

# Blockchain Can Not Be Used To Verify Replayed Archived Web Pages

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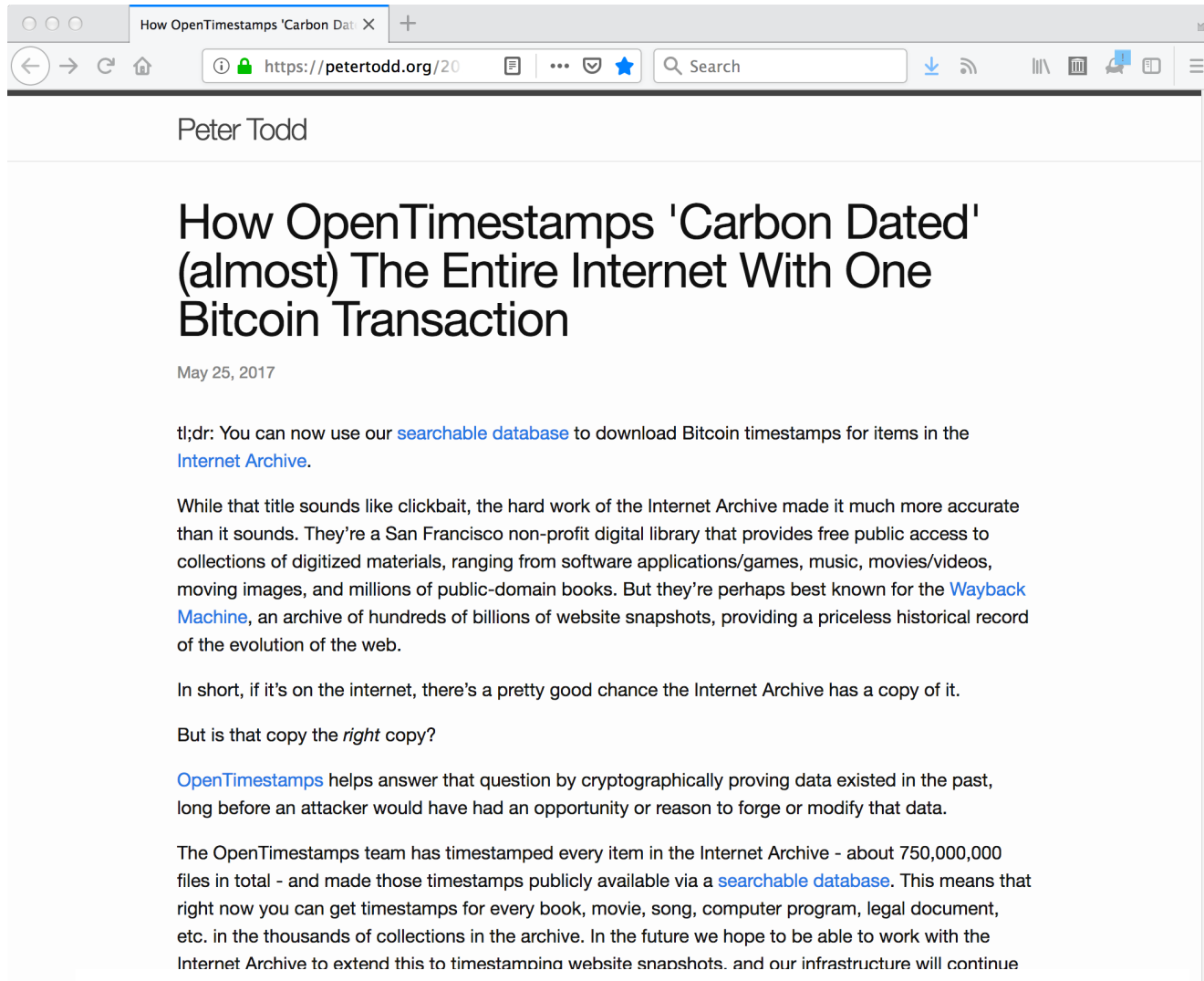


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# This is not what you think it is...



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://petertodd.org/2017/carbon-dating-the-internet-archive-with-opentimestamps>. The page content includes the author's name, Peter Todd, and the article title. The text discusses the Internet Archive's role in providing a searchable database of Bitcoin timestamps for items in their archive, highlighting the accuracy and historical value of this data.

Peter Todd

## How OpenTimestamps 'Carbon Dated' (almost) The Entire Internet With One Bitcoin Transaction

May 25, 2017

tl;dr: You can now use our [searchable database](#) to download Bitcoin timestamps for items in the [Internet Archive](#).

While that title sounds like clickbait, the hard work of the Internet Archive made it much more accurate than it sounds. They're a San Francisco non-profit digital library that provides free public access to collections of digitized materials, ranging from software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and millions of public-domain books. But they're perhaps best known for the [Wayback Machine](#), an archive of hundreds of billions of website snapshots, providing a priceless historical record of the evolution of the web.

In short, if it's on the internet, there's a pretty good chance the Internet Archive has a copy of it.

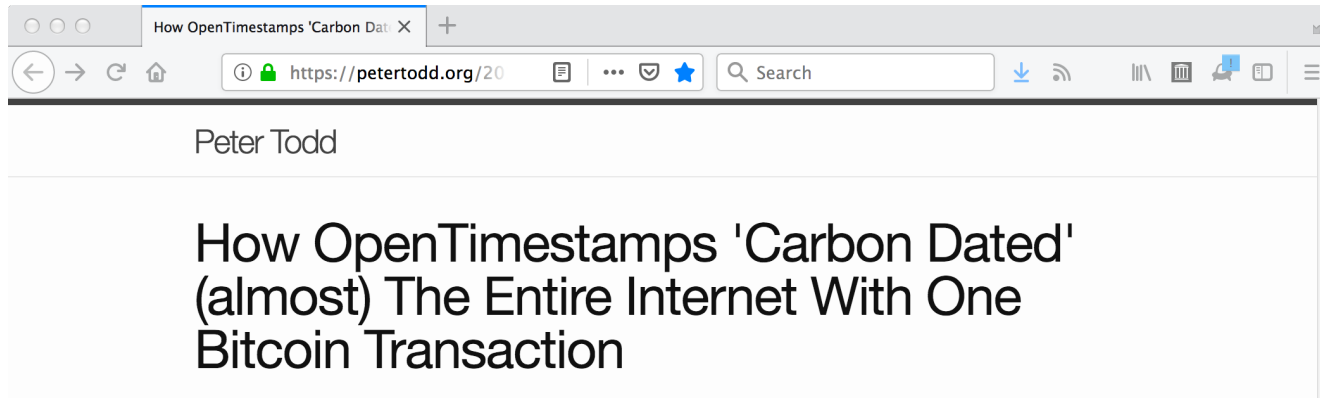
But is that copy the *right* copy?

[OpenTimestamps](#) helps answer that question by cryptographically proving data existed in the past, long before an attacker would have had an opportunity or reason to forge or modify that data.

The OpenTimestamps team has timestamped every item in the Internet Archive - about 750,000,000 files in total - and made those timestamps publicly available via a [searchable database](#). This means that right now you can get timestamps for every book, movie, song, computer program, legal document, etc. in the thousands of collections in the archive. In the future we hope to be able to work with the Internet Archive to extend this to timestamping website snapshots. and our infrastructure will continue

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# TL;DR

Web archiving is not file backup.

Backup = prevent, detect, repair changes

Web archiving = continuous changes to replicate the past

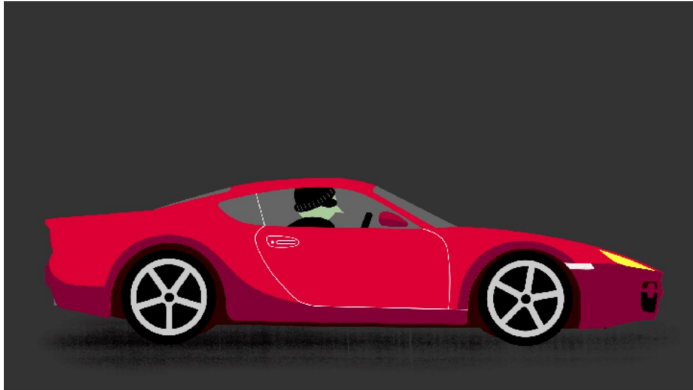
*Naïve fixity techniques are  
not applicable for web archiving.*



# Monitoring Fixity To Detect Tampering == Endless False Positives

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Car alarms don't deter criminals, and they're a public nuisance. Why are they still so common?  
ILANA E. STRAUSS MAY 16, 2016



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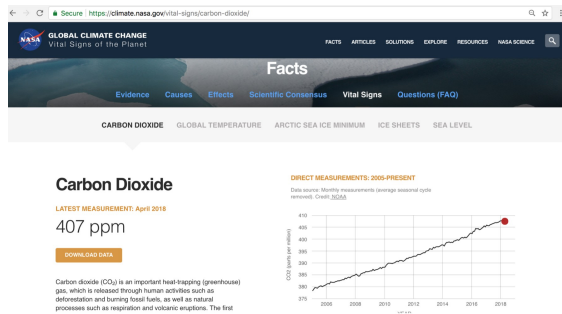
What's the Point of Car Alarms If Nobody Calls the Cops?  
BY DAVE ROOS APR 18, 2017



It's not necessarily the fancy cars that need a car alarm. DANIEL ALLAN/GETTY IMAGES

<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/05/car-alarms-dont-work-why-so-common/482769/>  
<https://auto.howstuffworks.com/car-driving-safety/safety-regulatory-devices/whats-point-car-alarms-nobody-calls-cops.htm>

# A simplified workflow of web archiving



1) live web site  
<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/>

## HERITRIX



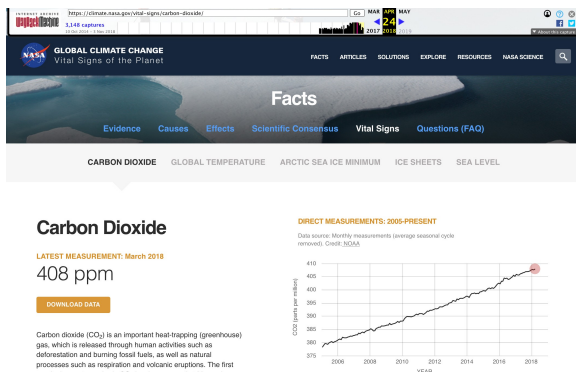
\$ wget

2) Crawled by any of several archival crawlers

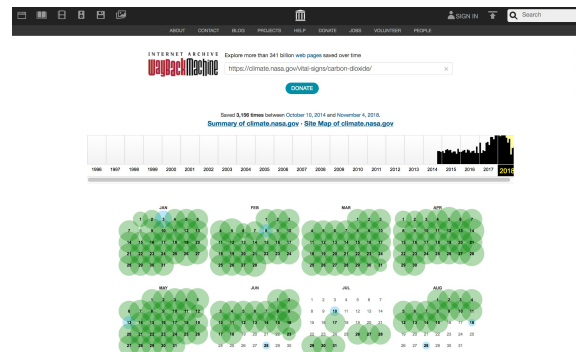
```
WARC/1.0
WARC-Type: warcinfo
Content-Type: application/warc-fields
WARC-Date: 2018-11-03T17:20:02Z
WARC-Record-ID: <urn:uuid:6d14bfd-0ef7-4f03-9de2-e578d105d3cb>
WARC-Filename: foo.warc.warc.gz
WARC-Block-Digest:
sha1:WSSYDY7HTP4JTVOZANSIFPFHUJU64E
Content-Length: 257
```

```
software: Wget/1.15 (linux-gnu)
format: WARC File Format 1.0
[much deletia]
```

3) Result stored in a WARC File (like tar or zip, but for Web archives)



6) Page replayed with banner, rewritten links, etc.



5) User chooses date of capture (Memento-Datetime)



4) WARC files are indexed, served by replay software (there are several variations of Wayback Machine)

(apologies to Peter Arnett)

“In order to save the page,  
we had to completely change it”

Yes, some archives (including most versions of Wayback) provide “raw” access,  
but modifications can still happen (how/why is beyond the scope of this presentation).

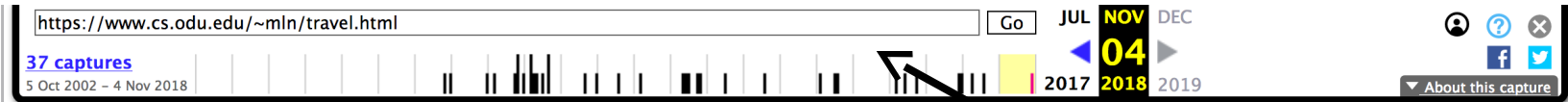
# I've got mad HTML skillz

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## Archival Metadata

The banner tells the user the original URL, when it was archived, how many copies, etc.

Links are rewritten to point back into the archive, not the live web.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20181104174441/https://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/travel.html>

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  https://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/travel.html
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v=archive_analytics.values;v.service='wb';v.server_name='wwwb-
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8"></script>
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$ curl -s https://web.archive.org/web/20181104174441/https://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/travel.html | wc
618      2472      33787
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href="http://archive.today/20181104174633/https://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/travel.html"/><title></title><
/head><body style="margin:0;background-color:#EEEEEE"><center><div id="HEADER" style="font-
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$ curl -s http://archive.is/20181104174633/https://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/travel.html | wc
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730 3640 62392

If we just had isolated, static pages  
(e.g., individual jpegs, pdfs, mp3s)  
then there'd be no problem.

But HTML has:

- 1) links,
- 2) embedded resources (including iframes), and
- 3) Javascript, which can modify the HTML.

And HTTP has no “bulk download”,  
so you can't grab an entire site instantaneously.

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WARC/1.0
WARC-Type: warcinfo
Content-Type: application/warc-fields
WARC-Date: 2018-11-03T17:20:02Z
WARC-Record-ID: <urn:uuid:6d14bf1d-0ef7-4f03-9de2-e578d105d3cb>
WARC-Filename: climate.nasa.gov.warc.gz
WARC-Block-Digest: sha1:WWSSYDYY7HTP4JTVOZANSIFPFHUJU64E
Content-Length: 257
```

```
software: Wget/1.15 (linux-gnu)
format: WARC File Format 1.0
conformsTo: http://bibnum.bnf.fr/WARC/WARC_ISO_28500_version1_latestdraft.pdf
robots: classic
wget-arguments: "--warc-file=climate.nasa.gov" "https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/"
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$ md5sum climate.nasa.gov.warc.gz
652853fe1bc8cb273cdf73aad8a489ca climate.nasa.gov.warc.gz
```

```
WARC/1.0
WARC-Type: request
WARC-Target-URI: https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/
Content-Type: application/http;msgtype=request
WARC-Date: 2018-11-03T17:20:02Z
WARC-Record-ID: <urn:uuid:e44bc1ea-61a1-4200-b94f-60042456f638>
WARC-IP-Address: 54.230.195.16
WARC-Warcinfo-ID: <urn:uuid:6d14bf1d-0ef7-4f03-9de2-e578d105d3cb>
WARC-Block-Digest: sha1:CLODKYDXCHPVOJMJWHJVT3EJJDKI2RTQ
Content-Length: 141
```

```
GET /vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/ HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Wget/1.15 (linux-gnu)
Accept: */*
Host: climate.nasa.gov
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

```
WARC/1.0
WARC-Type: response
WARC-Record-ID: <urn:uuid:5d8861ef-93c5-4d9c-87b8-4f427f963f7c>
WARC-Warcinfo-ID: <urn:uuid:6d14bf1d-0ef7-4f03-9de2-e578d105d3cb>
WARC-Concurrent-To: <urn:uuid:e44bc1ea-61a1-4200-b94f-60042456f638>
WARC-Target-URI: https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/
WARC-Date: 2018-11-03T17:20:02Z
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# We could hash the WARC file

But this nasa.gov page contains:

- 201 images
- 19 Javascript files
- 3 CSS files

At a large archive like IA they could be in multiple WARC files; worst case is 224 WARC files.

In general, the WARC file(s) corresponding to the replayed page will be unavailable to the user replaying the page.



# We can detect changes in the root HTML

wsdl-maturban.cs.odu.edu:11011/michael/wayback/20170717185130/https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/

Michael's Evil Wayback 1 captures 17 Jul 17 - 17 Jul 17

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE Vital Signs of the Planet

## Carbon Dioxide

LATEST MEASUREMENT: May 2017  
406.31 ppm

DOWNLOAD DATA

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is an important heat-trapping (greenhouse) gas, which is released through human activities such as deforestation and burning fossil fuels, as well as natural processes such as respiration and volcanic eruptions. The first graph shows atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels measured at Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii, in recent years, with average seasonal cycle removed. The second graph shows CO<sub>2</sub> levels during the last three glacial cycles, as reconstructed from ice cores.

The time series below shows global distribution and variation of the concentration of mid-tropospheric carbon dioxide in parts per million (ppm). The overall color of the map shifts toward the red with advancing time due to the annual increase of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Missions that observe CO<sub>2</sub>

- Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS)
- Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO-2)

**DIRECT MEASUREMENTS: 2005-PRESENT**  
Data source: Monthly measurements (average seasonal cycle removed). Credit: NOAA

CO<sub>2</sub> (parts per million)

YEAR

Click+drag to zoom RESET Get Data: FTP | Snapshot: PNG

**PROXY (INDIRECT) MEASUREMENTS**  
Data source: Reconstruction from ice cores. Credit: NOAA

CO<sub>2</sub> (parts per million)

Thousands of Years before today (0 = 1950)

CURRENT →

1950 →

HIGHEST HISTORICAL CO<sub>2</sub> LEVEL

wsdl-maturban.cs.odu.edu:11011/michael/wayback/20170717185130/https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/carbon-dioxide/

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## Carbon Dioxide

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275.31 ppm

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Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is an important heat-trapping (greenhouse) gas, which is released through human activities such as deforestation and burning fossil fuels, as well as natural processes such as respiration and volcanic eruptions. The first graph shows atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels measured at Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii, in recent years, with average seasonal cycle removed. The second graph shows CO<sub>2</sub> levels during the last three glacial cycles, as reconstructed from ice cores.

The time series below shows global distribution and variation of the concentration of mid-tropospheric carbon dioxide in parts per million (ppm). The overall color of the map shifts toward the red with advancing time due to the annual increase of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Missions that observe CO<sub>2</sub>

- Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS)
- Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO-2)

**DIRECT MEASUREMENTS: 2005-PRESENT**  
Data source: Monthly measurements (average seasonal cycle removed). Credit: NOAA

CO<sub>2</sub> (parts per million)

YEAR

Click+drag to zoom RESET Get Data: FTP | Snapshot: PNG

**PROXY (INDIRECT) MEASUREMENTS**  
Data source: Reconstruction from ice cores. Credit: NOAA

CO<sub>2</sub> (parts per million)

Thousands of Years before today (0 = 1950)

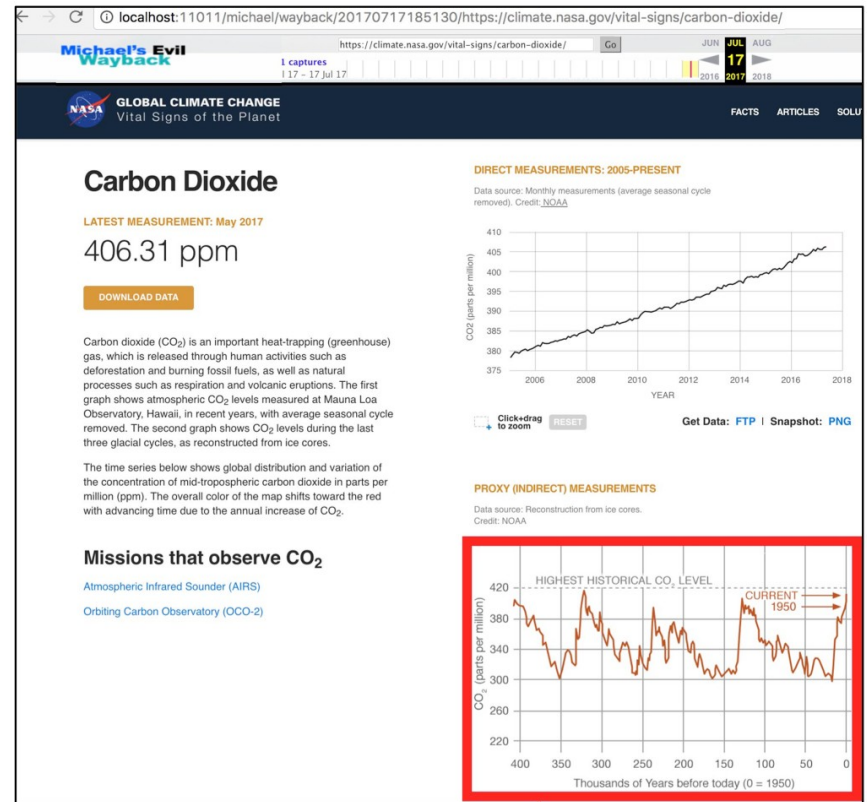
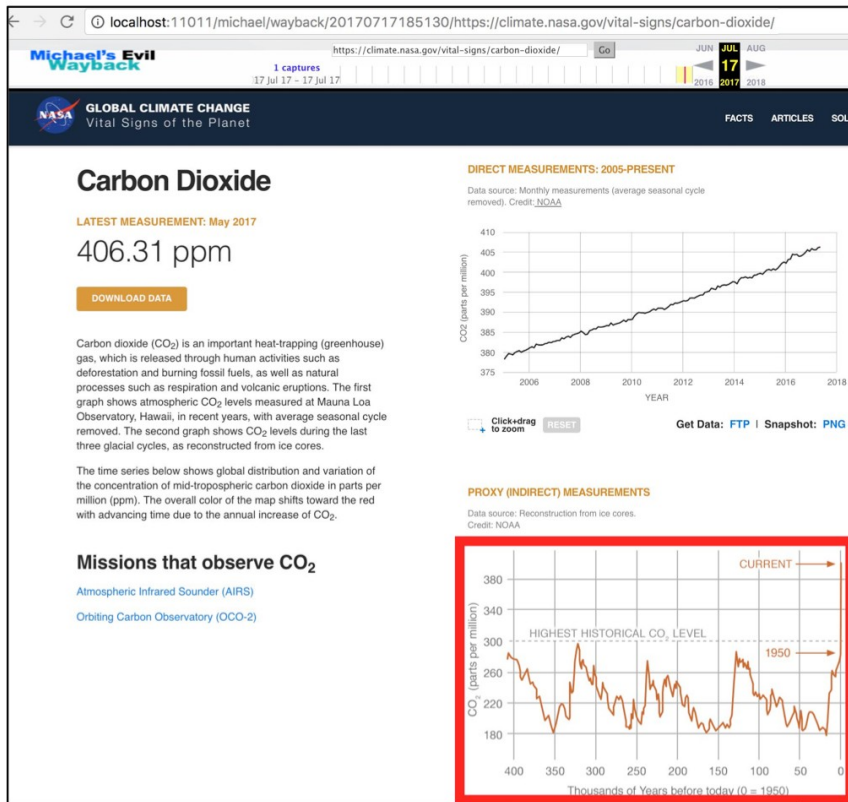
CURRENT →

1950 →

HIGHEST HISTORICAL CO<sub>2</sub> LEVEL

<https://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2017/12/2017-12-11-difficulties-in-timestamping.html>

# But what if the change is in an embedded resource?



Clearly we need to render the entire page,  
then compute the hash.

Unfortunately, that's not easy.



# Load the archived page, get an eagle

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<https://www.webharvest.gov/congress112th/20130119060624/http://www.fws.gov/>

# Hit “reload”, get a tiger

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# “Look on my Javascript, ye Mighty, and despair!”

```
function random_imglink () {  
    myimages[1]="/congress112th/20130119060624/http://www.fws.gov/home/feature/home-banner/open-spaces/bannerbluemnt.jpg";  
    myimages[2]="/congress112th/20130119060624/http://www.fws.gov/home/feature/home-banner/open-spaces/bannereagle.jpg";  
    myimages[3]="/congress112th/20130119060624/http://www.fws.gov/home/feature/home-banner/open-spaces/bannertiger.jpg";  
  
    var ry=Math.floor(Math.random(1)*myimages.length)  
  
    if (ry==0)  
        ry=1  
  
    document.write('<a href='+'"' +imagelinks[ry]+'"'+'></a>')  
}
```

Actually, the fws.gov example was super easy;  
most changes are much harder to trace.

Chrome File Edit View History Bookmarks People Window Help 100% Thu Sep 21 10:12:27 AM

CNN.com - Breaking News, U.S. x

Secure https://web.archive.org/web/20130530221910/http://www.cnn.com/

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Mohamed Aturban, unpublished, memento:  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20130724144801/http://www.cnn.com/>  
Animated GIF: <https://blog.dshr.org/2017/11/keynote-at-pacific-neighborhood.html>



# Temporal violations: reconstructing pages that never existed on the live web

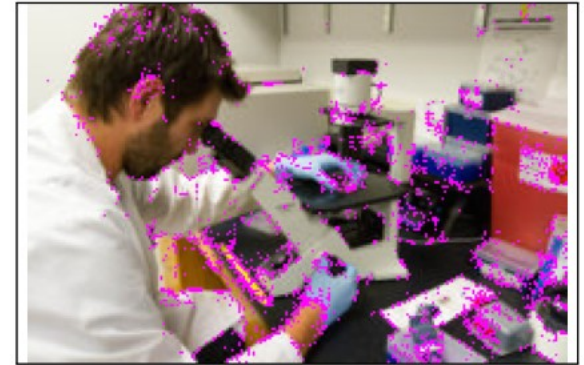
(examples below are transient; sometimes you get the 1<sup>st</sup> image, sometimes the 2<sup>nd</sup> image)



(a) Downloaded on November 16, 2017. Its hash ends in “4465eb88c7”.



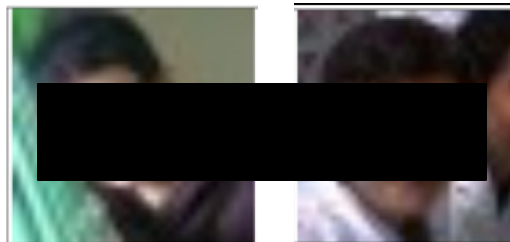
(b) Downloaded on December 25, 2017. Its hash ends in “021e7b224b”.



(c) Comparing images (a) and (b) using [9] (mismatched pixels in pink).

embedded in umich.edu memento, archived in perma.cc

2<sup>nd</sup> image is compressed (12209 vs. 19448 bytes); 2<sup>nd</sup> image modified in 2017-03, but replayed in a 2017-01 page



embedded in copybogger.com memento, archived in archive.org

2<sup>nd</sup> image modified in 2017-12, but replayed in a 2017-11 page; blackout for privacy

Temporal violations: <https://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2015/12/2015-12-08-evaluating-temporal.html>

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# 1 WARC file, 2 Wayback Machines, 3 Browsers = 6 different replays

The image displays six browser screenshots arranged in a 2x3 grid. The columns represent different browsers: Chrome (left), Firefox (middle), and Safari (right). The rows represent different Wayback Machine instances: the top row shows the archive-it.org version, and the bottom row shows the archive.org version. Each screenshot captures the Harvard University website's 'Wonders of Wintersession' page. The top row shows a consistent layout across all three browsers, with a video player at the top, a 'Featured Events' section, and a grid of article highlights. The bottom row shows significant differences: the Firefox and Safari versions in the archive.org row include a 'Skip to main content' link and a 'Harvard Essentials' sidebar menu, which are absent in the archive-it.org versions. The Chrome browser in the archive.org row also shows a search bar and a 'Skip to main content' link. The text 'archive-it.org' and 'archive.org' is overlaid on the left side of the top and bottom rows, respectively.

archive-it.org

archive.org

<http://wayback.archive-it.org/all/20130106140348/http://www.harvard.edu/>  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20130106140348/http://www.harvard.edu/>  
 see also. <https://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2016/12/2016-12-20-archiving-pages-with.html>

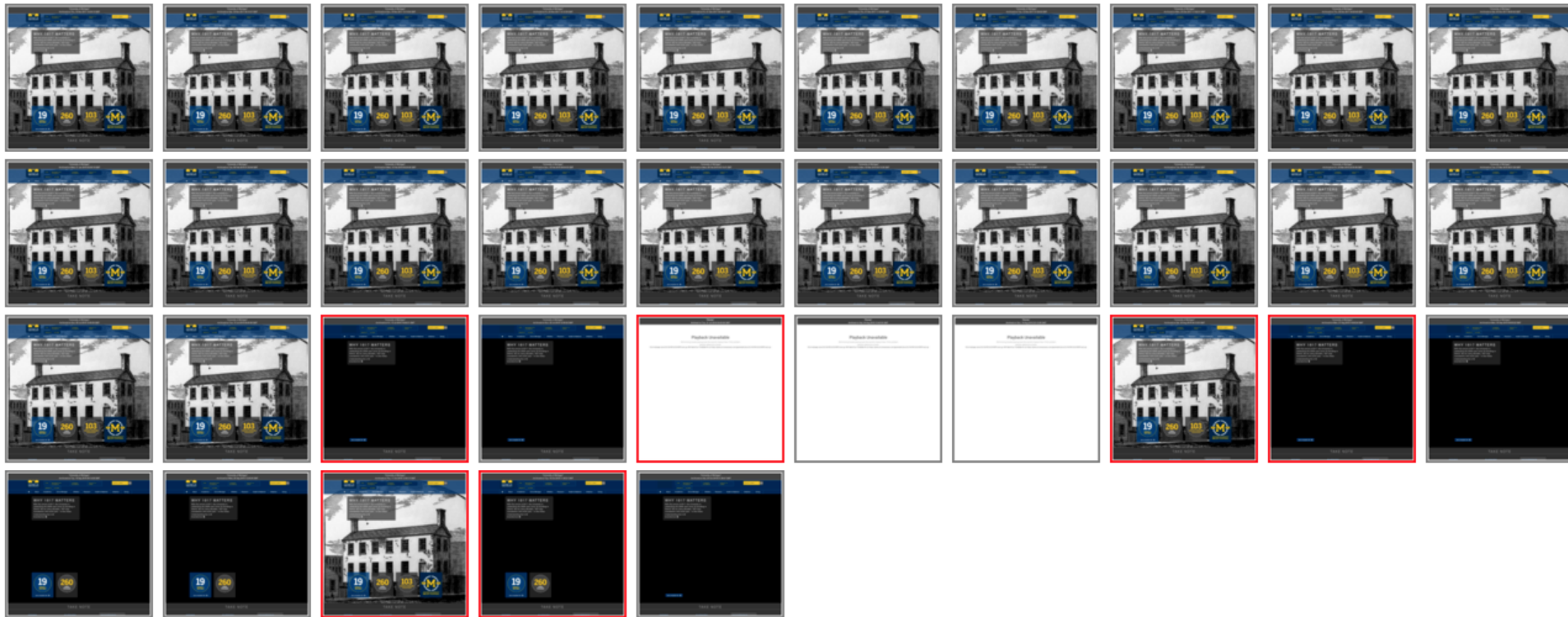
# Experiment Design

# Sample 16k+ Mementos from 17 Web Archives

Archive	URI-Ms
perma-archives.org	182
bibalex.org	199
webarchive.org.uk	349
bac-lac.gc.ca	351
proni.gov.uk	469
digar.ee	488
webharvest.gov	712
internetmemory.org	979
nationalarchives.gov.uk	994
stanford.edu	1222
archive-it.org	1383
archive.is	1396
web.archive.org	1566
arquivo.pt	1569
webcitation.org	1585
vefsafn.is	1589
loc.gov	1594
Total	16627

# Periodically Replay Each *Archived* Page

35 times, from Nov. 2017 – Oct. 2018



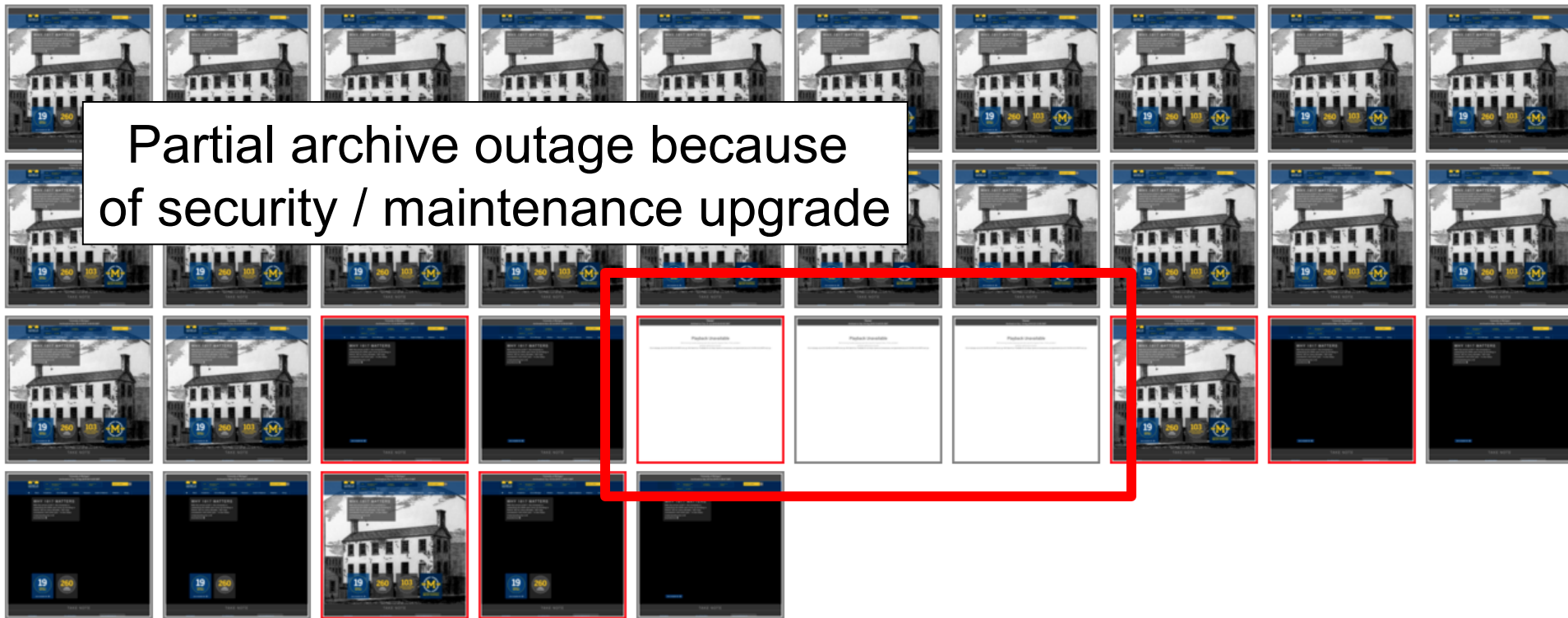
For each replay, we download both the rewritten version and the “raw” version (where possible).

Above example: <http://perma-archives.org/warc/20170101182813/http://umich.edu/>



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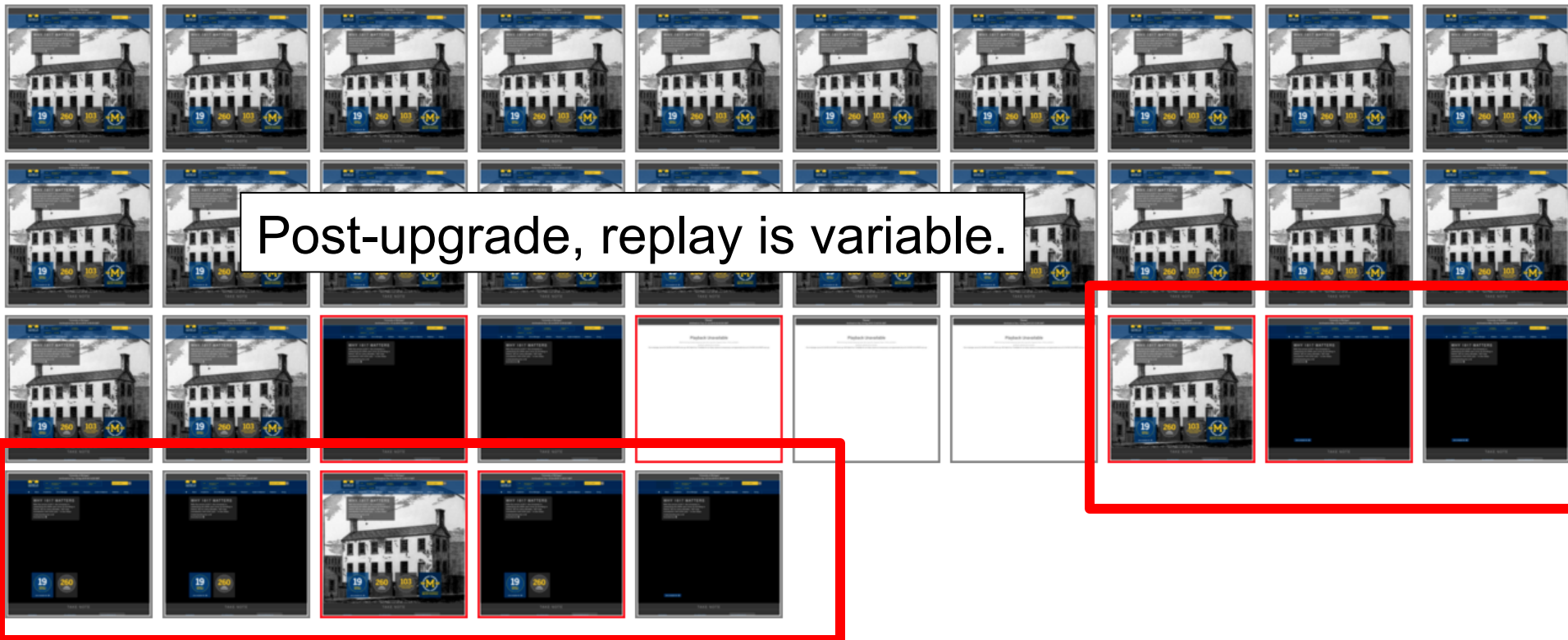


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# In 11 months, 11% of the URLs Disappeared or Changed

820 were renamed & required manual rediscovery  
979 disappeared & have not yet been rediscovered

# europarchive.org became internetmemory.org

The screenshot shows the National Library of Ireland (nli) website. On the left, a vertical timeline lists the number of news instances for each year from 2013 to 2017. The 2013 section is expanded to show specific dates: Dec 7, Nov 4, and Oct 5. The main content area displays a news article titled 'Algerian army moves to end siege' with a photo of an industrial site and a sub-headline 'Regulators ground all Boeing 787s' with a photo of Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

URI-Ms like this:

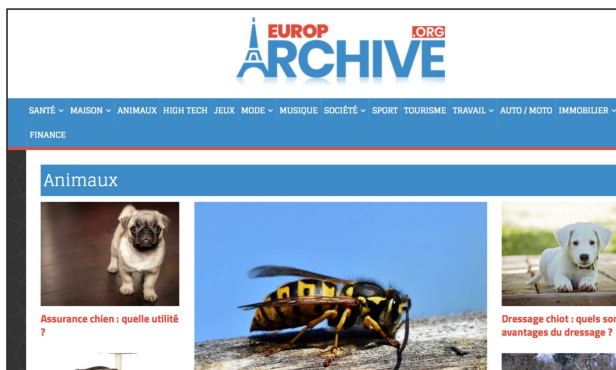
collection.[europarchive.org](http://europarchive.org)/nli/20130117165443/http://bbc.co.uk/news/

changed domains and became like this:

collections.[internetmemory.org](http://internetmemory.org)/nli/20130117165443/http://bbc.co.uk/news/

[europarchive.org](http://europarchive.org)

# europarchive.org is now spam internetmemory.org is now down *979 pages lost*



```
curl -I collection.europarchive.org/nli/20130117165443/http://bbc.co.uk/news/  
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:30:50 GMT  
Server: Apache  
Expires: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 05:30:50 GMT  
Cache-Control: max-age=3600  
Location: http://europarchive.org  
Connection: close  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

## Error 403 Forbidden

Forbidden

**Guru Meditation:**

XID: 71558920

Varnish cache server

```
curl -I collections.internetmemory.org/nli/20130117165443/http://bbc.co.uk/news/  
HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:31:51 GMT  
Server: Varnish  
X-Varnish: 71167297  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8  
Retry-After: 5  
Content-Length: 252  
Connection: keep-alive
```

# Telling humans your domain is about to change is nice, but please tell robots too...

The screenshot shows the homepage of europarchive.org. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box and a date selector for January 4, 2018. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "european archive". A large blue banner in the center contains the following text: "We are glad to inform you that our Foundation has just changed its name to Internet Memory Foundation. Visit our new website on [www.internetmemory.org](http://www.internetmemory.org)". This banner is highlighted with a red rectangular box. To the left of the banner, there is a "Welcome!" section with a list of links for different languages (EN, EE, FR, NL, IT, RU) and a brief description of the archive. Below the banner, there is a "Browse" section with three columns: "Movies" (22 Movies), "Recordings" (842 Recordings), and "Web" (4 Collections). Each column has a "Picture coming soon" placeholder. To the right of the banner, there is a "News" section with a list of recent updates. At the bottom of the page, there is a "my Desktop" section with a login form for an "Anonymous user" and a "Personal" section with a list of options.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20180104021440/http://europarchive.org/> [ags](#)

See: <https://tools.ietf.org/id/draft-wilde-sunset-header-03.html>

# webarchive.proni.gov.uk now uses Archive-It



The top-level site  
webarchive.proni.gov.uk still exists,  
but deep links to URI-Ms are now 404.

469 pages required manual  
rediscovery.

```
curl -I http://webarchive.proni.gov.uk/20111215021058/http://women.sohu.com/  
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 05:15:56 GMT  
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
```

```
curl -I https://wayback.archive-it.org/11112/20111215021058/http://women.sohu.com/  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

...



# www.collectionscanada.gc.ca became webarchive.bac-lac.gc.ca:8080

(no, really – port 8080)

And deep links to URI-Ms now redirect to the top of the new site,  
which means 351 pages required manual rediscovery:

This website was captured for preservation purposes by [Library and Archives Canada \(LAC\)](#). Some internal and external links as well as forms, search boxes and interactive elements, including videos, may not function on this archived site.

Captured at: 19:24:35 Oct 27, 2006 [View Other Captures](#) [Web Archives Home](#)

[ Close ]



```
$ curl -IL http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/webarchives/20061027192435/http://www.state.gov/  
HTTP/1.0 302 Found  
Location: http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/archives-web-government/Pages/web-archives.aspx  
...  
HTTP/1.1 302 Found  
Location: http://webarchive.bac-lac.gc.ca/?lang=en  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:46:24 GMT  
...  
HTTP/1.1 200  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:46:24 GMT  
...
```



# 7 out of 8 pages produced > 1 hash over 11 months

Archive Name	URI-Ms	URI-Ms with at least two hashes
webarchive.loc.gov	1,594	1,235 (77.47%)
vefsafn.is	1,589	1,133 (71.30%)
webcitation.org	1,585	981 (61.89%)
arquivo.pt	1,569	1,563 (99.61%)
archive.org	1,566	1,430 (91.31%)
archive.is	1,396	1,364 (97.70%)
archive-it.org	1,383	1,383 (100%)
swap.stanford.edu	1,222	1,005 (82.24%)
nationalarchives.gov.uk	994	978 (98.39%)
internetmemory.org	979	979 (100%)
webharvest.gov	712	712 (100%)
digar.ee	488	308 (63.11%)
proni.gov.uk	469	469 (100%)
bac-lac.gc.ca	351	351 (100.0%)
webarchive.org.uk	349	348 (99.71%)
archive.bibalex.org	199	199 (100%)
perma-archives.org	182	182 (100%)
total	16,627	14,620 (87.92%)

You cannot replay twice the same archived page

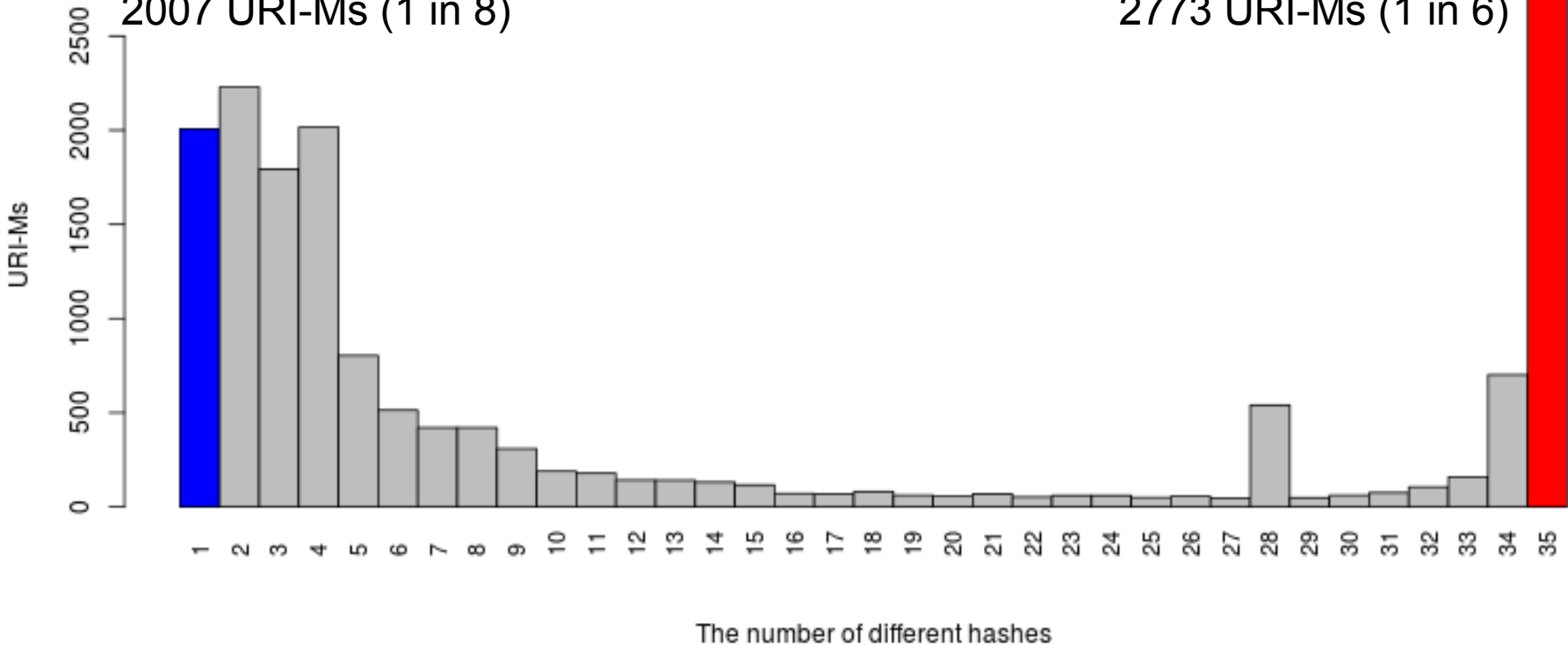
(apologies to Heraclitus)

# More Archived Pages Changed Every Time Than Never Changed

All 16,627 URI-Ms

Never changed:  
2007 URI-Ms (1 in 8)

Always changed:  
2773 URI-Ms (1 in 6)



# A metaphor for replaying archived web pages



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekO3Z3XWa0Q>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty\\_Python\\_and\\_the\\_Holy\\_Grail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty_Python_and_the_Holy_Grail)

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# King of Swamp Castle: live web/ground truth

## Guard: archival replay

\$ echo "Make sure the prince doesn't leave this room until I come and get him." | md5  
57facbb2734d36cb823f4230cc07b888

\$ echo "Not to leave the room even if you come and get him." | md5  
3ba0a2359d63f43cbe9e11fb5a179b8d

\$ echo "Until you come and get him, we're not to enter the room." | md5  
ade3539aaa8a6d8724193e9a37f3ca6d

\$ echo "We don't need to do anything apart from just stop him entering the room." | md5  
ea812f5b997aa42a8f293bd1ee536fd0

\$ echo "Oh yes, we'll keep him in here, obviously. But if he had to leave, and we went with him..." | md5  
55d184b77d99eed6367535ef3c05d7aa

\$ echo "Oh, yes of course. I thought you meant him! You know it seemed a bit daft me having to guard him when he's a guard." | md5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekO3Z3XWa0Q>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty\\_Python\\_and\\_the\\_Holy\\_Grail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty_Python_and_the_Holy_Grail)

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# Archival replay & blockchain: building a castle in a swamp

- Fixity checks only work when it's clear what to hash
  - Hash only the root HTML and modifications are possible via embedded resources (false negatives)
  - Recursively hash all embedded resources and you'll rarely get the same hash (false positives)
- Replay is working as designed, it's not something that will be "fixed"
  - we need server-side support for auditing, and archive-aware hashing functions
- There is increasing incentive to attack existing archives and create networks of fake archives
  - <http://bit.ly/Weaponized-Web-Archives>