
Mopidy-InternetArchive Documentation

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Mopidy-InternetArchive is a [Mopidy](#) extension for playing music from the [Internet Archive](#).

This extension lets you search for and stream recordings ranging from [alternative news programming](#), to [Grateful Dead concerts](#), to [Old Time Radio shows](#), to [book and poetry readings](#), to [original music](#) uploaded by Internet Archive users. Last but not least, it gives you access to a vast collection of high-quality free live recordings from the [Live Music Archive](#).

Introduction

1.1 About the Internet Archive Metadata Model

Note: This is just a brief introduction to get you accustomed to some basic Internet Archive concepts and terminology related to this Mopidy extension. For more in-depth information, please refer to the [FAQ](#), or start with this [blog post](#).

Files published on the Internet Archive are organized in so-called *items*. An item is a directory or folder that includes the originally uploaded content – audio, video, text, etc. – along with any derivative files created from the originals, and some metadata that describes the item. An item may contain a single audio file, or a related set of audio files that represent a CD or a taped live concert. All the files within an item have the same metadata, such as (album) title, creator, description, and so on. For the purpose of this Mopidy extension, Internet Archive items are treated as *albums*, and the included audio files show up as the album’s *tracks*.

Every item also has a unique identifier, which can be used to access the item on the Internet Archive’s Web site:

```
http://archive.org/details/{identifier}
```

In Mopidy, you may encounter item identifiers in an album URI’s path, while individual tracks add the respective file name as their URI’s fragment.

Besides items containing media files, there are also *collections*, which are used to group related items. The [Live Music Archive](#), for example, is the collection with the identifier *etree*. An item can be a member of more than one collection, and collections may also have sub-collections. Within the Live Music Archive, there exist sub-collections for all artists that gave permission for live show recordings to be hosted on archive.org, such as the [Grateful Dead](#) or the [Smashing Pumpkins](#), while the Live Music Archive itself is a sub-collection of the larger [Audio Archive](#). Within Mopidy, collections most prominently show up as top-level directories when browsing the Internet Archive, but can also be used to *exclude* specific items from searching and browsing ¹.

1.2 Browsing the Internet Archive

Starting with version 0.18, Mopidy also provides the possibility to browse directories and tracks. If your client supports this, there should be a virtual directory named *Internet Archive*. When browsing, Internet Archive items are structured into a hierarchy three levels deep. At the top level, you will find the collections configured under *internetarchive/collections*, and you will be able to browse individual audio items (albums) and files (tracks) within these.

¹ If you *really* don’t like the Grateful Dead, for example.

For practical and performance reasons, the number of audio items that will be shown within a collection is limited, e.g. you will not see all 144,957 items of the Live Music Archive ². The *default configuration* sets this limit to 100, but this can be changed with *internetarchive/browse_limit*. Items are selected based on popularity by default, i.e. the 100 most downloaded items will be listed for each collection. This can also be changed using *internetarchive/browse_order*, e.g. to always show the latest additions to the Archive.

1.3 Searching the Internet Archive

The Internet Archive only supports searching for items, but not for individual files or tracks. Therefore, only *albums* will show up when searching in Mopidy, which may not be handled correctly by your client. This also means that only album-related search fields are supported, i.e. searching for track names or numbers will yield no results from the Internet Archive.

The number and ordering of search results returned from the Internet Archive can be changed with *internetarchive/search_limit* and *internetarchive/search_order*, similar to the settings used for browsing.

1.4 Archive Bookmarks

If you have an Internet Archive account - also termed a *Virtual Library Card* - you can access your *Archive Bookmarks* from Mopidy. To do so, you need to add your Internet Archive user name to Mopidy's configuration as *internetarchive/username*. Your bookmarks will then appear in the top-level browse directory as *Archive Bookmarks*.

Note: It is currently not possible to edit your Archive Bookmarks using Mopidy. This restriction may be removed in future versions.

² As of 2015-09-11.

Installation

Mopidy-InternetArchive can be installed using `pip` by running:

```
pip install Mopidy-InternetArchive
```

Configuration

This extension has a number of configuration values that can be tweaked. However, the *default configuration* contains everything to get you up and running, and will usually require only a few modifications to match personal preferences.

3.1 Configuration Values

internetarchive/base_url

Base URL to access the Internet Archive.

internetarchive/username

Your archive.org user name. This is only needed if you want to access your Internet Archive bookmarks from Mopidy.

internetarchive/collections

A list of collection identifiers to show as top-level directories when browsing.

internetarchive/audio_formats

A list of audio file formats, in order of preference.

This entry contains a list of [Internet Archive file formats](#). By default, only audio formats suitable for streaming are requested. Note that the Internet Archive also contains a large number of high-quality media files in [FLAC](#) and other lossless formats, but for sake of bandwidth (both your's and the Archive's), it is recommended that you stick to lossy audio formats for streaming through Mopidy.

internetarchive/image_formats

A list of image file formats, in order of preference.

This entry contains a list of [Internet Archive file formats](#) to be considered when providing images for Internet Archive items. Note that some Mopidy clients, especially MPD clients, will ignore album art provided by Mopidy-InternetArchive or other Mopidy extensions.

internetarchive/browse_limit

The maximum number of browse results.

This is used to limit the number of items returned when browsing the Internet Archive.

internetarchive/browse_order

The *sort order* used when browsing the Internet Archive.

internetarchive/search_limit

The maximum number of search results.

This is used to limit the number of items returned when searching the Internet Archive.

internetarchive/search_order

The *sort order* used when searching the Internet Archive.

internetarchive/exclude_collections

A list of collection identifiers to exclude when searching or browsing.

internetarchive/exclude_mediatypes

A list of Internet Archive media types to exclude when searching or browsing.

internetarchive/cache_size

The number of Internet Archive items to cache in memory.

internetarchive/cache_ttl

The cache time-to-live in seconds.

internetarchive/retries

The maximum number of retries each HTTP connection should attempt.

internetarchive/timeout

The timeout in seconds for HTTP requests to the Internet Archive.

3.2 Sort Order Fields

The sort order for searching and browsing is given as `<fieldname> (asc|desc)`, where `<fieldname>` is one of:

- `addeddate`
- `avg_rating`
- `call_number`
- `createdate`
- `creatorSorter`
- `date`
- `downloads`
- `foldoutcount`
- `headerImage`
- `identifier`
- `imagecount`
- `indexdate`
- `languageSorter`
- `licenseurl`
- `month`
- `nav_order`
- `num_reviews`
- `publicdate`
- `reviewdate`
- `stars`

- titleSorter
- week
- year

3.3 Default Configuration

For reference, this is the default configuration shipped with Mopidy-InternetArchive release 1.3.0:

```
[internetarchive]
enabled = true

# archive.org base URL
base_url = http://archive.org

# archive.org user name, to access bookmarks as playlists
username =

# top-level collections for browsing
collections =
    audio
    audio_bookspoetry
    opensource_audio
    audio_tech
    GratefulDead
    etree
    audio_music
    netlabels
    audio_news
    audio_foreign
    audio_podcast
    radioprograms
    audio_religion

# audio file formats in order of preference
audio_formats = VBR MP3, 64Kbps MP3

# image file formats in order of preference
image_formats = JPEG, JPEG Thumb

# maximum number of browse results
browse_limit = 100

# sort order for browsing: <fieldname> (asc/desc)
browse_order = downloads desc

# maximum number of search results
search_limit = 20

# sort order for searching: <fieldname> (asc/desc); default is score
search_order =

# list of collections to exclude from searching and browsing
exclude_collections =

# list of media types to exclude from searching and browsing
```

```
exclude_mediatypes =  
  
# number of items to cache  
cache_size = 128  
  
# cache time-to-live in seconds  
cache_ttl = 86400  
  
# maximum number of HTTP connection retries  
retries = 3  
  
# HTTP request timeout in seconds  
timeout = 10
```

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