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A Survey on Web Archiving Initiatives

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Fact

1 year from now,

80% of the web pages available today,

Will have **disappeared** or been **changed**

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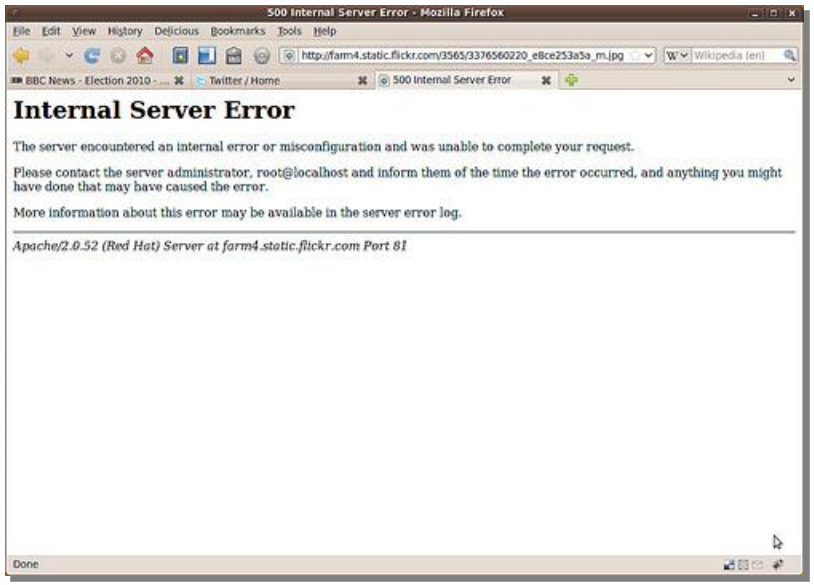
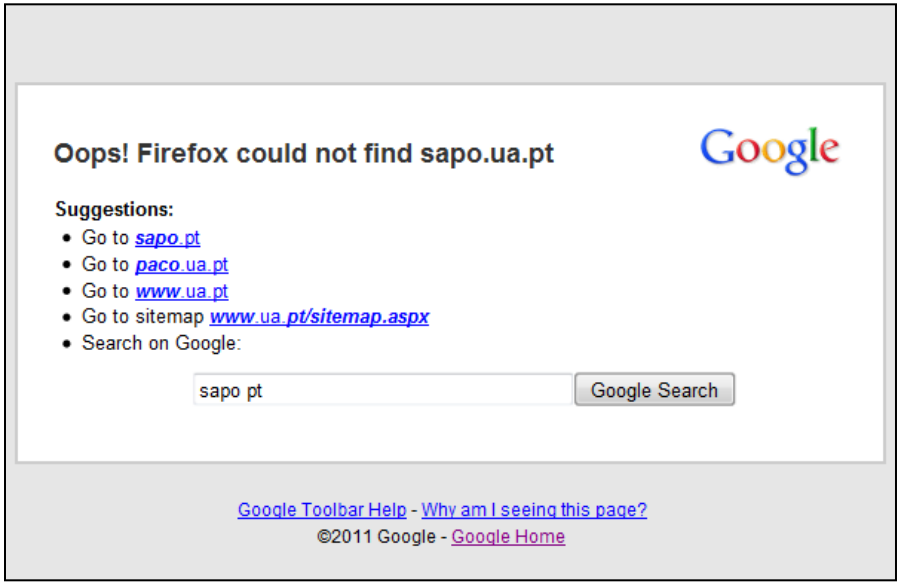
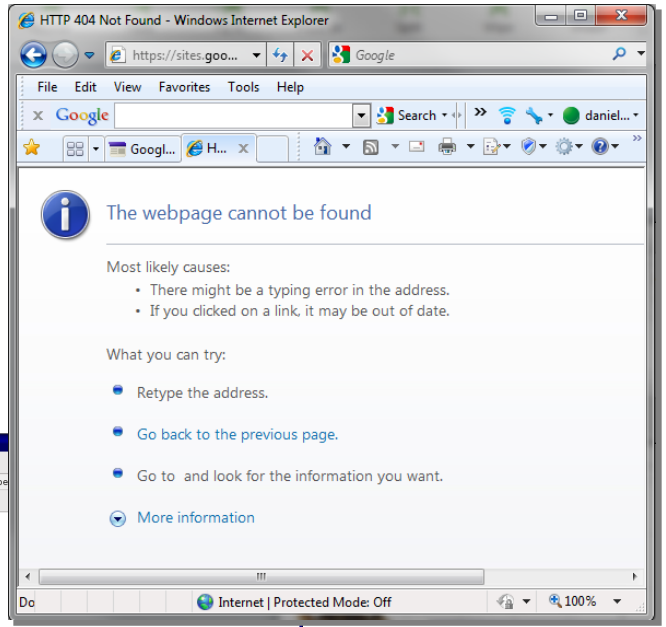
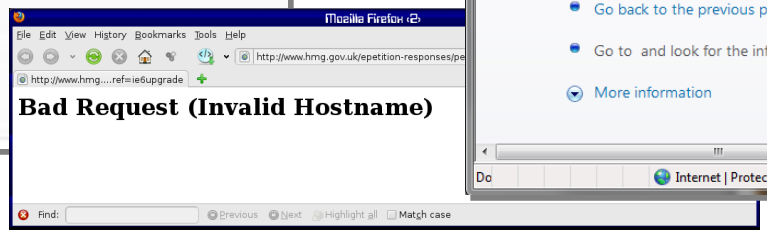
Consequence









Reasons

"There are no reasons at all in theory for people to change URIs (or stop maintaining documents), but millions of reasons in practice."

Tim Berners-Lee, 1998

- The Web is a primary source of information
- But its information is ephemeral
- So what can you do about this problem?

The same that we did with printed media:

Archive it

Motivation for our survey about web archiving initiatives

Based on a true story

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People need to know web archives

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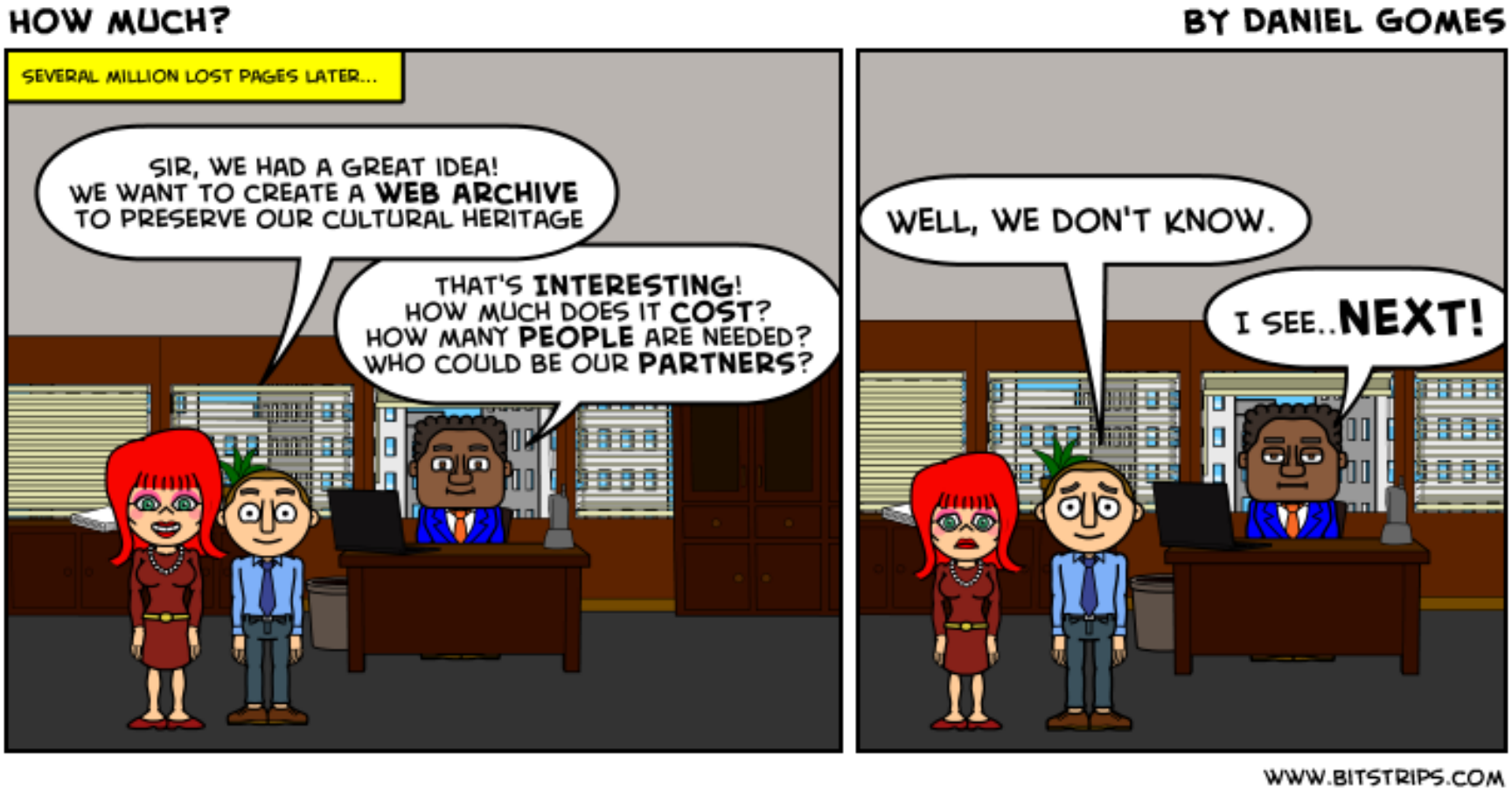
Web archivists need to know each other



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Our objective

Derive an **updated** portrait of web archiving initiatives worldwide

Methodology

- We asked 3 questions:
  - What is the name of your web archive initiative?
  - Which is the amount of data that you have archived?
  - How many people work at your web archive?

  Any additional comments are welcome.
- Disseminated them:
  - Archive.pt, mailing lists, FB, Twitter, RSS, blogs
- Interacted with respondents by email
  - Wanted to know more than numbers
  - 33 direct answers
- Web archiving initiatives sites and publications

Results…

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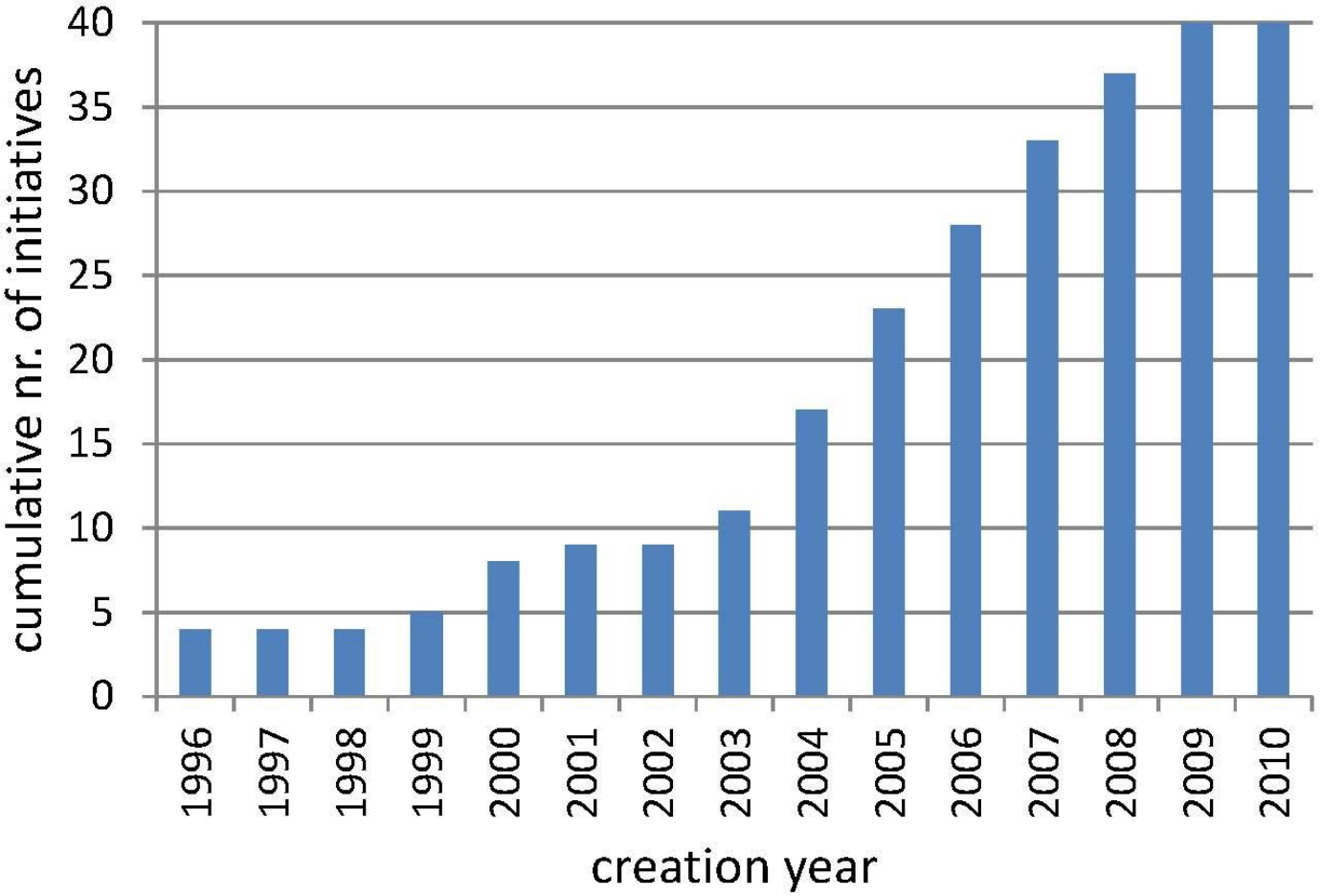
Web archiving is growing



- 42 initiatives
- 1996: Kulturarw3 and Internet Archive
- 2009: Web archive of Čačak (city of Serbia)

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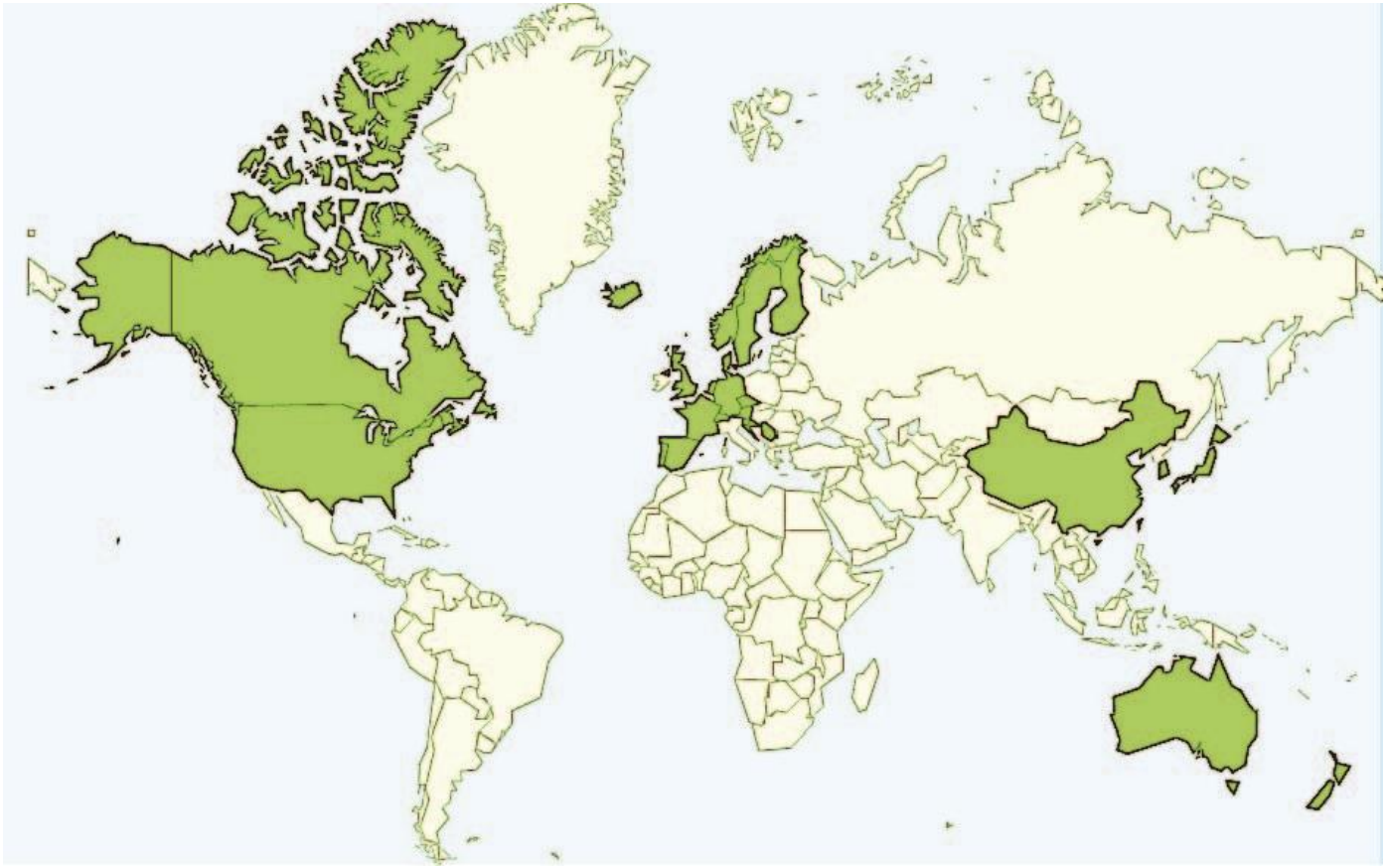
Countries that host initiatives



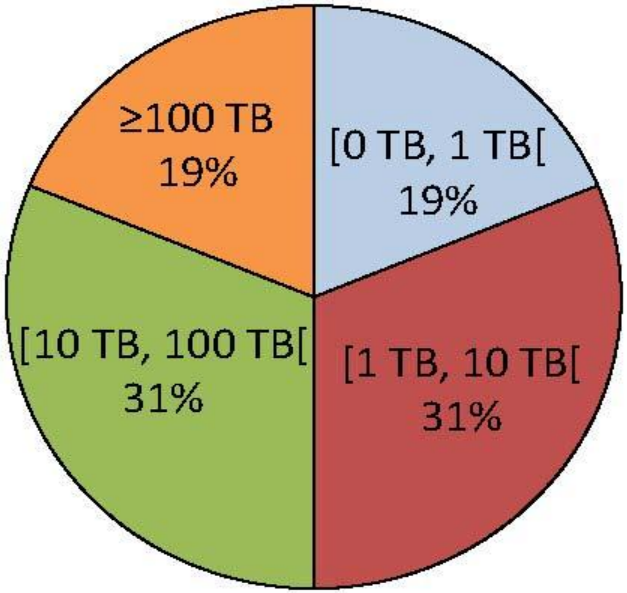
- 96% of the countries host at most 2 initiatives
- 62% are hosted on a country member of the OECD
- 80% hold content exclusively related to their country

Web archiving teams

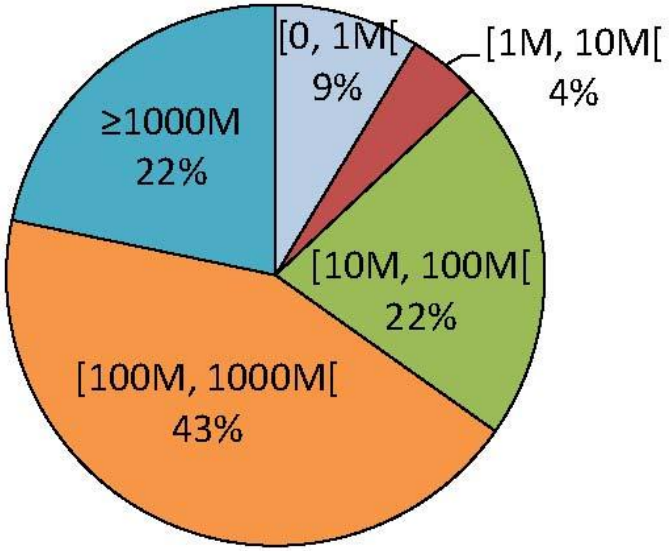
- Small staff
  - Median: 2.5 full-time, 2 part-time
  - 26% of the initiatives don’t have any full-time employee
  - Librarians and engineers
- 277 people worldwide to preserve the Web since its inception
  - 112 Full-time
  - 166 Part-time
- Google employs more than 24 000 people to provide access to the current web

Collection sizes

Volume of archived data



Number of archived contents (e.g. images, pages, videos)



- 81% host <100 TB of data
- 78% host <1 million contents
- Average content size varies according to collection characteristics: 14 KB to 119 KB

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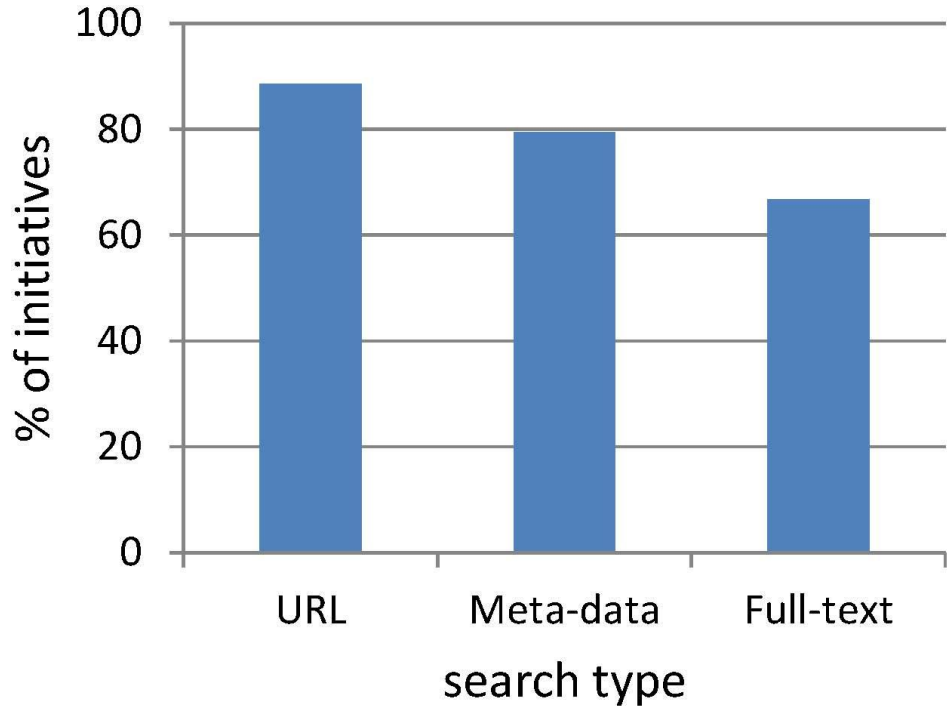
Access to archived data



- 67% support full-text search
- 50% provide full online access to contents
- 38% **restrict access** to archived data
  - Partial access: only to meta-data
  - On-demand only for research
  - Special rooms in their facilities

Food for thought

If a content was **published** on the web,

Should its access be **restricted** when it becomes part of **History**?

Maintaining the accessibility level of the contents archived from the web is mandatory to make **web archives useful to all citizens**.

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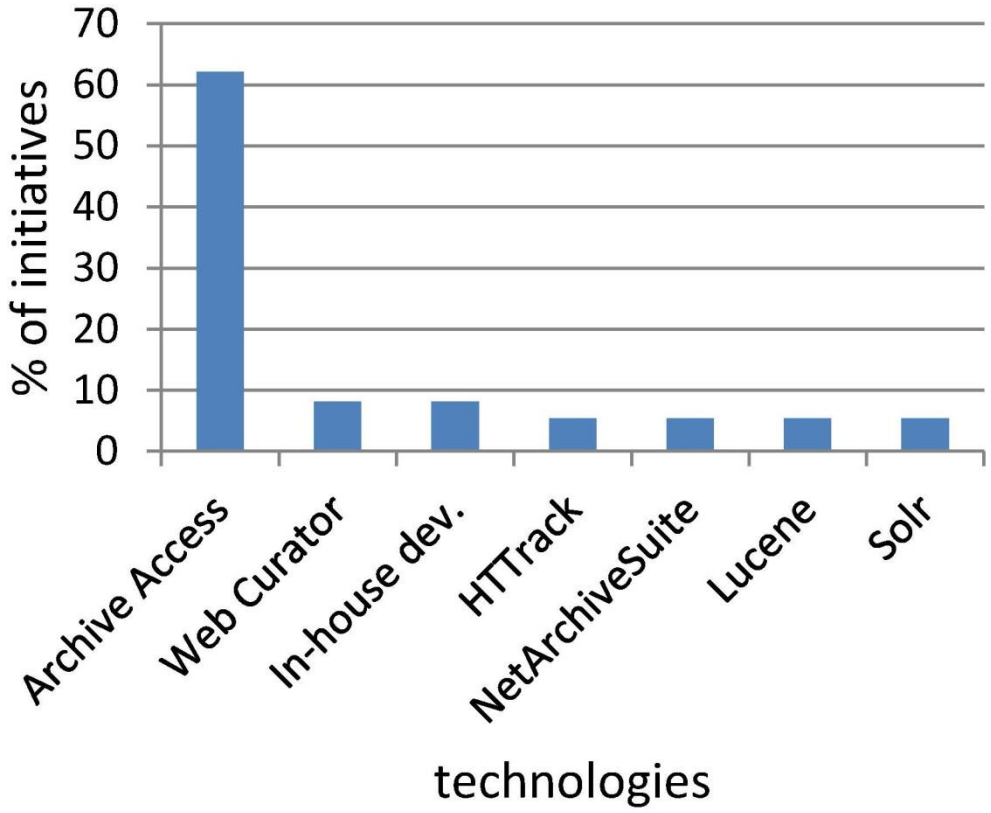
Technologies



- 62% use Internet Archive Archive-access tools
  - Heritrix for harvesting
  - NutchWax and Wayback for search and access
    - Full-text search is not satisfactory

But all these results will soon become obsolete

Our most important contribution…

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List of Web archiving initiatives

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
(Redirected from List of Web Archiving Initiatives)

This page contains a list of Web archiving initiatives worldwide. For easier reading, the information is divided in three tables: web archiving initiatives, archived data and access methods.

Map of Web archiving initiatives worldwide in June, 2011.

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Web archiving initiatives [edit]

Name	Country	Creation Year	Technologies	Number of Employees		Comments
				Full-time	Part-time	
Australia's Web Archive[1]	Australia	1996	PANDORA Digital Archiving System (PANDAS), NLA Trove, HTTrack	4	>4.25	It is a collaborative program of 11 agencies that provide an estimate average monthly staffing equivalent to 4 FTE. IT outsourced support: 0.25 person-month. Whole Domain Harvests are conducted by the Internet Archive using Heritrix, Wayback Machine.
Our digital island, a Tasmanian Web Archive[2]	Australia	1996	HTTrack, Experimentally: Web Curator, Heritrix and Wayback Machine		1	
			Archive-access tools and			

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Impact of the Wikipedia page

- Positive feedback from the web archiving community
- Information about 25 initiatives was **collaboratively** updated (after the paper was submitted)
- 49 web archiving initiatives (August, 2011)
  - 7 more than we identified in our study
  - 7 web archiving commercial services
    - 3 new services created in 2010

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Conclusions

- Web archiving is useful to everyone
- Web archiving is worldwide
- We must support web archiving initiatives

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