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Please recalibrate to an American notion of "past", "history", etc.

Growing Up in Virginia...



First Job: NASA Langley Research Center



Why Care About The Past?

From an anonymous WWW 2010 reviewer about our Memento paper (*emphasis* mine):

"Is there any statistics to show that many or a good number of Web users would like to get obsolete data or resources?"

one answer: replay of contemporary pages >> summary pages see: http://www.slideshare.net/phonedude/why-careaboutthepast

Two Common Misconceptions about Web Archiving

- Prior = old = obsolete = stale = bad
 - who cares, not an interesting problem
- The Internet Archive has every copy of everything that has ever existed
 - who cares, problem solved

No Collections For Us (yet)

- protocols / frameworks
 - Memento, ResourceSync, OAI-ORE, OAI-PMH
- tools / services
 - MementoFox, Warrick, Synchronicity, Carbon Date, HTTP Mailbox
- research
 - self-preserving objects, information retrieval methods for preservation, collection visualization

PhD Students in Our Research Group

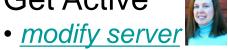
current & former

Be Lazy



just-in-time preservation

Get Active







Archive Quality





object quality

usage patterns



Better Tools









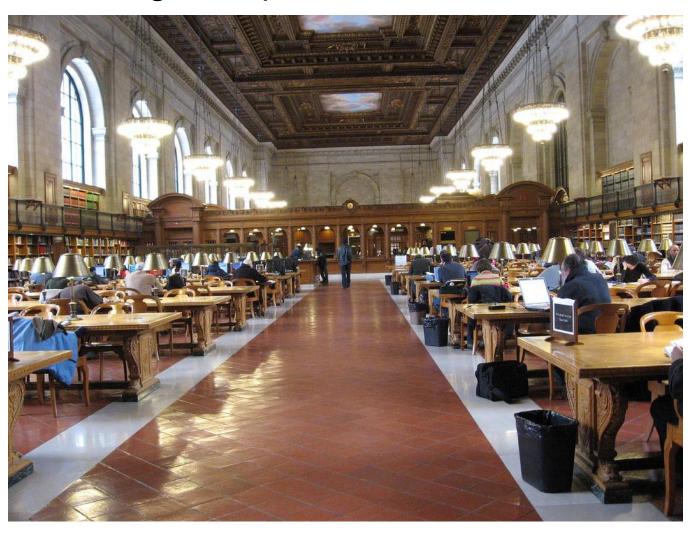




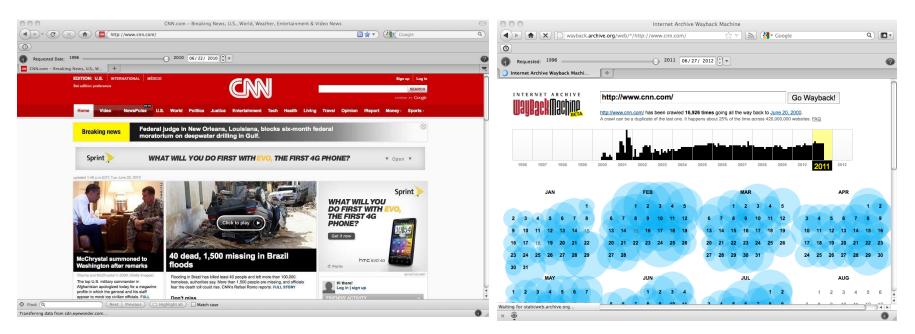


Observations & Research Directions

Wrong Metaphor for Web Archives



Web Archives Are Not Destinations



This is a destination.

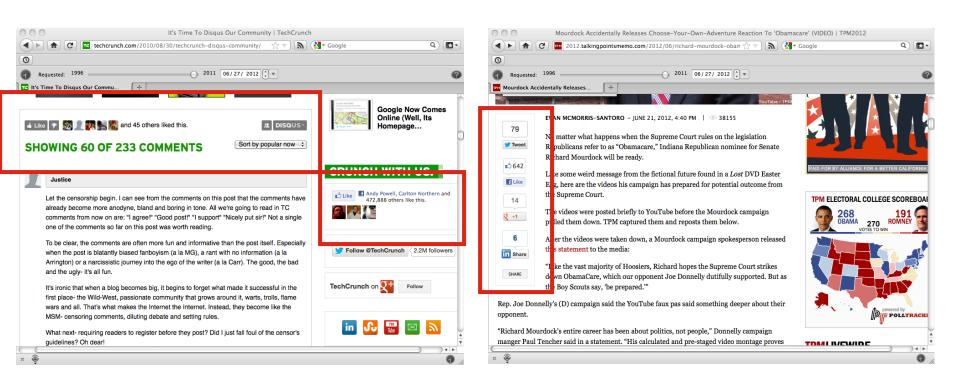
This is not a destination.

Memento is about linking the past and present web

Possible Metaphor for Viewing Past & Present?



Turn Archiving Into A Social Activity...



see also: http://xkcd.com/1034/, Marshall & Shipman, JCDL 2011

...But Don't Use the "A" Word

Ed: Are there any zombies out there?

Shaun: Don't say that!

Ed: What?

Shaun: That.

Ed: What?

Shaun: That. The Z word. Don't say it.

Ed: Why not?

Shaun: Because it's ridiculous!

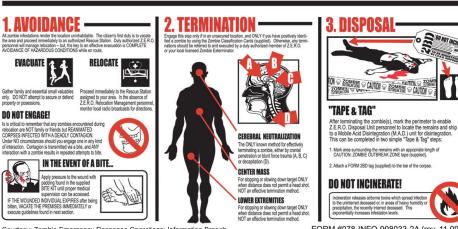
— Shaun of the Dead

IN THE EVENT OF ZOMBIE AT 3 STEPS TO SURVIVING INFESTAT

1. Avoidance

2. Termination

3. Disposal



Courtesy: Zombie Emergency Response Operations: Information Branch

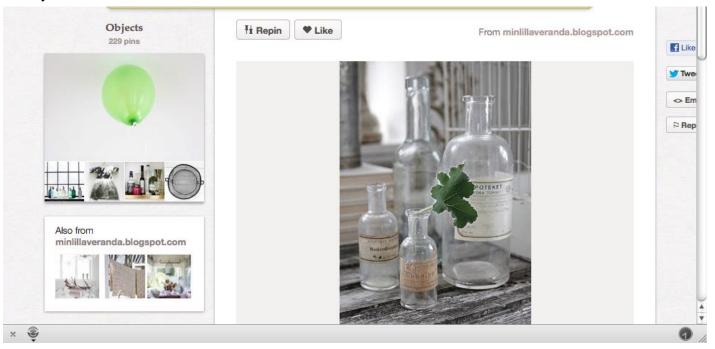
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Pinterest: Anonymous Mementos

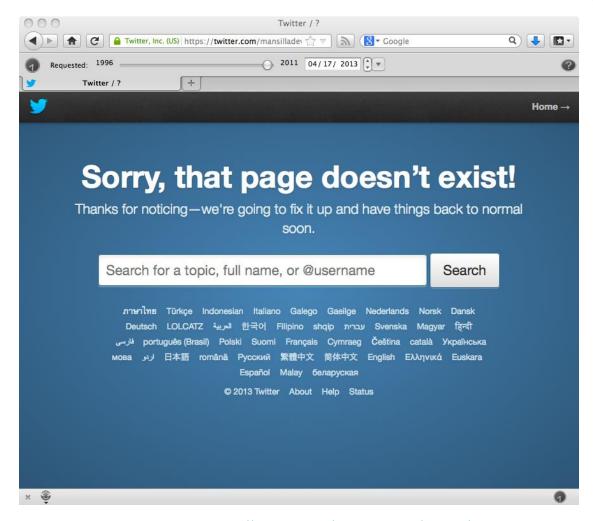


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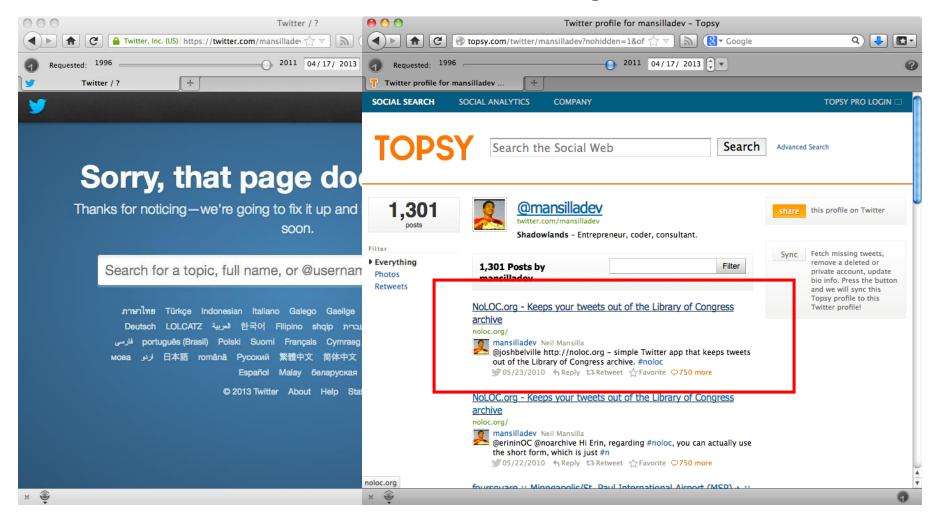
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Topsy: Because Deleting Is More Work Than Not Deleting?

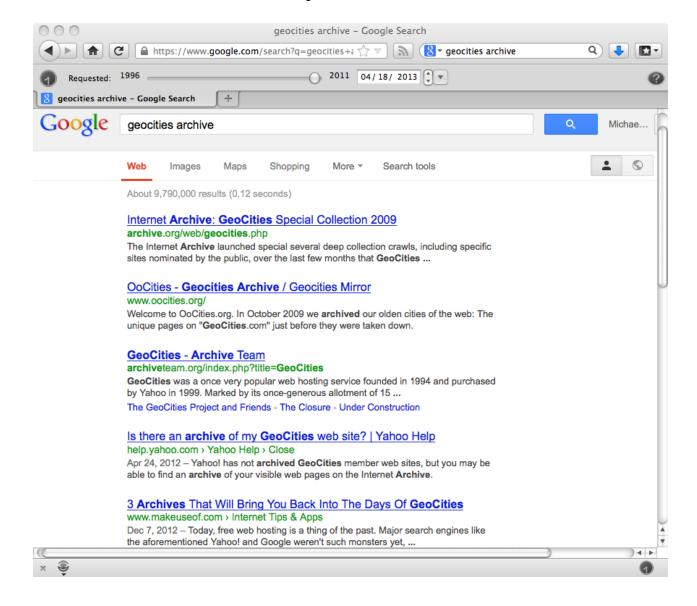


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"The call is coming from inside the house!"

The Lost Cities Aren't Very Lost, Just Not Well Mapped



Houston, Here. The Eagle has



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Quis archiviet ipsos archives?

(I'm certain I got that wrong, but you get my point.)

