What is the WCT?
The Web Curator Tool (WCT) is a free open-source workflow management application for selective Web archiving. It is designed for use in libraries and other collecting organisations, and supports collection by non-technical users while still allowing complete control of the web harvesting process. It is integrated with the Heritrix web crawler and supports key processes such as permissions, job scheduling, harvesting, quality review, and the collection of descriptive metadata.

The WCT was first developed in 2006 as a collaborative effort by the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) and the British Library, initiated by the International Internet Preservation Consortium. In 2017, the NLNZ and the National Library of the Netherlands (KBNL) started on a new collaborative effort to uplift the technology and functionality of the WCT. They released WCT 2.0 in November 2018.

Features New to WCT 2.0:
- Heritrix 3.0 integration
- Improved and simplified installation process
- Updated and more accessible documentation

What Comes Next for the WCT?
The NLNZ and KBNL will continue to improve the WCT to support their Web archiving programmes and to make available for use by the Web archiving community. Some of the upcoming improvements include:
- Modifying the WCT so that third-party tools, including crawlers in addition to Heritrix, can be more easily added or removed
- An uplift of the underlying technical frameworks
- New functionality needed by the NLNZ or KBNL
- Let us know what else you would like to see in the WCT

Find Out More or Get Involved
We are striving to build up a larger community of developers and users. If you are interested, please contact staff of NLNZ or KBNZ. You can find out more through one of these channels:
- Slack - webcurator.slack.com/
- Github - dia-nz.github.io/webcurator/
- Documentation - webcuratortool.readthedocs.io