n.d. Philosophy and Theology. [Place of publication not identified]: Deborah Everhart.
<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/subjects/philosophy/phil.html>.

Publications and Presentations by Deborah Everhart and Martin Irvine (chronological)

Note: This list is limited to publications and presentations related to the Labyrinth and Web development. For full bibliographies of the creators, see the resources about the creators above.

May 1993: "The Labyrinth: A Universal Electronic Information Network for Medievalists," 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan

June 1993: "The Labyrinth: An Electronic Information Network for Medieval Studies," *Interscripta* (labyrinth/article.html)

Autumn 1993: "The Labyrinth: An Electronic Information Network for Medieval Studies." *The Chaucer Newsletter* 15/2, Autumn, 1993.

September 1993: "The Labyrinth: An Electronic Information Network for Medieval Studies." *Medieval Academy News*, Sept. 1993.

May 2, 1994: "Live Demonstration of the Labyrinth: A World Wide Web Disciplinary Server for Medieval Studies," Georgetown University, Washington, DC

May 7, 1994: "Labyrinth Computer Demonstration," 29th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Summer 1994: "The Round Table." *Arthuriana* 4, no. 2 (1994): 196-99.
www.jstor.org/stable/27869060 (WorldCat: [The Round Table](#), ISSN: 1078-6279, Unique Identifier: 5542890861)

July 1994: "The Chaucer Syllabus of the Future," New Chaucer Society, Dublin, Ireland

July 31, 1994: "Creating New Learning Communities via the Network," Coalition for Networked Information workshop, Phoenix, Arizona

August 1994: "The Labyrinth: A World Wide Web Disciplinary Server, Project Number 04 – 1994: Coalition for Networked Information 1994 Workshop Final Report." Washington, DC: Coalition for Networked Information

<https://www.cni.org/resources/historical-resources/new-learning-communities/workshops-1994-1995/1994-workshop-final-report/project-number-04-1994>

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Artifacts

Archiving Dossier Narrative

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Labyrinth Narrative

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This document. Included in the archive as a PDF.

Labyrinth Files

Included in the archive as 2 .zip packages:

1. *Labyrinth original HTML and ColdFusion files: 5255 original files in their original file formats as they were archived by Georgetown University Information Services on March 6, 2014.*
2. *Labyrinth HTML file set: A stand-alone version of 2033 of the Labyrinth HTML files that were archived in 2014, with the links between Labyrinth pages modified to be local references within the file set. This enables the Labyrinth to be explored as a file set on a personal computer, using a web browser to view local files without these Labyrinth files being hosted on an internet-accessible website. To explore the Labyrinth HTML file set, start with `labyrinth-home.html`*

HTML Files

- File types included:
 - .gif and .jpg (image)
 - .html and .htm (HTML)
 - .txt (plain text)
 - .map (image map)
 - .xbm (XBitmap image)
 - .xls (spreadsheet)
- Labyrinth HTML and image files that were last updated in 2007
 - Starting point page: `labyrinth-home.html`
 - “`info_labyrinth/laby-index.html`” file includes overview statistics for website traffic May 1994- August 1995
 - The “stats” folder Includes detailed statistics for website traffic January 1997-February 2002
 - These files were used to create the stand-alone file set in 2021.

ColdFusion Files

- File types included:
 - .cfm (ColdFusion files)
 - .class (used by ColdFusion)
 - .mdb (Microsoft Access database that holds all the Labyrinth ColdFusion data)
- Complete set of Labyrinth ColdFusion files that were last updated in 2013

3rd Party Documentation

Internet Archive Captures

(captured from web.archive.org)

Captured as PDF files.

Included in the archive as a .zip package of all the PDF files.

- [1997-06-07](http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/labyrinth-home.html): **First capture of Labyrinth site at <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/labyrinth-home.html>**
- [1997-06-07](#): First capture of Georgetown University site
- [1997-07-28](#): First capture of Georgetown University Libraries, Research, and Technology page, listing Labyrinth under “Research Resources and Tools”
- [1998-01-24](#): EDSITEment award logo on Labyrinth homepage
- [1999-01-17](#): Call for contributions of K-12 resources on homepage
 - “Call for contributions: The Labyrinth is seeking examples of lesson plans, exercises, and other tools used for teaching medieval studies to K-12 students. If you would like to make your materials accessible to others through the "Medieval Studies for Kids" page that we're developing, please send the URL to labyrinth@gusun.georgetown.edu”
- [1999-04-23](#): Announcement on homepage of Arthurian Studies section of Labyrinth using Cold Fusion
 - “Explore the new Arthurian Studies section of the Labyrinth! This section is built with Web/database technology that allows you to sort the information to meet your needs. We plan to rebuild the entire Labyrinth with this technology to make it easier to use.”
- [1999-10-18](#): **First capture of Labyrinth Cold Fusion page, for Arthurian Studies.** Page automatically generated from Cold Fusion database. Categories, Subcategories, and Classifications metadata structure in place. Shows Arthurian Studies as the only category available. Search by keyword also available.
- [2000-03-01](#): Announcement on homepage that Labyrinth is being rebuilt using Cold Fusion
 - “We're rebuilding the Labyrinth! For the new millennium, the Labyrinth will run on Web/database technology that allows you to sort the information to meet your needs. This rebuilding process will take place gradually over several months. Look for exciting improvements in the near future!”
- [2000-06-06](#): Announcement on homepage that Labyrinth has transitioned to Cold Fusion
 - Visit the New Labyrinth! In honor of the 6th anniversary of the Labyrinth, which was originally unveiled at Kalamazoo in May 1994, we're proud to announce the new and improved Labyrinth, now available at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
 - The new Labyrinth runs on Web/database technology that allows you to sort the information to meet your needs. Not all categories of information are complete at this time, but we encourage you to use the new Labyrinth, contribute your own valuable links, and send us suggestions for improvements. This work is made possible by the ongoing support of the [Georgetown University Medieval Studies Program](#).”
- [2000-06-17](#): **First capture of the full Labyrinth site in Cold Fusion at labyrinth.georgetown.edu**, with a note that it is not complete

- “Select a category, subcategory, type of materials, and/or type in a keyword. Please note that the new Labyrinth is not yet complete, so not all combinations will yield results.”
- [2001-12-18](#): Last capture of 2001, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2002-12-02](#): Last capture of 2002, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2003-12-05](#): Last capture of 2003, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2004-12-04](#): Last capture of 2004, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2005-12-28](#): Last capture of 2005, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2006-12-25](#): Last capture of 2006, with message redirecting people to the Cold Fusion site at labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2007-01-06](#): First capture of 2007 for labyrinth.georgetown.edu Cold Fusion site
- [2007-05-23](#): **Last capture of HTML web page www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth**. After this point, all captures redirect to the Cold Fusion site labyrinth.georgetown.edu
- [2007-10-23](#): Last capture of 2007 of Cold Fusion site
- [2008-12-19](#): Last capture of 2008 of Cold Fusion site
- [2009-12-11](#): Last capture of 2009 of Cold Fusion site
- [2010-11-13](#): Last capture of 2010 of Cold Fusion site
- [2011-12-23](#): Last capture of 2011 of Cold Fusion site
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- [2014-12-25](#): Martin Irvine Georgetown University faculty page
- [2014-12-27](#): Last capture of 2014 of WordPress site
- [2015-12-03](#): Last capture of 2015 of WordPress site
- [2016-12-31](#): Last capture of 2016 of WordPress site
- [2017-11-19](#): Last capture of 2017 of WordPress site
- [2018-12-31](#): Last capture of 2018 of WordPress site
- [2019-12-09](#): Last capture of 2019 of WordPress site
- [2020-12-29](#): Last capture of 2020 of WordPress site

- [2021-06-28](#): Last capture of WordPress site at time of archive documentation. labyrinth.georgetown.edu still redirects to WordPress site