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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin will not cooperate with a legislative investigation into the firing of her public safety commissioner, the McCain-Palin presidential campaign announced Monday, accusing supporters of rival Barack Obama of manipulating the inquiry for political motivations. Obama's campaign described the charge as "complete paranoia." full story

- AC360: McCain and the truth
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- CNNMoney: Stocks poised for mixed open
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- Ticker: Colin Powell on his presidential pick
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- Colors shifting on CNN electoral map
- People: Who is Miley Cyrus's new guy?
- Fey not the only Palin impersonator
- iReport.com: Your tributes to Pink Floyd
- SI: U.S. Olympic medalist reveals sexual abuse
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CNN TV »

Palin in prime-time



# Old ads are interesting



He's one of the busiest men in town. While his door may say *Office Hours 2 to 4*, he's actually on call 24 hours a day.

The doctor is a scientist, a diplomat, and a friendly sympathetic human being all in one, no matter how long and hard his schedule.

According to a recent Nationwide survey:

## MORE DOCTORS SMOKE CAMELS THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE

DOCTORS in every branch of medicine—113,597 in all—were queried in this nationwide study of cigarette preference. Three leading research organizations made the survey. The gist of the query was—What cigarette do you smoke, Doctor?

The brand named most was Camel!

The rich, full flavor and cool mildness of Camel's superb blend of costlier tobaccos seem to have the same appeal to the smoking tastes of doctors as to millions of other smokers. If you are a Camel smoker, this preference among doctors will hardly surprise you. If you're not—well, try Camels now.

Your "T-Zone" Will Tell You...

T for Taste...  
T for Throat...  
that's your proving ground for any cigarette. See if Camels don't suit your "T-Zone" to a "T."

CAMELS Costlier Tobaccos

A vintage advertisement for Camel cigarettes. It features a close-up of a doctor's face, looking thoughtful while holding a cigarette. The text emphasizes that doctors prefer Camels. At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a woman's face with a 'T-Zone' marked on her chin, and a pack of Camel cigarettes.

You mean a woman can open it?

A vintage advertisement for ketchup. It shows a woman with a surprised expression, looking at a bottle of ketchup. Her hand is raised near the bottle, as if she is about to open it. The text at the bottom asks, "You mean a woman can open it?"

"The best things in life come in Cellophane"

DU PONT Cellophane

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BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING... THROUGH CHEMISTRY

First or "Grandest of Inventions" in Cellophane

A vintage advertisement for DuPont Cellophane. It features a stork carrying a baby wrapped in a clear cellophane bag. The text at the top says, "The best things in life come in Cellophane". Below the main image, there are several small illustrations of people's faces and a sun, along with the DuPont logo and the text "DU PONT Cellophane".



# New ads are annoying...for now.

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TEXT SIZE: A | A | A | A

## Teacher hit by car outside Queens school

Parents say it is ongoing problem

Eyewitness News

(Queens - WABC-TV December 15, 2006) - Crisis counselors are on hand at p.s. 200 in the Flushing section of Queens, tonight.

Late this morning a car hit a teacher outside the school on 164th Street and Jewel Avenue, a very busy and dangerous area.

Eyewitness News' Matt Updegraff has more from Kew Gardens.

164th Street and Jewel Avenue is a very busy section of Queens. For quite some time, parents have been complaining. The cars move way too fast in the area and

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## Kindergartner Sprinkles Marijuana Over Lasagna

EMAIL THIS ARTICLE PRINTER FRIENDLY BECOME A FOX FAN

Tuesday, March 23, 2004  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Police say a 5-year-old boy brought a bag of marijuana to school and was sprinkling it over a friend's lasagna at the school cafeteria before a monitor intervened.

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### Is marijuana really so bad for my child?

Police say it is unclear whether the kindergartner at Gragny Elementary School (search) even knew he was carrying the drugs on Monday.

The lasagna was confiscated before the other boy had a chance to eat it.

Initially, the boy, who had tried to hide the bag with his feet when the monitor approached him, "may have said it was oregano," said Mayco Villafana, spokesman for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (search).

"The boy is not going to be charged," Villafana said. "The focus is on the child's environment and what issues could have led to a child having a bag of marijuana in school."

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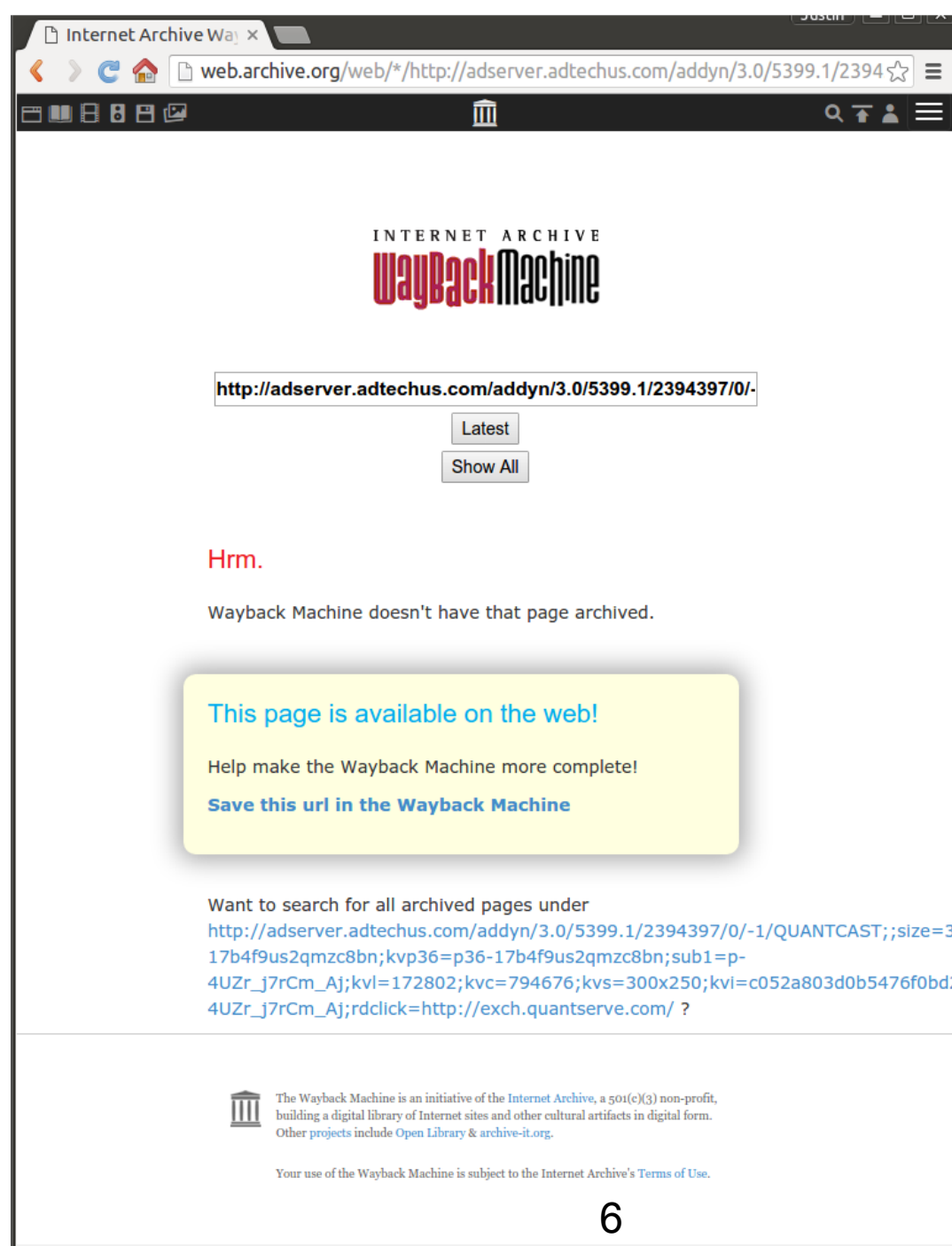
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The Swamp reports: Email

# Today's ads are missing from the archives

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The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `web.archive.org/web/*/http://adserver.adtechus.com/addyn/3.0/5399.1/2394397/0/-1/QUANTCAST;;size=300x250;target=_blank;alias=p36-17b4f9us2qmzc8bn;kvp36=p36-17b4f9us2qmzc8bn;sub1=p-4UZr_j7rCm_Aj;kvl=172802;kvc=794676;kvs=300x250;kvi=c052a803d0b5476f0bd2f2043ef237e27cd48019;kva=p-4UZr_j7rCm_Aj;rdclick=http://exch.quantserve.com/r?a=p-4UZr_j7rCm_Aj;labels=_qc.clk,_click.adserver.rtb,_click.rand.85854;rtbip=192.184.64.144;rtbdata2=EAQaFUhSQmxvY2tfMjAxNIRheFNIYXNvbiCZiRcogsYKMLTAMDoSaHR0cDovL3d3dy5jbm4uY29tWihUUEhwYIUzM3ZqeFU5LTA1SGZEMk1SXzE0anBVcGU0d0dxTG10STFUdUs2IECAAb_JicoFoAEBqAGhy7YCugEoVFBlcGJVMzN2anhVOS0wNUhmRDJNUI8xNGpwVXBINHdHcUxtEkxVMAB3ed3yAGUp7GUqSraASHjMDUyYTgwM2QwYjU0NzZmMGJkMmYyMDQzZWYyMzdIMjdjZDQ4MDE55QHvEWs-6AFkmAK2wQqoAgWoAgawAgi6AgTAuECQwAICyAIA0ALe9baMj4Cos-oB`. The page displays the Internet Archive Wayback Machine logo and a search bar containing the URL. Below the search bar are buttons for "Latest" and "Show All". A red "Hrm." message is followed by the text "Wayback Machine doesn't have that page archived." A yellow callout box contains the text "This page is available on the web!" and "Help make the Wayback Machine more complete!" with a link "Save this url in the Wayback Machine". At the bottom, there is a footer with the Internet Archive logo and text: "The Wayback Machine is an initiative of the Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Other projects include Open Library & archive-it.org. Your use of the Wayback Machine is subject to the Internet Archive's Terms of Use."

# JavaScript is hard to replay

What happens when an event is completely lost?

<http://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2013/11/2013-11-28-replaying-sopa-protest.html>



# SOPA: Historically significant, archivally difficult



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA). The article is marked as "outdated" with a warning box stating: "This article is **outdated**. Please update this article to reflect recent events or newly available information. (January 2013)". The main text describes the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) as a controversial United States bill introduced by U.S. Representative Lamar S. Smith (R-TX) to expand the ability of U.S. law enforcement to combat online copyright infringement and online trafficking in counterfeit goods. Provisions included the requesting of court orders to bar advertising networks and payment facilities from conducting business with infringing websites, and web search engines from linking to the websites, and court orders requiring Internet service providers to block access to the websites. The proposed law would have expanded existing criminal laws to include unauthorized streaming of copyrighted content, imposing a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Proponents of the legislation said it would protect the intellectual-property market and corresponding industry, jobs and revenue, and was necessary to bolster enforcement of copyright laws, especially against foreign-owned and operated websites. Claiming flaws in present laws that do not cover foreign-owned and operated websites, and citing examples of active promotion of rogue websites by U.S. search engines, proponents asserted that stronger enforcement tools were needed. The bill received strong, bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and the Senate. It also received support from the following organizations: Federal Order of

**Stop Online Piracy Act**

**Long title** "To promote prosperity, creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation by combating the theft of U.S. property, and for other purposes." —H.R. 3261<sup>[1]</sup>

**Acronyms (colloquial)** SOPA

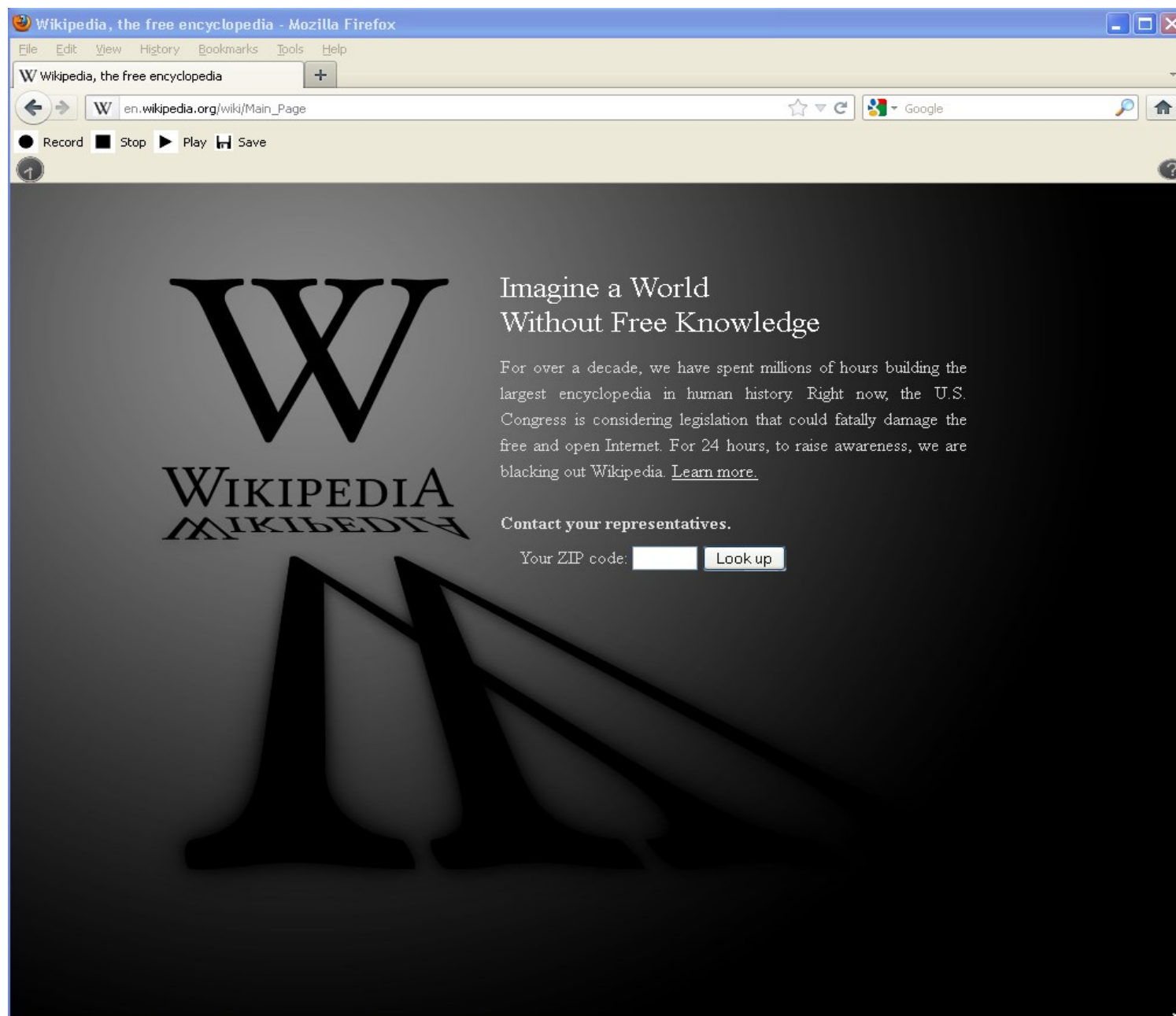
**Nicknames** House Bill 3261

**Legislative history**

- **Introduced in the House as H.R. 3261** by Lamar Smith (R-TX) on October 26, 2011
- **Committee consideration** by House Judiciary Committee



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop\\_Online\\_Piracy\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop_Online_Piracy_Act)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protests\\_against\\_SOPA\\_and\\_PIPA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protests_against_SOPA_and_PIPA)



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### Today's featured article



**Nick Drake** (1948–1974) was an English singer-songwriter and musician, best known for his sombre guitar-based songs. He failed to find a wide audience during his lifetime, but now ranks among the most influential English singer-songwriters of the last 50 years. Drake released his debut album, *Five Leaves Left*, in 1969. None of his first three albums sold more than 5,000 copies on their initial release. Drake suffered from [depression](#) and [insomnia](#) throughout his life, and these topics were often reflected in his lyrics. On completion of his third album, 1972's *Pink Moon*, he withdrew from both live performance and recording, retreating to his parents' home in rural Warwickshire. He died from an [overdose](#) of [amitriptyline](#) in 1974 (*grave pictured*). Drake was credited as an influence by numerous artists during the 1980s, including [The Dream Academy](#), who in 1985 reached the UK and US charts with "Life in a Northern Town", a song written for and dedicated to him. By the early 1990s, Drake represented a certain type of "doomed romantic" musician in the UK music press. In 2000, [Volkswagen](#) featured the title track from *Pink Moon* in a television advertisement, and within a month Drake had sold more records than he had in the previous 30 years. ([more...](#))

[web.archive.org/web/.../Karen\\_National\\_Union](#)

### In the news

- In the [Republic of China](#) (Taiwan), [Ma Ying-jeou](#) (*pictured*) is **re-elected** as president and the [Kuomintang retains its majority](#) in the [Legislative Yuan](#).
- The cruise ship *Costa Concordia* **runs aground and capsizes** off the coast of [Tuscany](#), with at least eleven fatalities.
- [Anote Tong is re-elected](#) President of [Kiribati](#).
- [Rauf Denktaş](#), the founder and the first president of [Northern Cyprus](#), dies at the age of 87.
- In [Burma](#), [government officials](#) and the [Karen National Union](#) agree on a ceasefire to end an [internal conflict](#) that began in 1948.

[Wikinews](#) – [Recent deaths](#) – [More current events...](#)

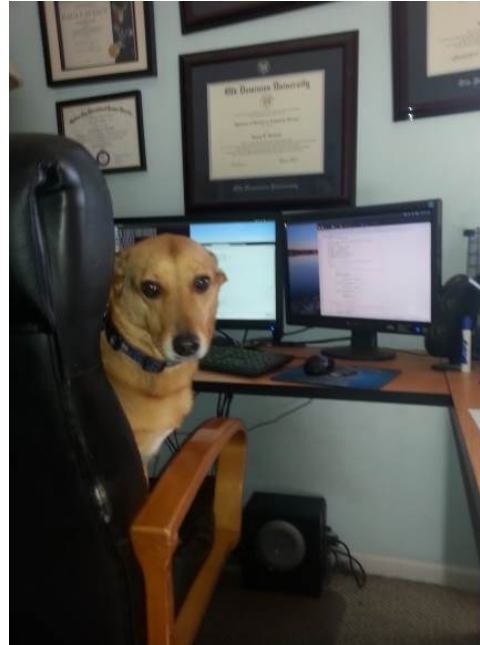
### On this day...

http://web.archive.org/web/20120118110520/http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\_Page January 18th, 2012

# Problem!

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The archives contain the Web as  
seen by crawlers



# Why archive?

The Internet Archive has everything!

Why didn't you back it up?

Participating institutions can hand over their databases.

# Crimean Conflict

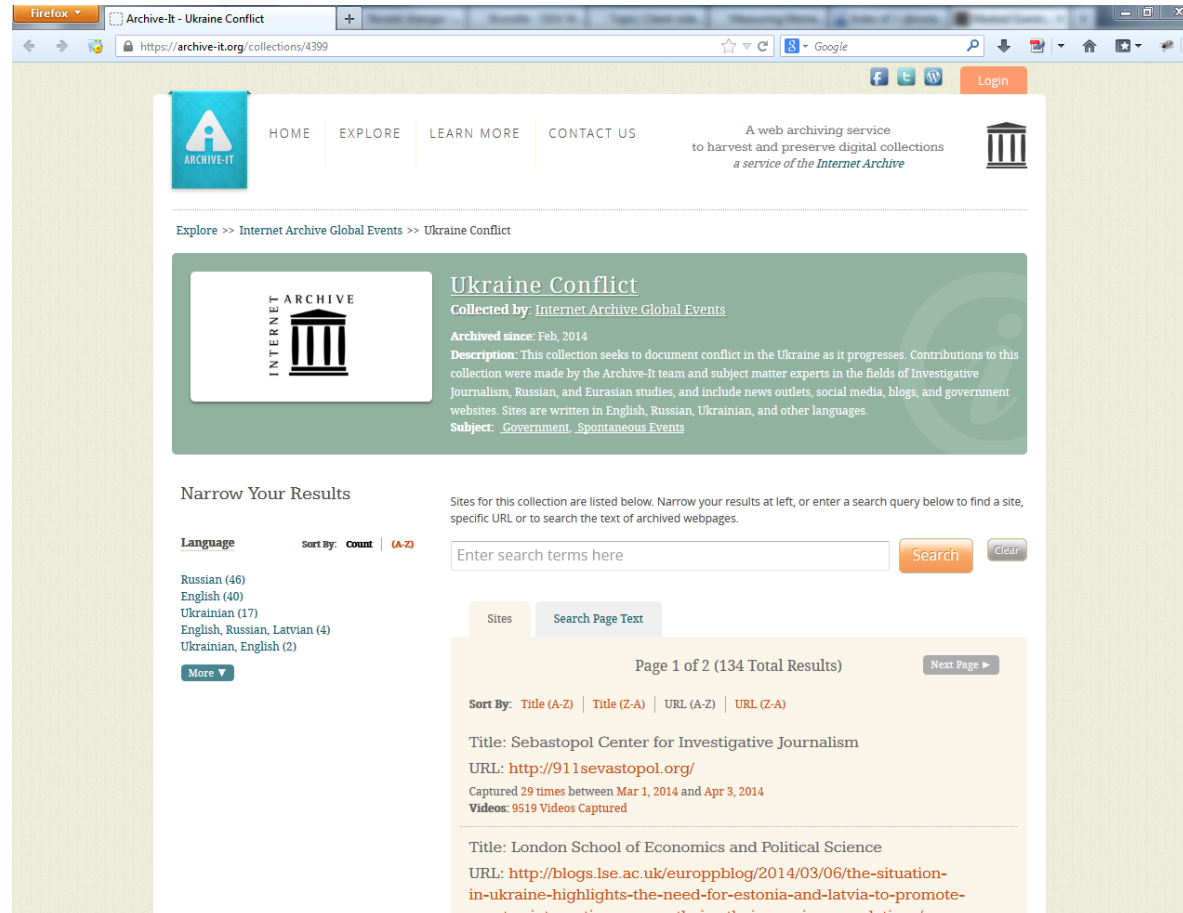
Russian troops captured the Crimean Center for Investigative Journalism

**Gunman: "We will try to agree on the correct truthful coverage of events."**



<http://gijn.org/2014/03/02/masked-gunmen-seize-crimean-investigative-journalism-center/>

# Archive-It to the rescue!



The screenshot shows the Archive-It website interface in a Firefox browser window. The address bar displays the URL <https://archive-it.org/collections/4399>. The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, EXPLORE, LEARN MORE, and CONTACT US. A description of the service is provided: "A web archiving service to harvest and preserve digital collections a service of the Internet Archive".

The main content area is titled "Ukraine Conflict" and includes the following information:

- Collected by: [Internet Archive Global Events](#)
- Archived since: Feb, 2014
- Description: This collection seeks to document conflict in the Ukraine as it progresses. Contributions to this collection were made by the Archive-It team and subject matter experts in the fields of Investigative Journalism, Russian, and Eurasian studies, and include news outlets, social media, blogs, and government websites. Sites are written in English, Russian, Ukrainian, and other languages.
- Subject: [Government](#), [Spontaneous Events](#)

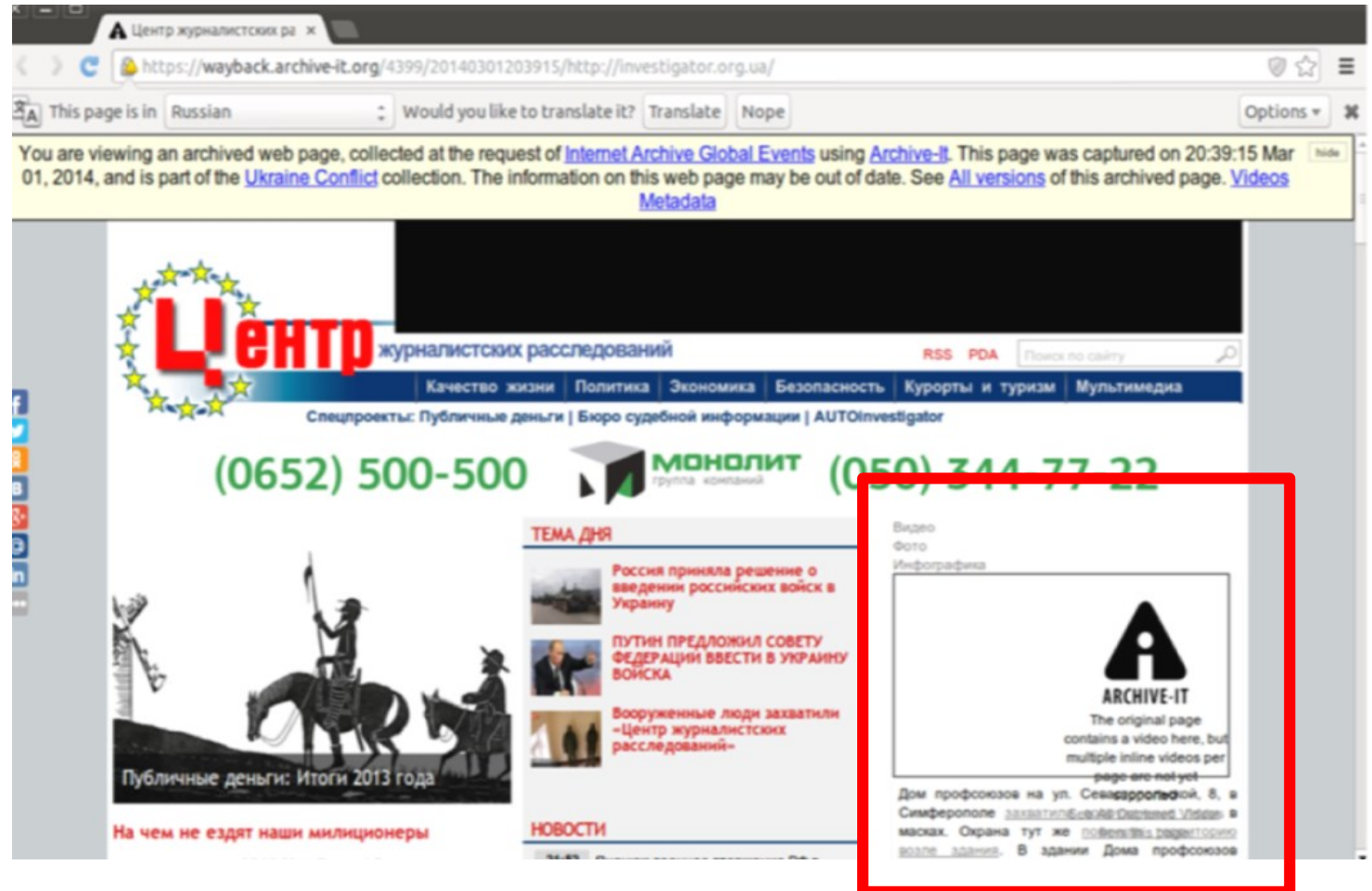
Below the description, there is a "Narrow Your Results" section with a search bar and a "Search" button. The search results are displayed on "Page 1 of 2 (134 Total Results)". The results are sorted by "Title (A-Z)".

Two search results are visible:

- Title:** Sebastopol Center for Investigative Journalism  
**URL:** <http://911sevastopol.org/>  
Captured 29 times between Mar 1, 2014 and Apr 3, 2014  
**Videos:** 9519 Videos Captured
- Title:** London School of Economics and Political Science  
**URL:** <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2014/03/06/the-situation-in-ukraine-highlights-the-need-for-estonia-and-latvia-to-promote-greater-integration-among-their-ethnic-russian-populations/>

# How well is it archived?

- Masked gunman have your servers
  - anything onsite is gone or altered



Threat models: <http://blog.dshr.org/2011/01/threats-to-preservation.html>

Automating assessment of crawl quality: <http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/jcdl-2014/jcdl-2014-brunelle-damage.pdf>



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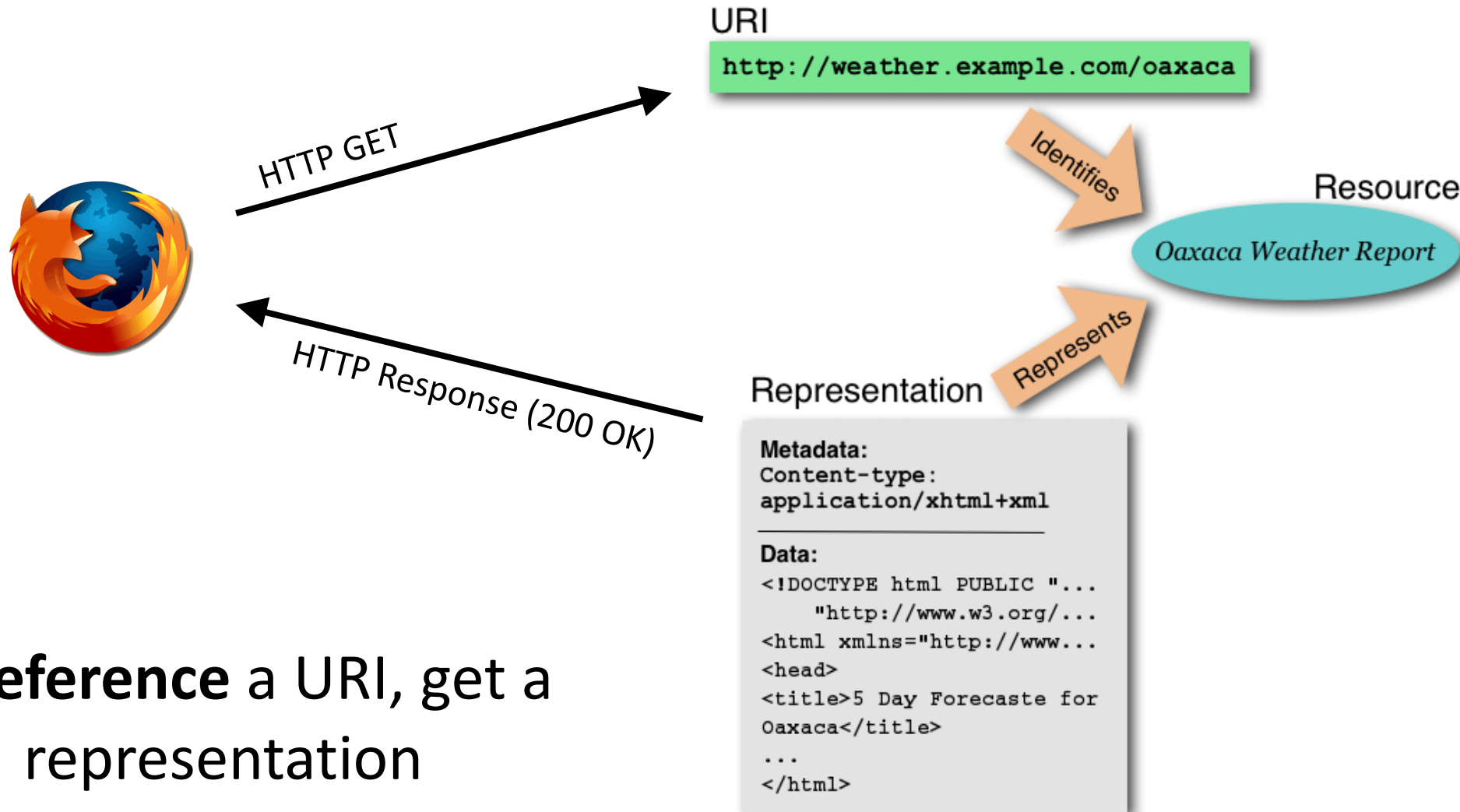
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Goal: Mitigate the impact of JavaScript on the archives  
by making crawlers behave like users

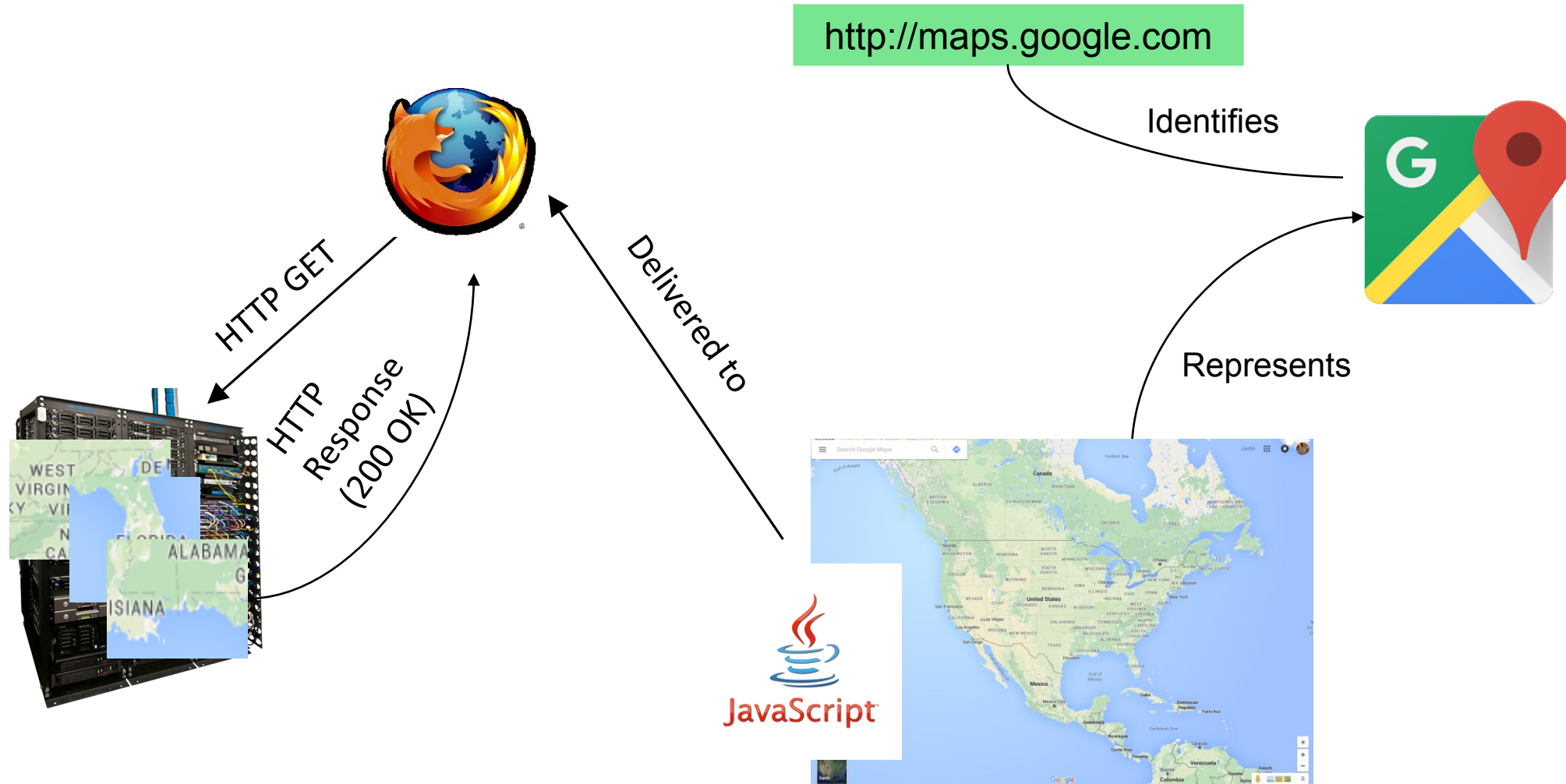
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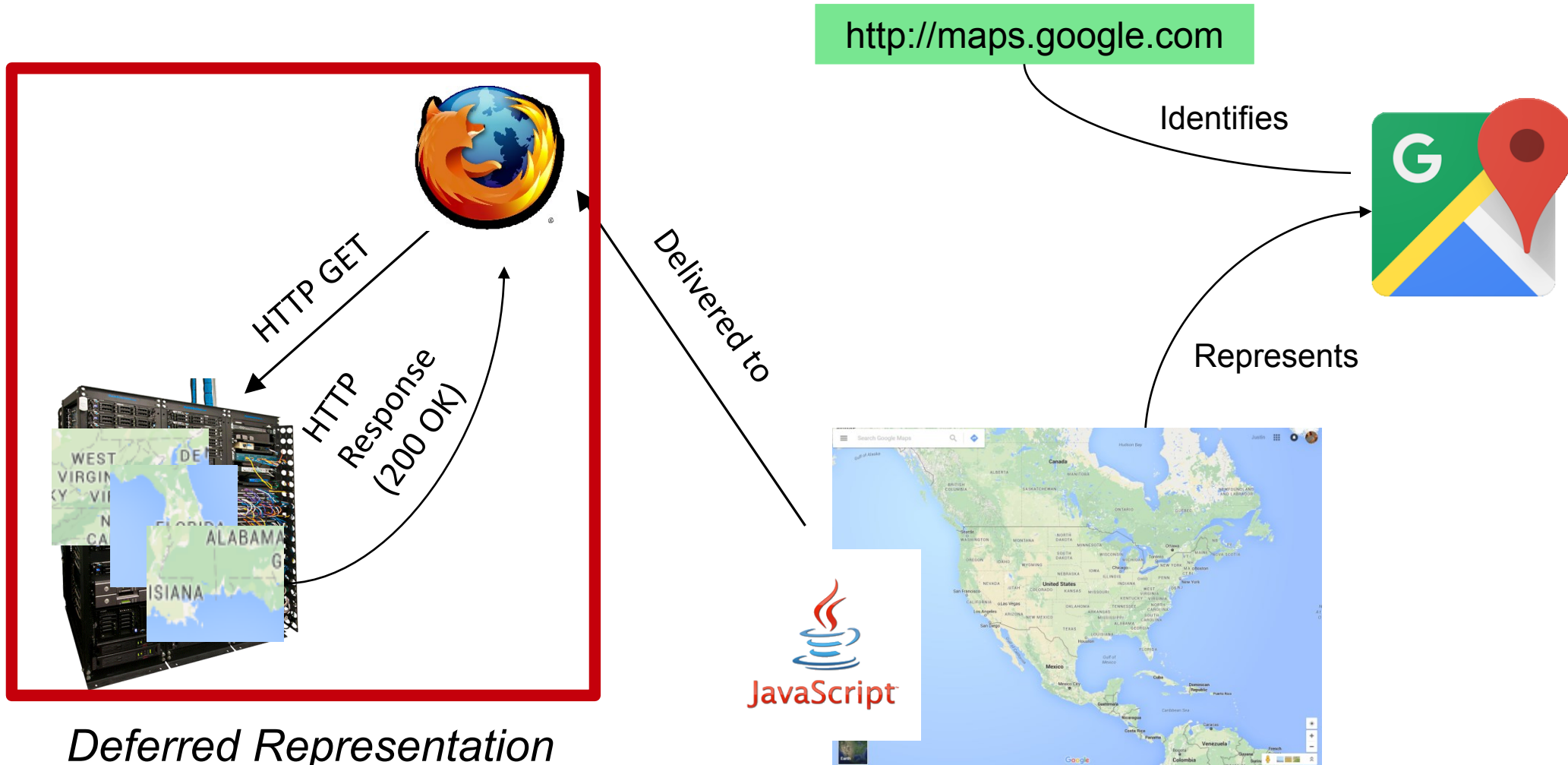
**Dereference a URI, get a representation**



# JavaScript Impact on the Web Architecture



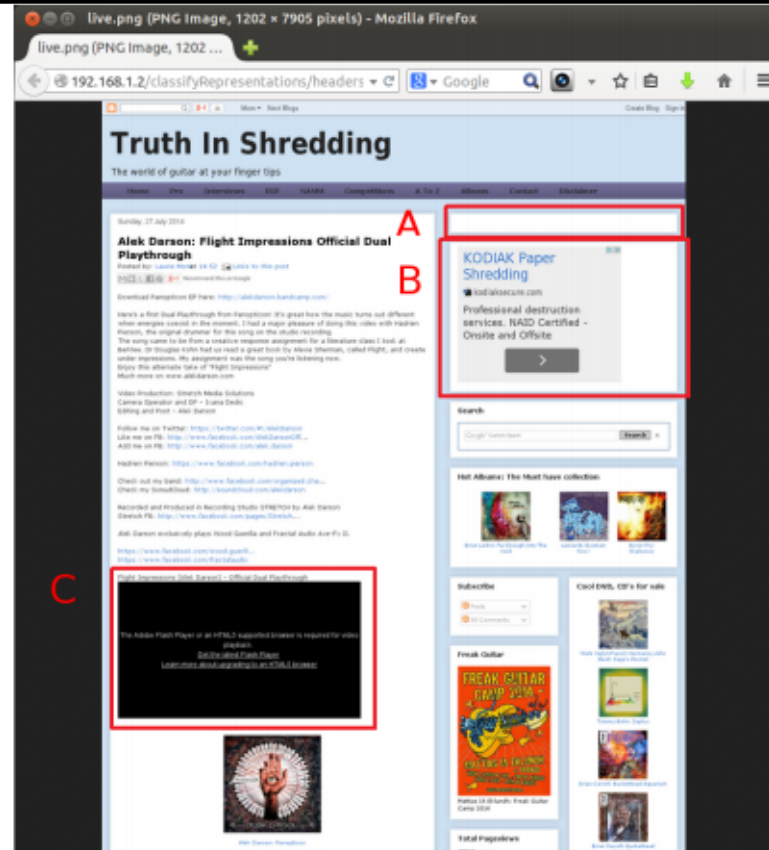
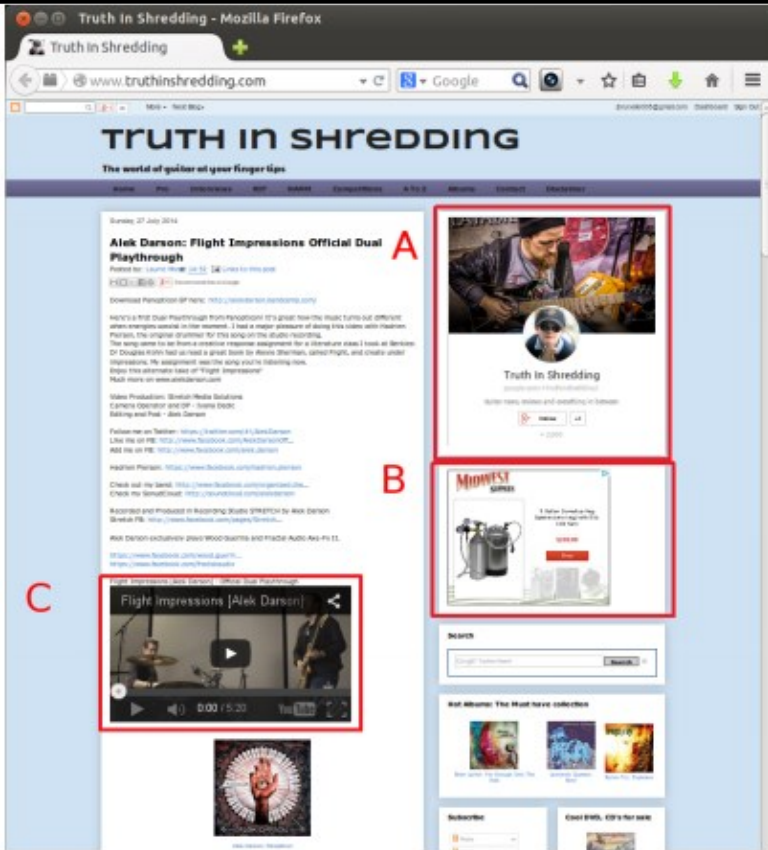
# JavaScript makes requests for new resources after the initial page load



# Live: JavaScript

# PhantomJS: JavaScript

# Heritrix: No JavaScript



Live Resource

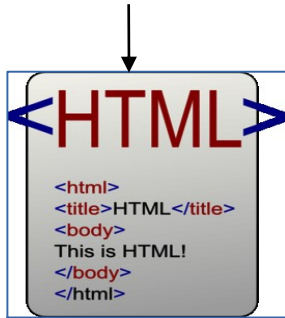
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# JavaScript != Deferred

## Nondeferred

HTTP GET



HTTP GET



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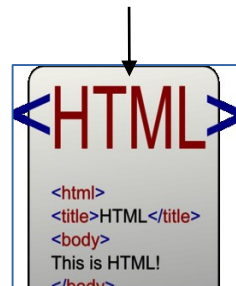
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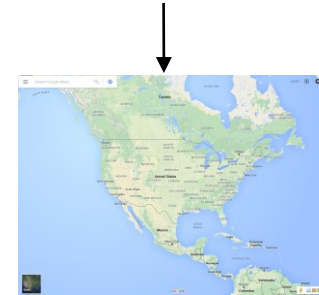


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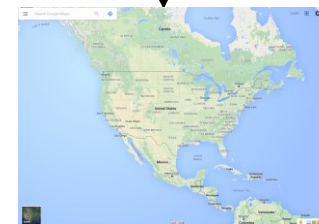


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HTTP GET

200 OK





# Web Browsing Process

Archival Tools stop here



HTTP GET Request for Resource R



HTTP 200 OK Response: R Content



Browser renders and displays R

JavaScript requests embedded resources



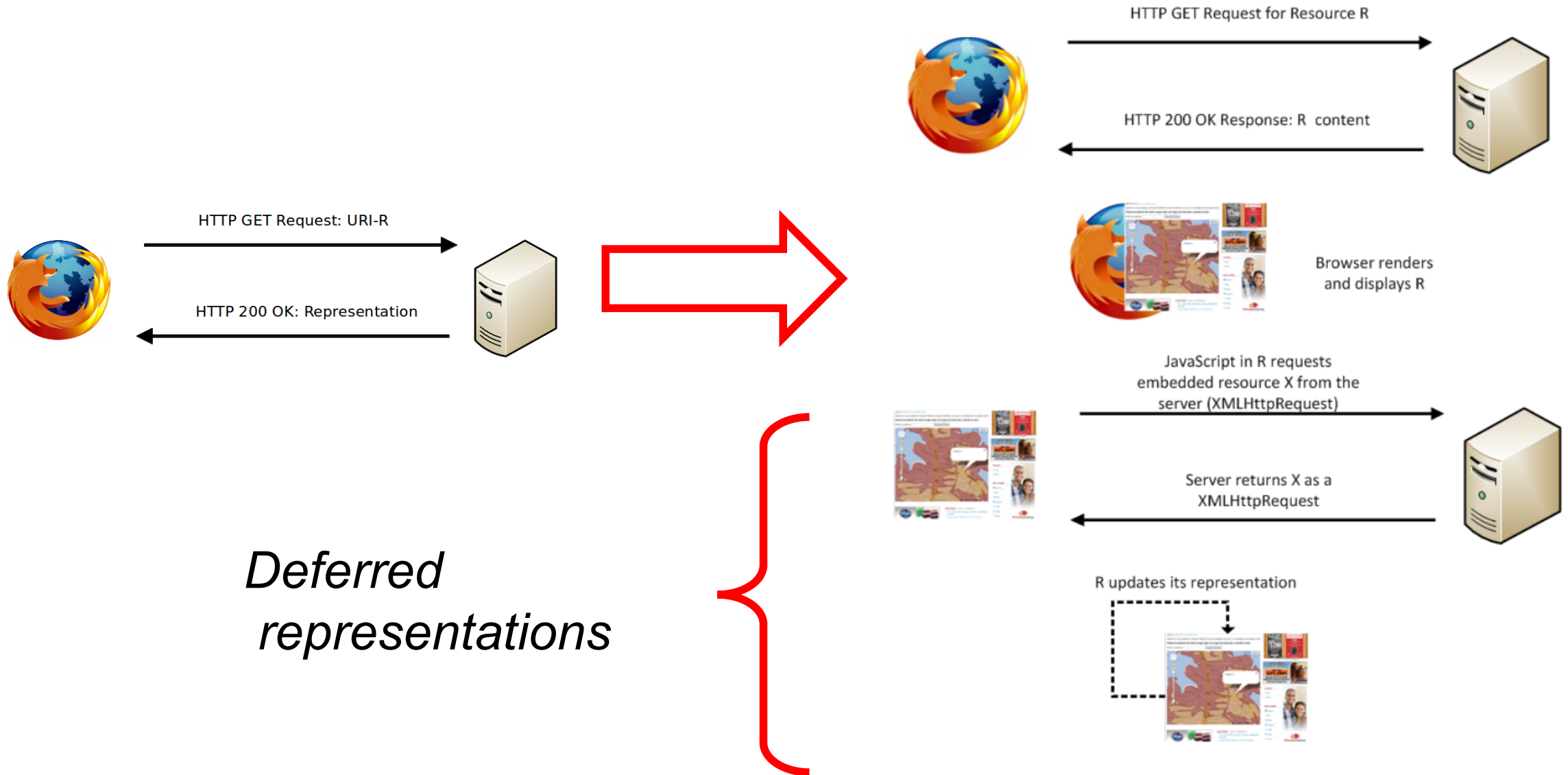
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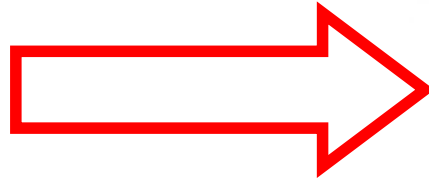


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HTTP GET Request for Resource R



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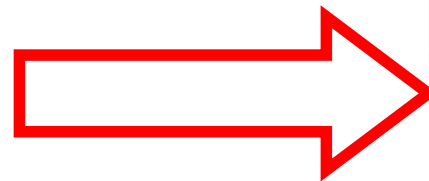
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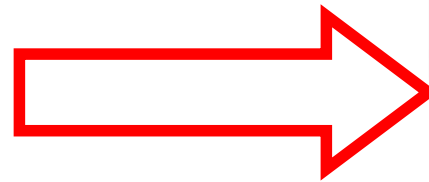
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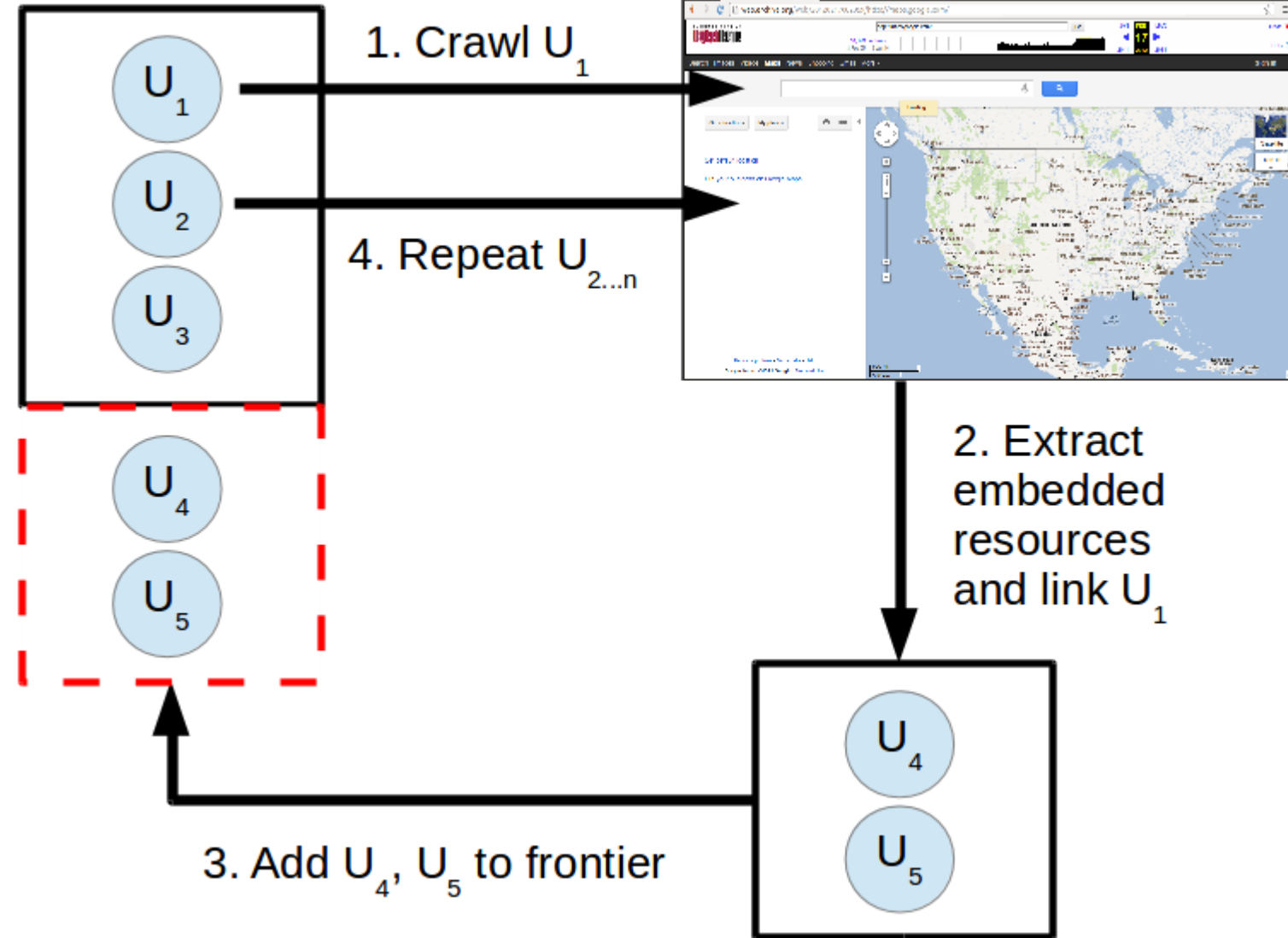


Archival approach not defined!

# Current Workflow

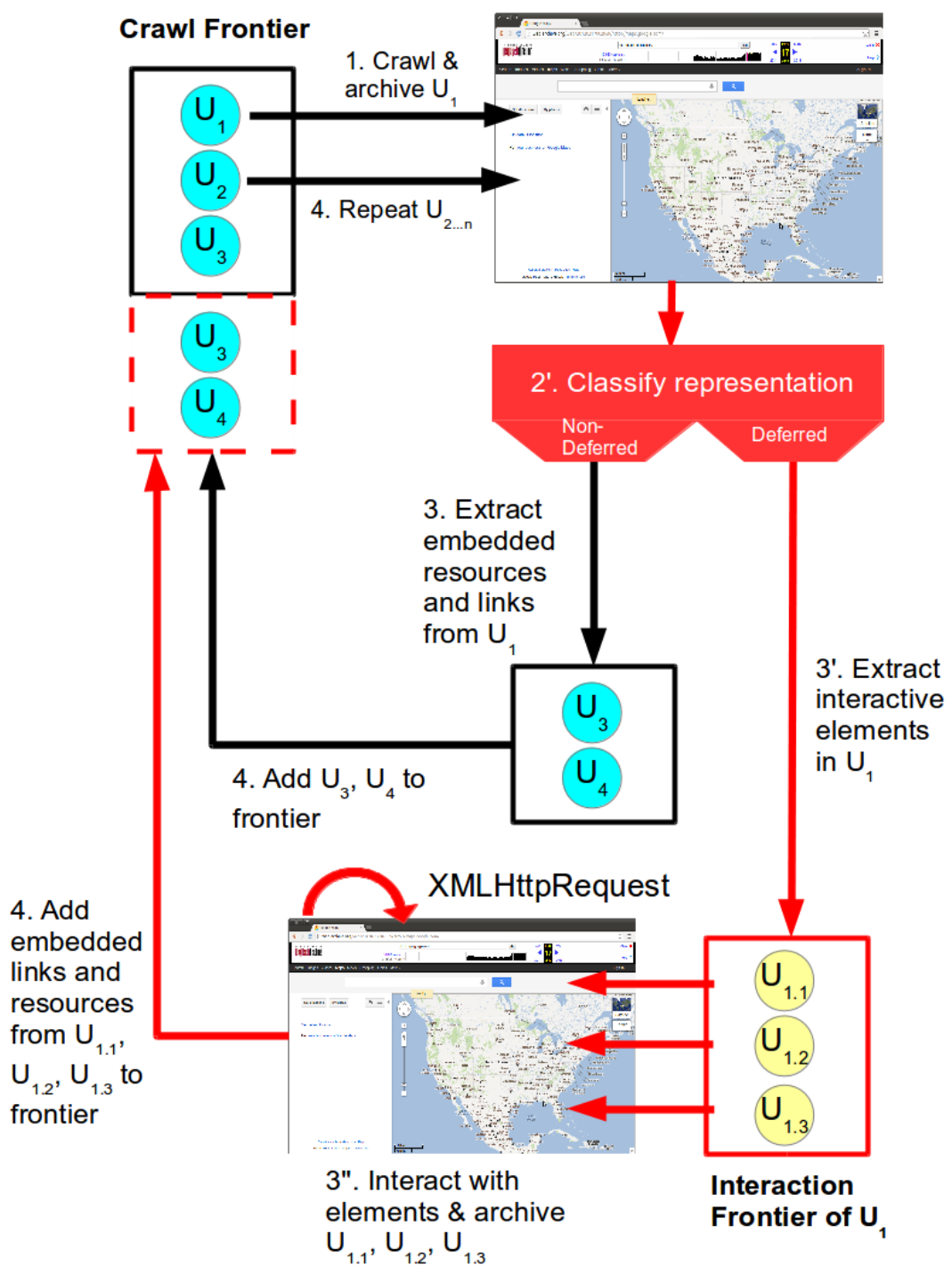
- Dereference URI-Rs
- Archive representation
- Extract embedded
- URI-Rs
- Repeat

## Crawl Frontier



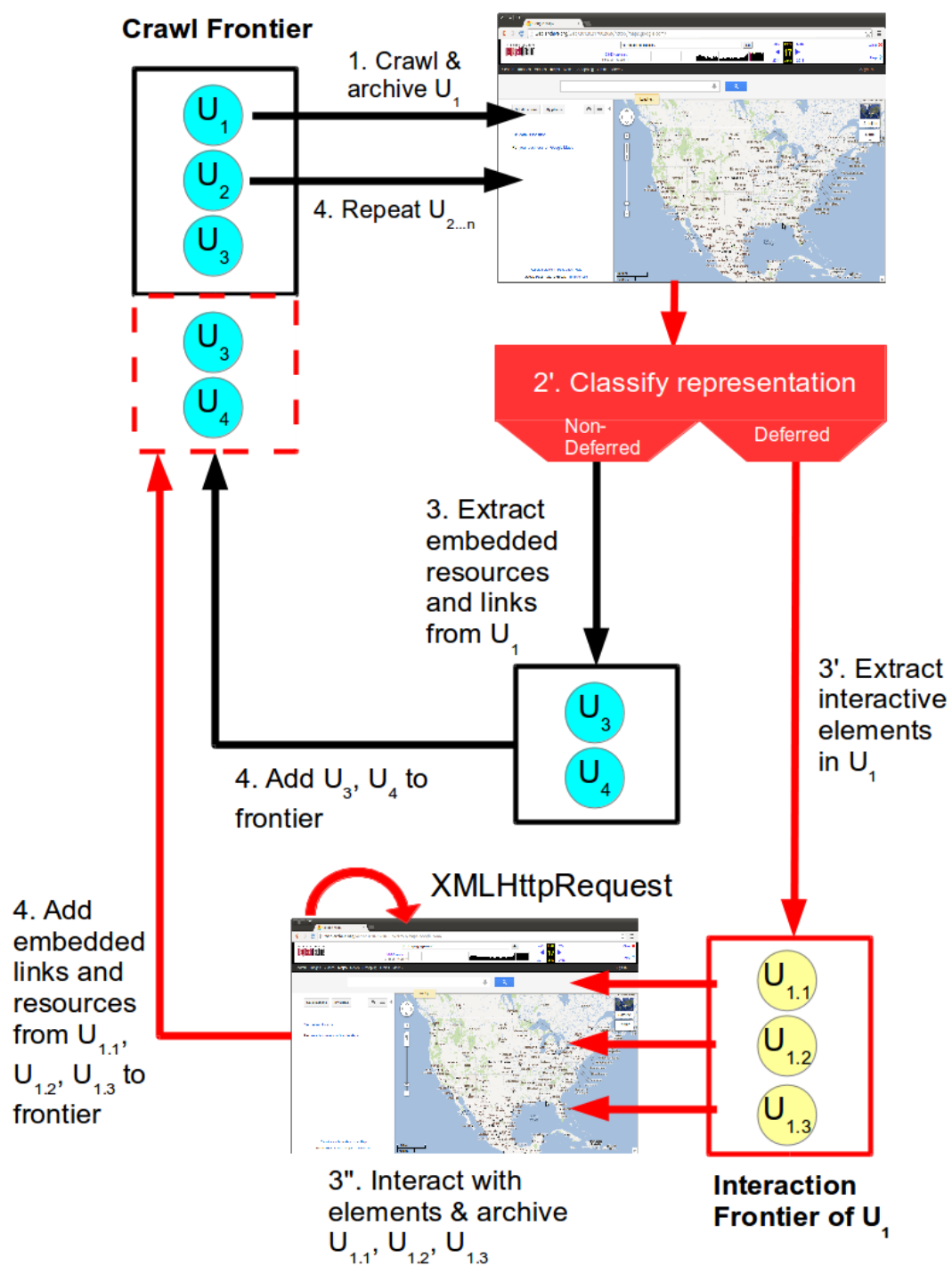


# Two-Tiered Crawling



“Archiving Deferred Representations Using a Two-Tiered Crawling Approach”, *iPRES2015*

“Adapting the Hypercube Model to Archive Deferred Representations at Web-Scale”, *Technical Report, arXiv:1601.05142, 2016*



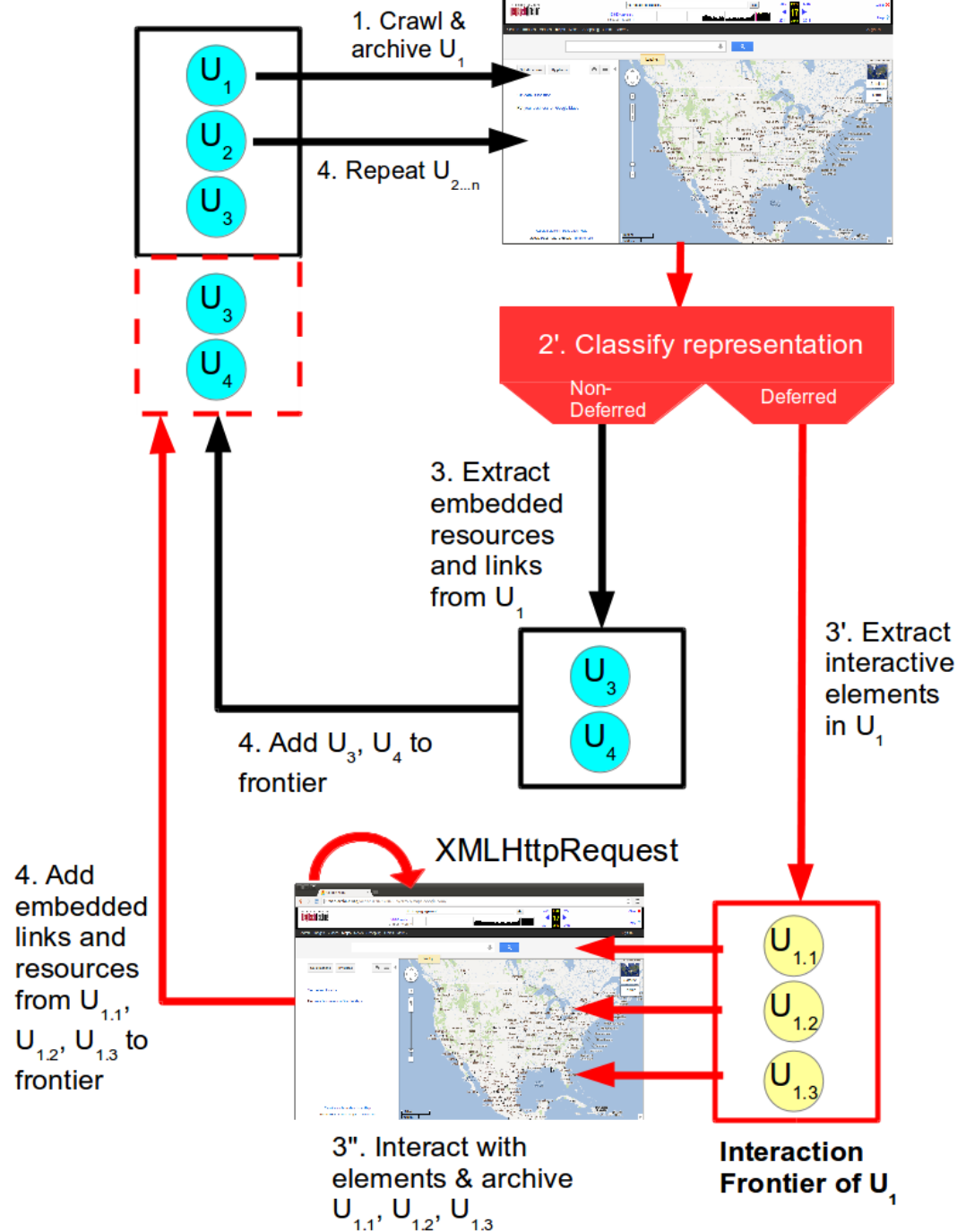
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More URI-Rs in the crawl frontier

Runs more slowly but more deeply

# Classifying deferred representations

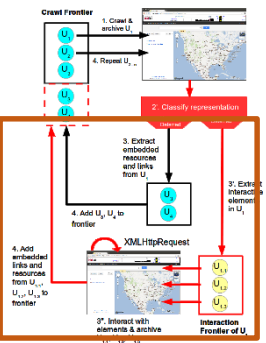
- Manually classify 440 URIs (generated from random bitlys) as deferred or non-deferred; build classifier based on 12 different features (8 DOM-based, 4 resource-based)
- On a 10,000 URI set (random bitlys, including 440 from before) compare crawl speed & discovered frontier size with and without classifier
- 
- Data set & code available at:
  - <https://github.com/jbrunelle/classifyDeferred/>
  - <https://github.com/jbrunelle/DataSets>

# Classifier accuracy improved slightly when monitoring HTTP requests

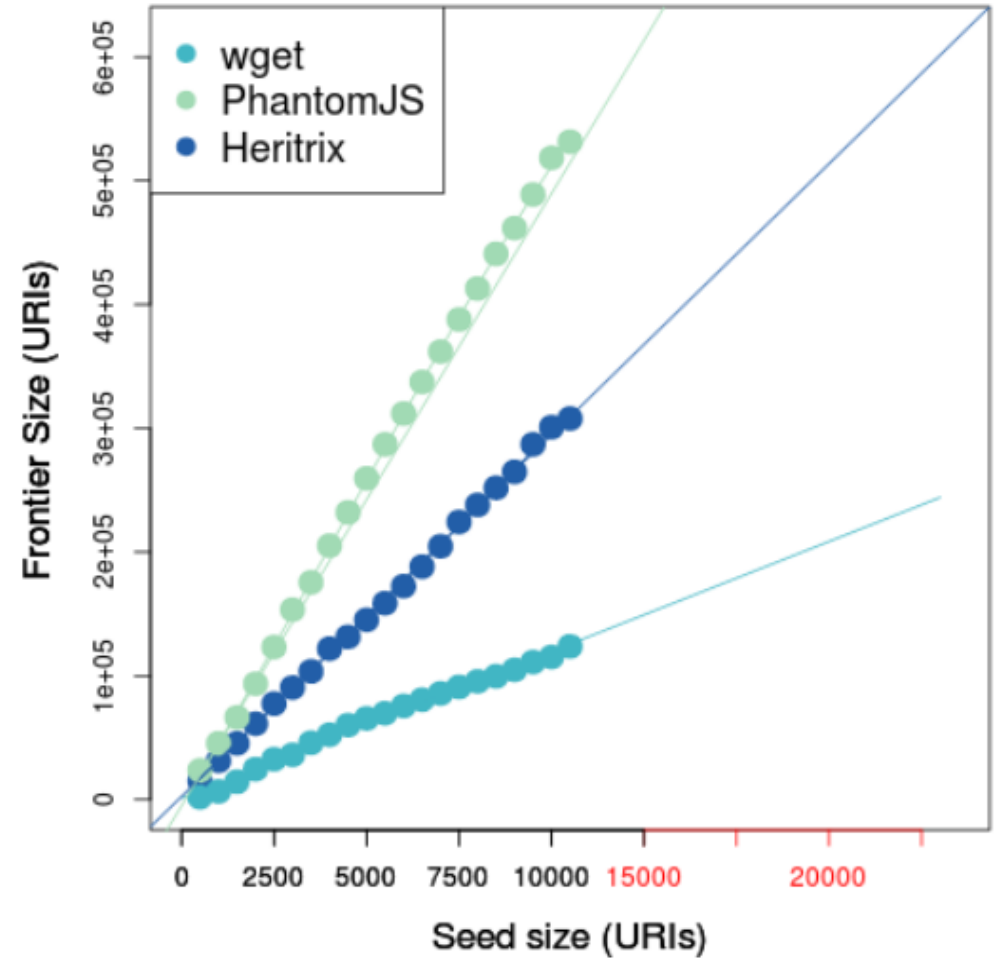
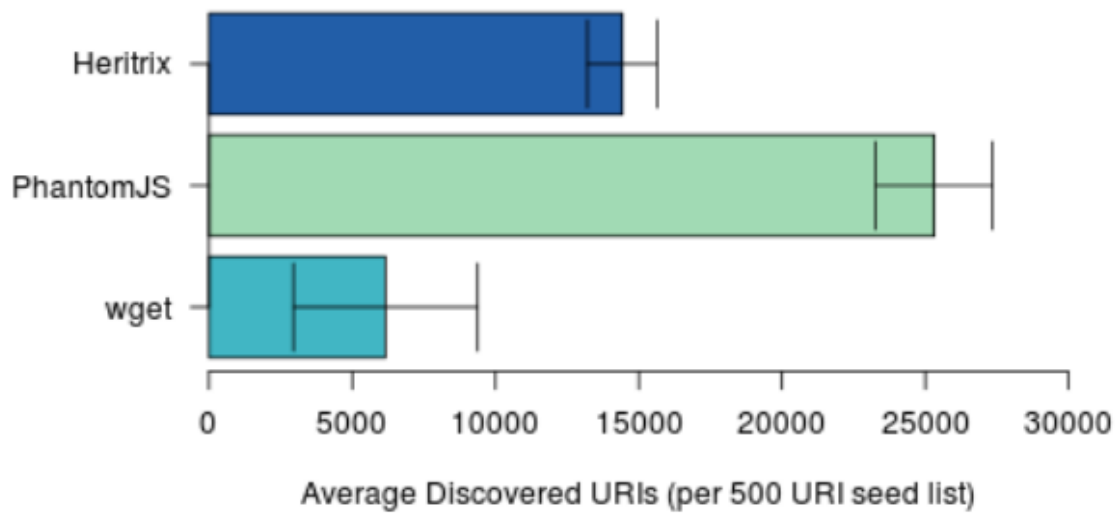
| Features       | Classification | Accuracy | F-measure | Precision | Recall |
|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| DOM            | Deferred       | 79%      | 79%       | 78%       | 81%    |
| Features Only  | Non-deferred   |          |           | 76%       | 80%    |
| DOM & Resource | Deferred       | 81%      | 82%       | 79%       | 81%    |
| Features       | Non-deferred   |          |           | 90%       | 80%    |

**Table 8: Classification success statistics for DOM-only and DOM and Resource feature sets.**

# Performance: Frontier Size



Average Frontier Size by Tool



PhantomJS creates a 1.5x larger crawl frontier than Heritrix



# Are all those URIs the same?

| Trim Policy  | Original URI-R  | Trimmed URI-R                                    |
|--------------|---|--|
| No Trim      | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value                                | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value |
| Origin Trim  | http://example.com/folder/index.html?callback=cs.odu.edu                        | http://example.com/folder/index.html             |
| Base Trim    | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value                                | http://example.com/folder/index.html             |
| Session Trim | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value&sessionId=12345                | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value |
| HTTP Trim    | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value&httpParam=http://www.test.com/ | http://example.com/folder/index.html?param=value |

Table 3: Examples of the URI trim policies.

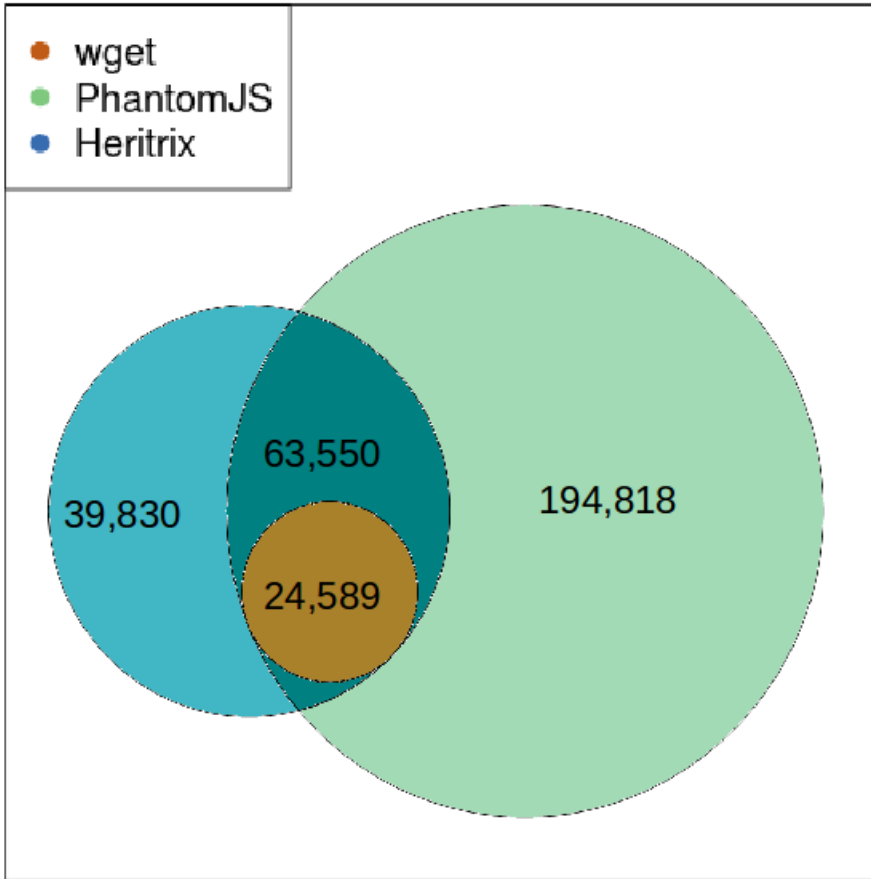
| Trim Type    | URI Duplicates | URI and Entity Duplicates | Accuracy |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| No Trim      | 6,469          | 4,684                     | 0.68     |
| Origin Trim  | 7,078          | 4,749                     | 0.68     |
| Base Trim    | 10,359         | 5,191                     | 0.56     |
| Session Trim | 8,159          | 4,921                     | 0.64     |
| HTTP Trim    | 7,315          | 4,868                     | 0.67     |

Table 4: Detected duplicate URIs, entity bodies, and the overlap between the two using the five URI string trimming policies.

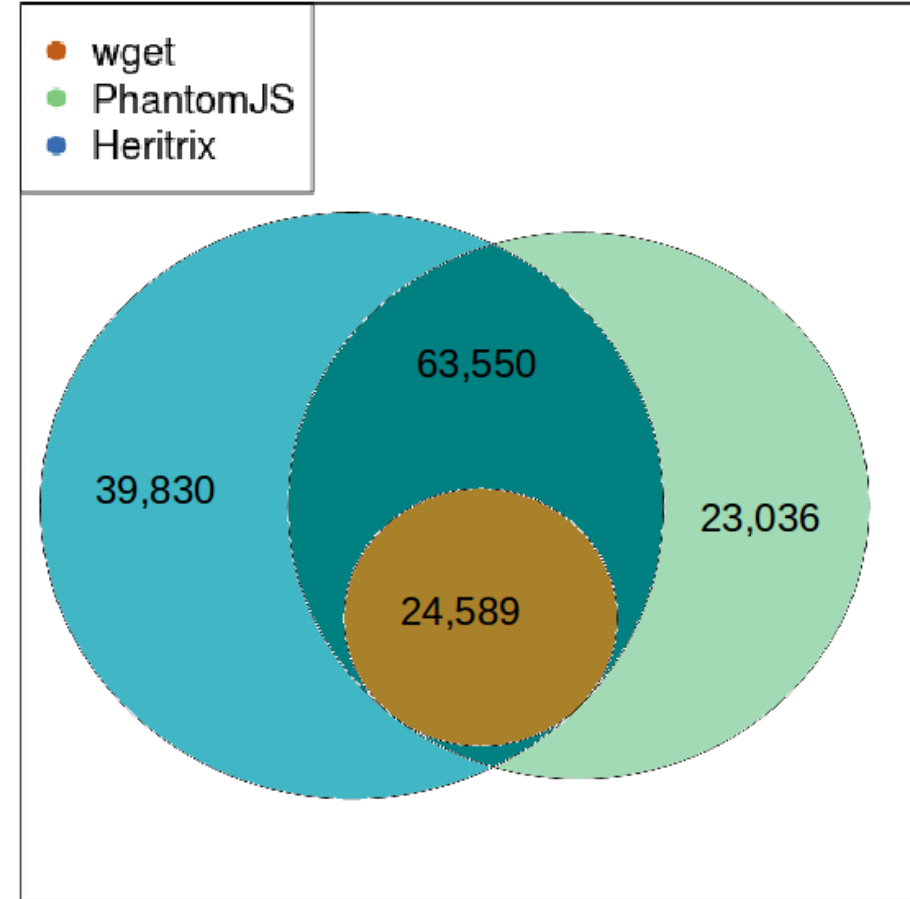
TP = URIs match & entities match  
 TN = neither URI nor entity matches  
 P + N = 19,522

# Trimming shrinks the PhantomJS Frontier

*Unions and Intersections (String Matching)*

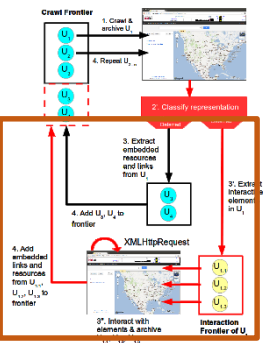


*Unions and Intersections (Fuzzy Matching)*

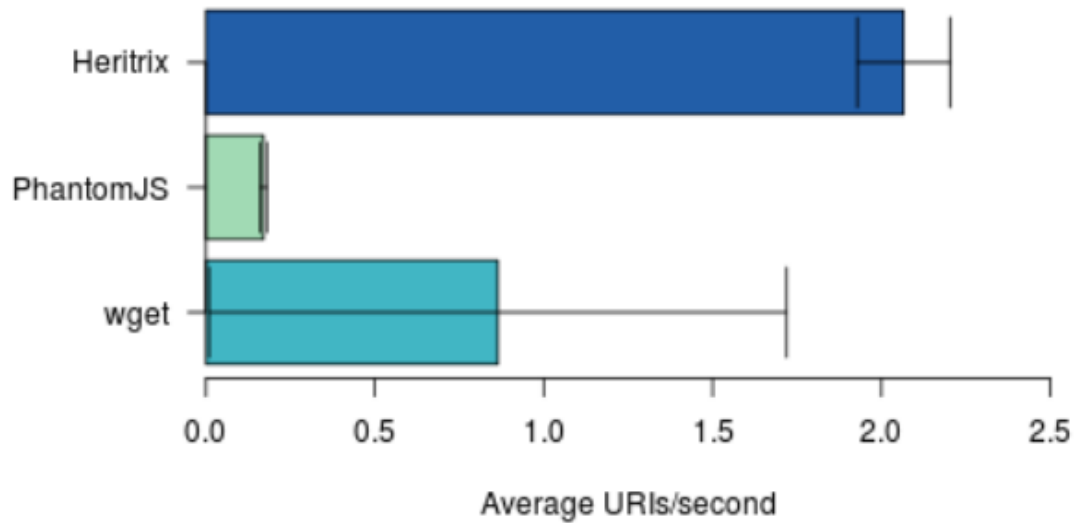


(Base policy shown)

# Performance: Crawl Speed

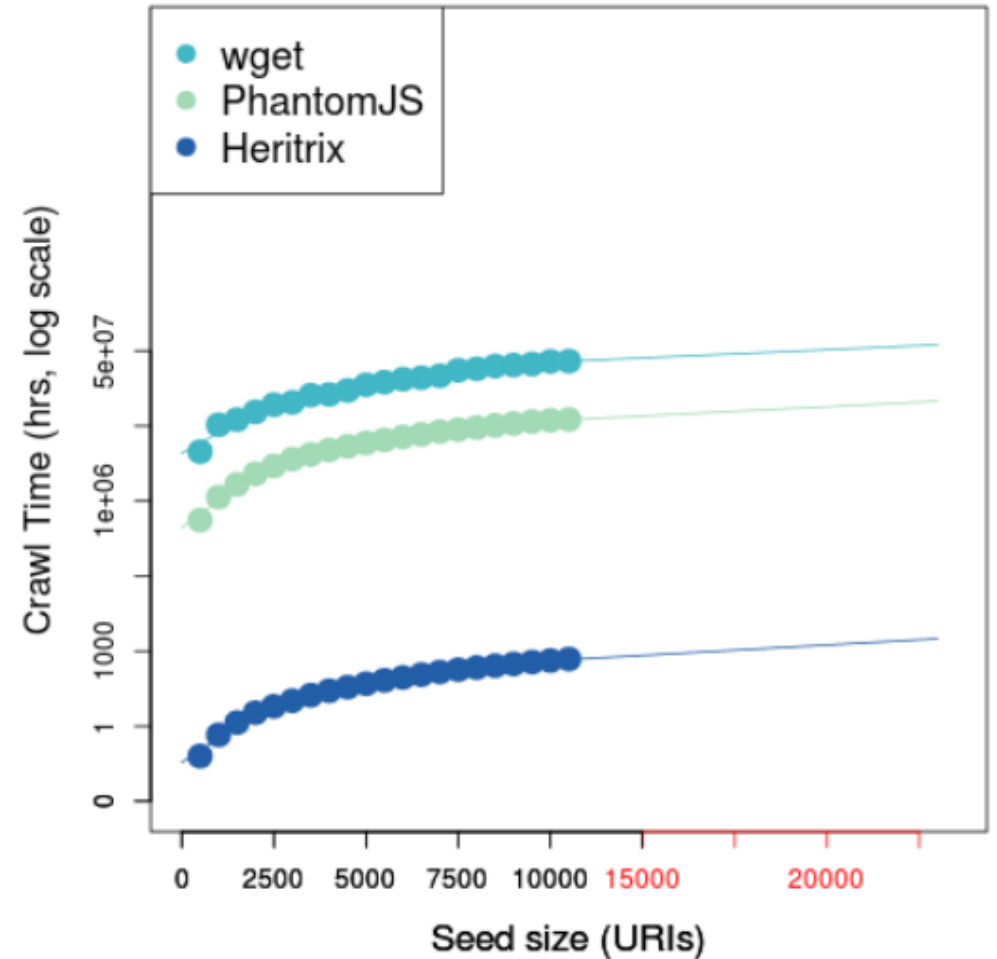


*Average Crawl Rate by Tool*



Heritrix: ~2 URIs/second

PhantomJS: ~4 seconds/URI



# How long would it take to crawl *everything*?

| Crawl Strategy                       | Crawl Time (hrs) | Crawl Rate ( $t_{URI}$ ) | Frontier Size ( $ F $ ) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| wget                                 | 416.16           | 0.864                    | 129,443                 |
| Heritrix                             | 407.53           | 2.065                    | 302,961                 |
| PhantomJS                            | 8,684.38         | 0.170                    | 531,484                 |
| Heritrix + PhantomJS                 | 9,100.54         | 0.152                    | 537,609                 |
| Heritrix + PhantomJS with Classifier | 6,495.23         | 0.196                    | 458,815                 |

nearly a year!

(obviously parallelization would help)

**Table 9:** A summary of *extrapolated* performance (based on our calculations) of single- and two-tiered crawling approaches.

# Descendants = States of deferred representations reached through client-side events

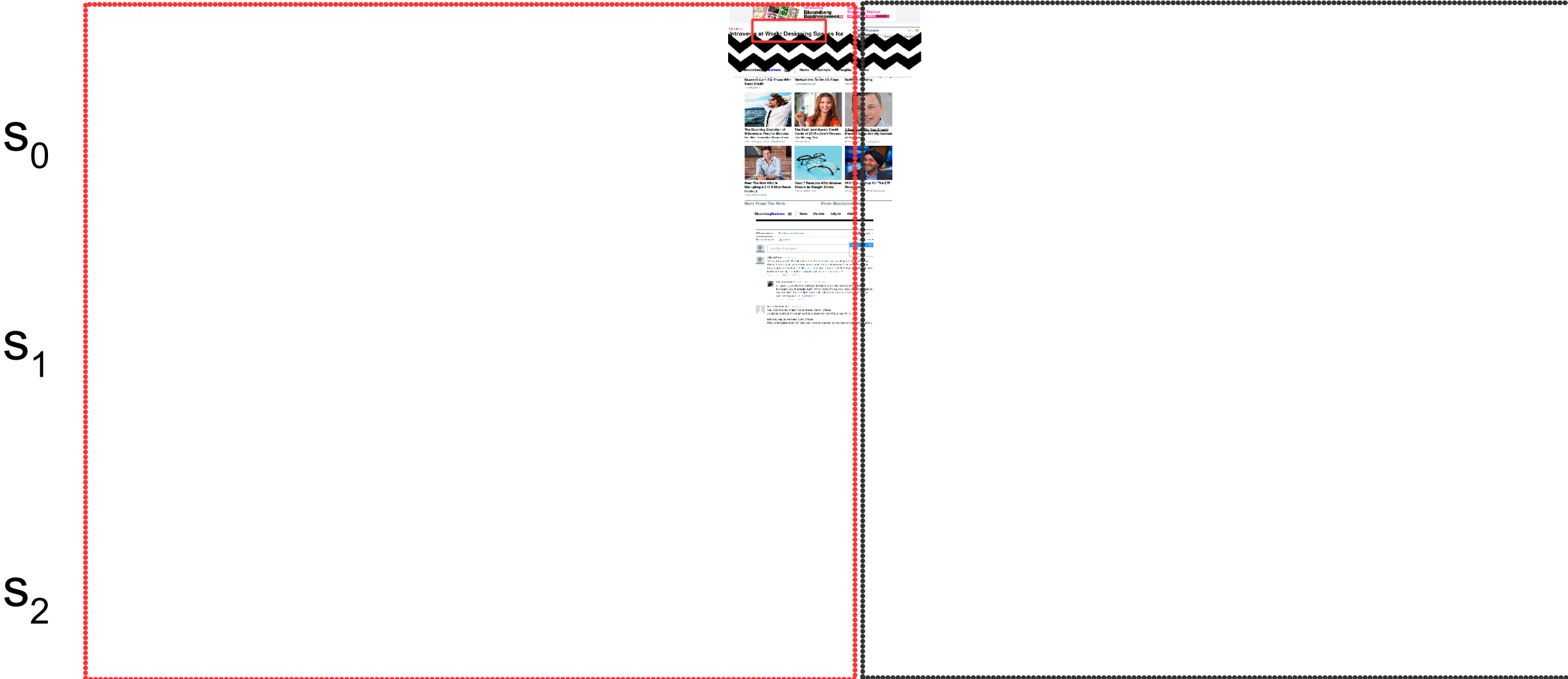


# Finding descendants

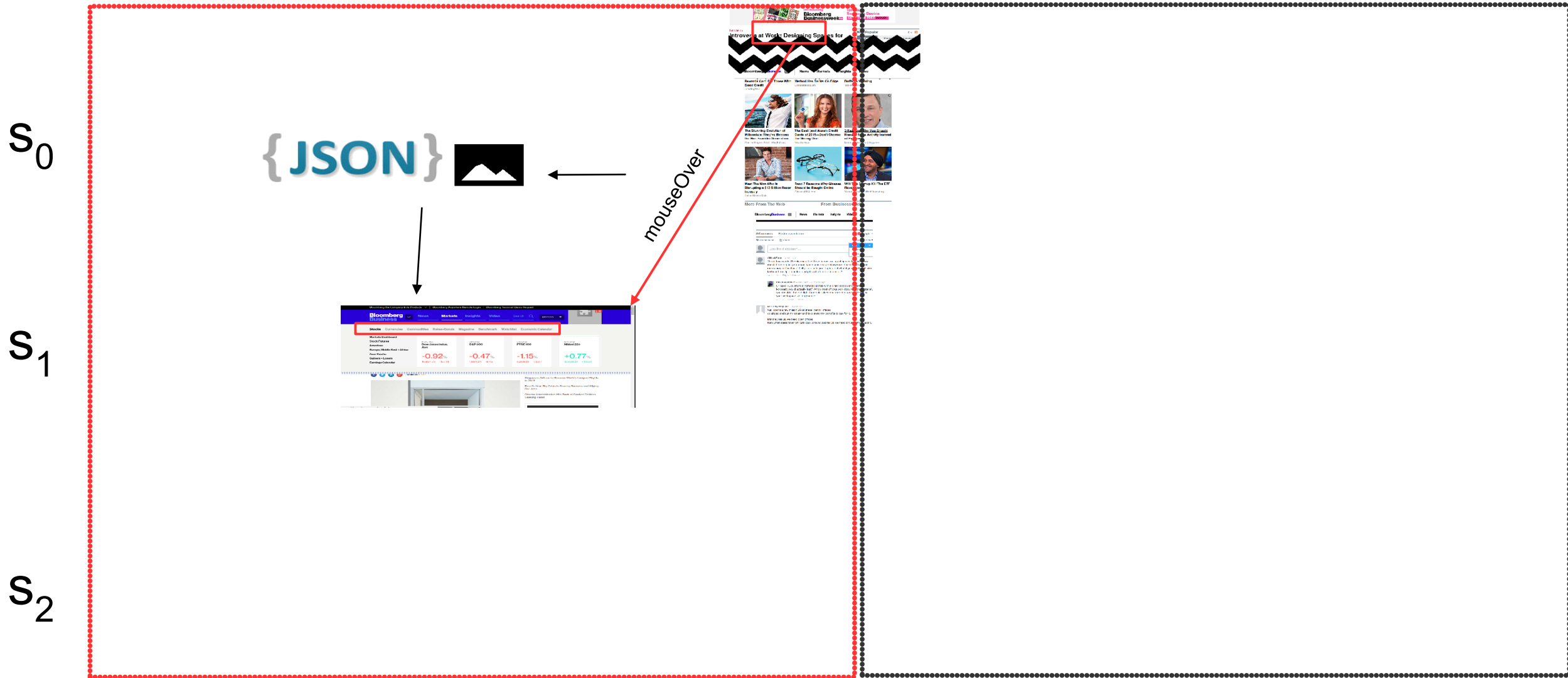
- Return to the same 440 URIs from before
- 
- Use VisualEvent to identify interactive elements
- <http://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2015/06/2015-06-26-phantomjsvisualevent-or.html>
- 
- Adapting work on state equivalency based on DOM equivalency, we define state equivalency as requiring the same embedded resources
- Report & code:
- <http://arxiv.org/abs/1601.05142>
- <https://github.com/jbrunelle/clientSideState>
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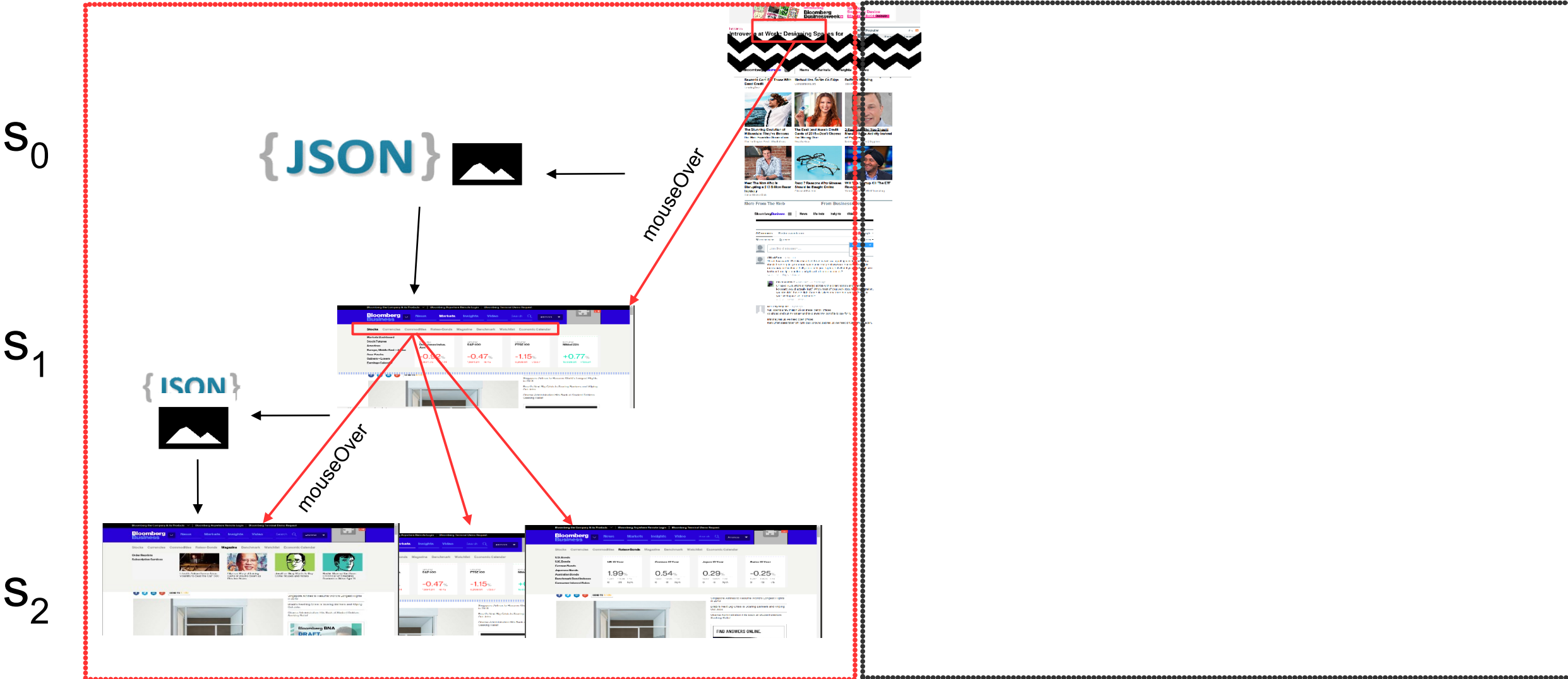
# Interaction Trees are 2 Levels Deep



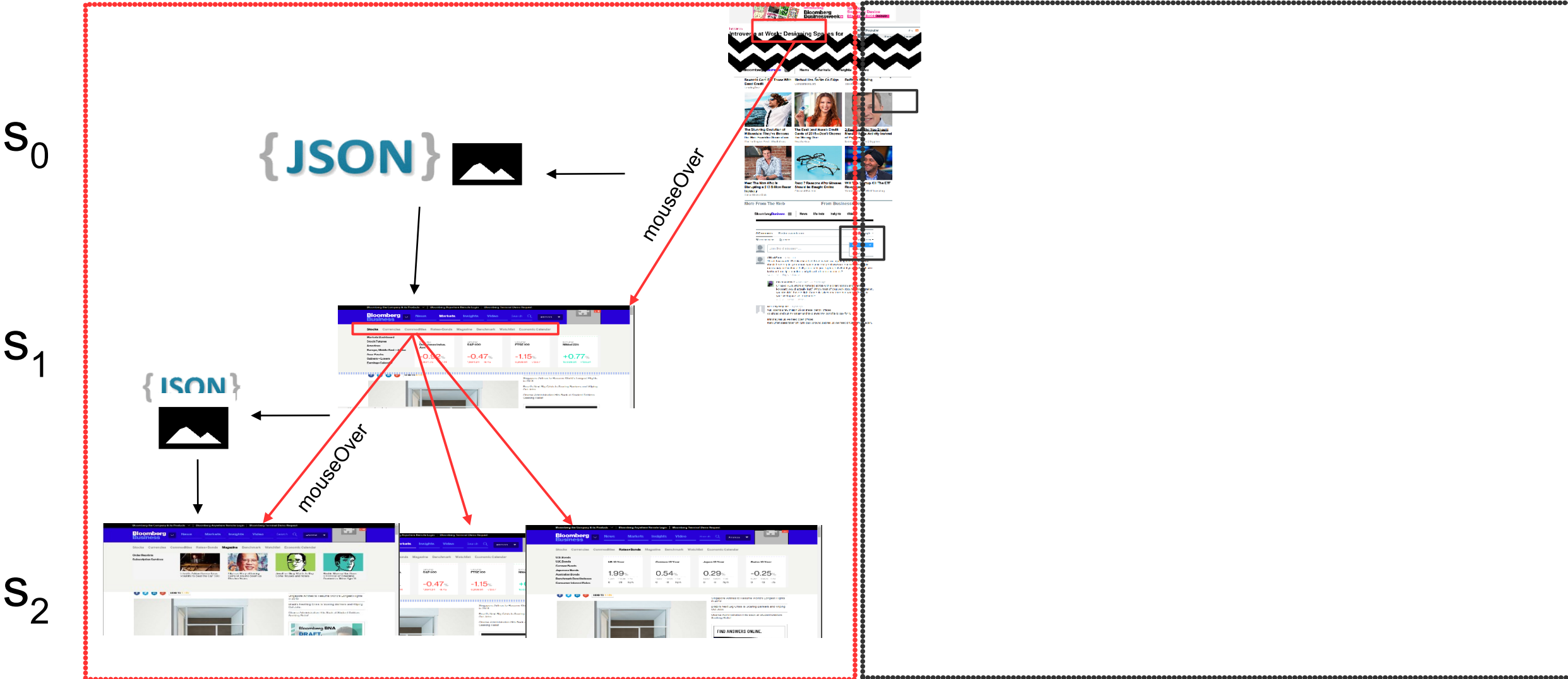
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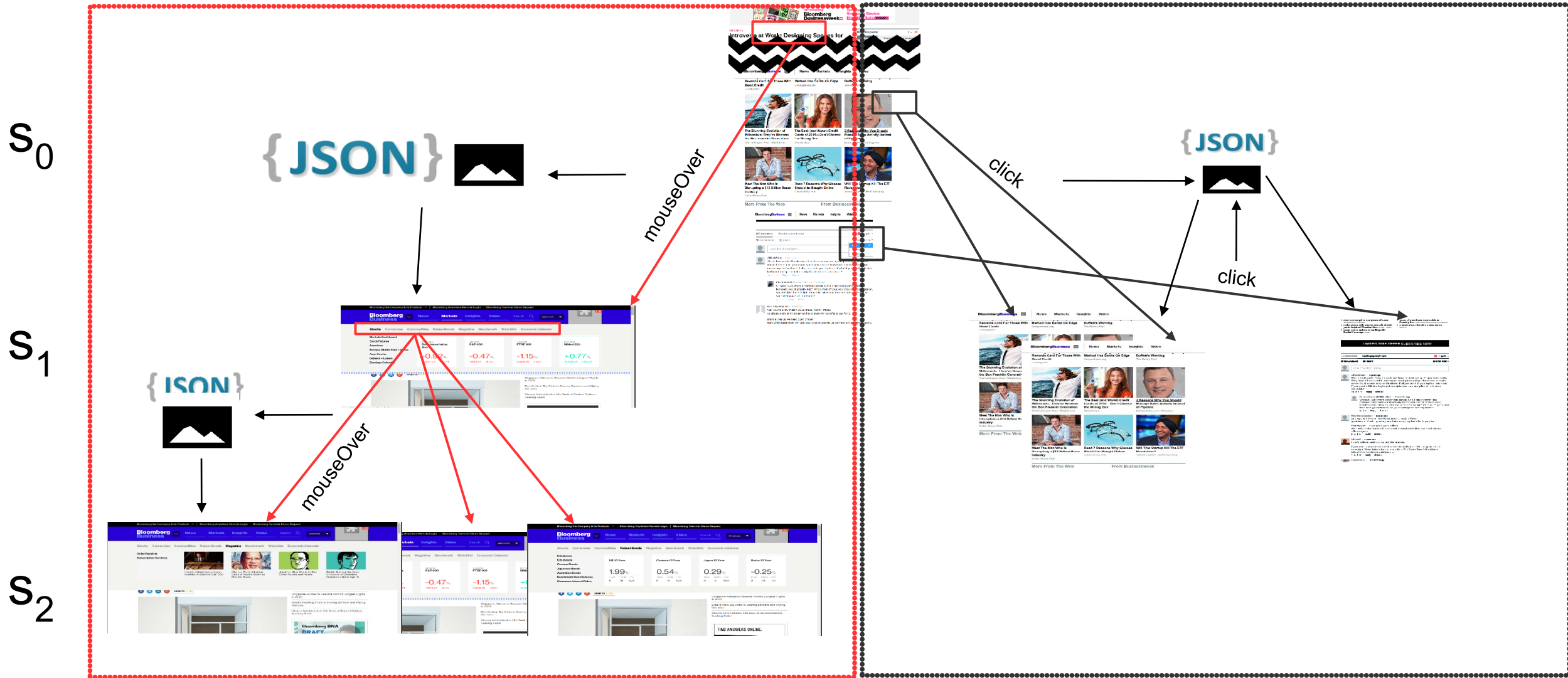
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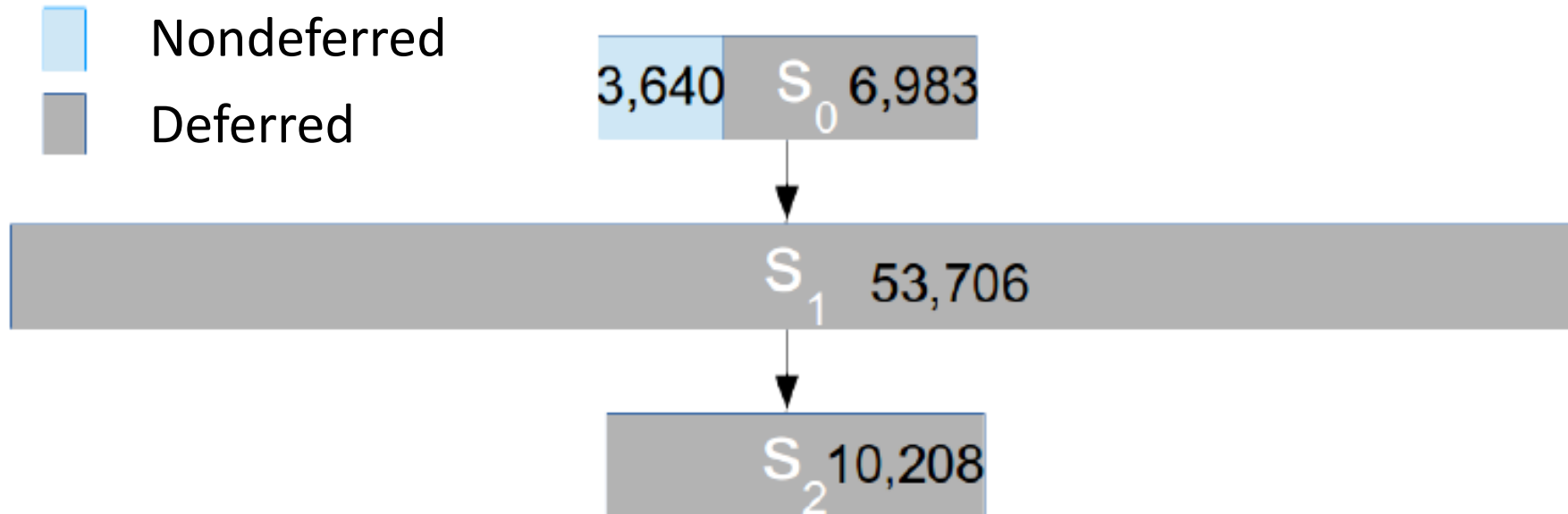
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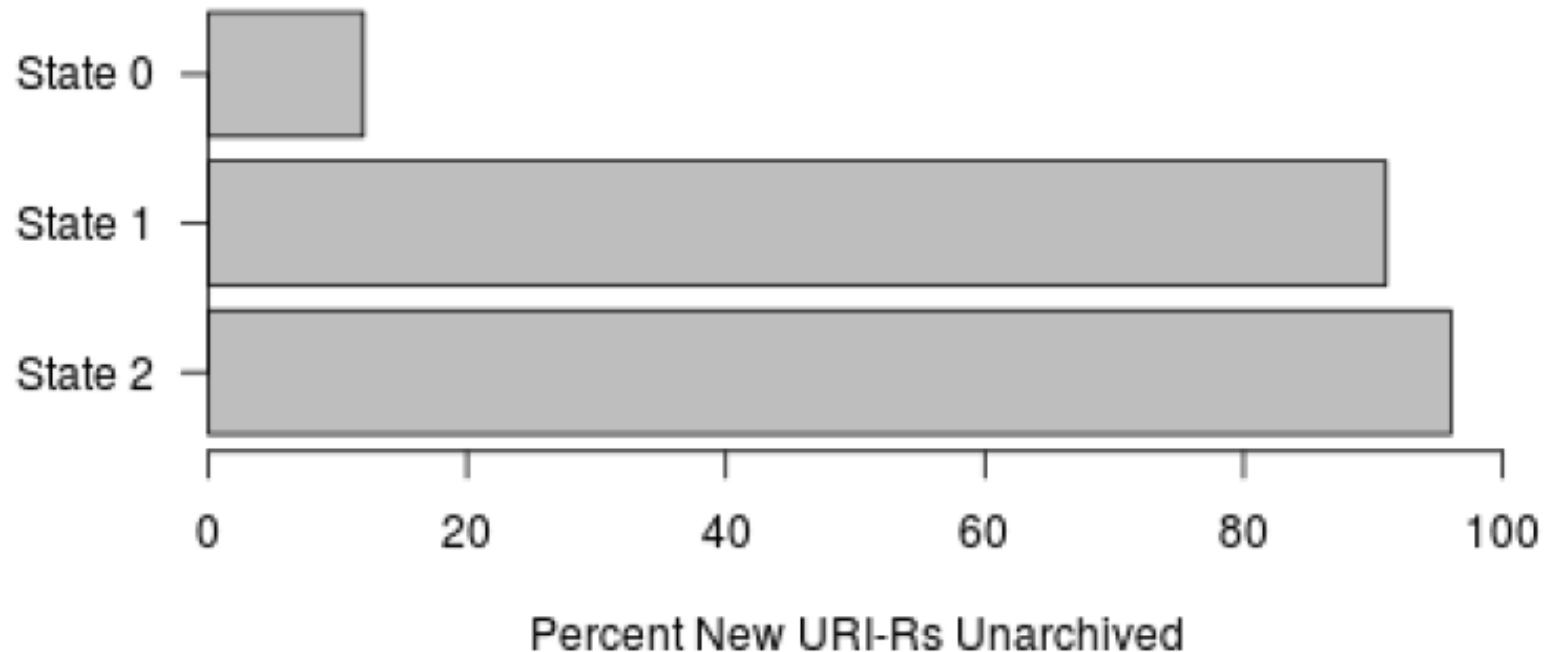
# Expanding the Crawl Frontier



**Level  $s_1$  provides the greatest benefit to the crawl frontier**



# Crawling Descendants



**New embedded resources at levels  $s_1$  are largely unarchived**

# Expanding the crawl frontier

| Event Type | Percent of URI-Rs |             | Contribution to $RP_{new}$ |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
|            | Deferred          | Nondeferred |                            |
| click      | 62.11%            | 4.29%       | 63.2%                      |
| mouseover  | 25.26%            | 3.00%       | 4.7%                       |
| mousedown  | 16.84%            | 1.72%       | 2.8%                       |
| blur       | 14.74%            | 0.86%       | 9.8%                       |
| change     | 11.58%            | 2.14%       | 0.0%                       |

**Click events lead to the most descendants**

# Future Work

- Modeling user interactions, tendencies, and simulation
  - form filling
  - click & navigation likelihood
  - Added frontier 92% unarchived
- Archival Halting Problem: How much is enough?
  - Mapping Applications – How many pans and zooms gets all the Norfolk, VA Google map tiles?
  - How many CNN.com pages get all the Google Ads?
  - Game walkthrough metaphor? (insert url here)
- Playing back WARC with IIPC metadata of deferred representations and descendants

# Contributions

- Defined:
  - *deferred representations*: representations that need client-side processing to load all required embedded resources
  - *descendants*: representation states reachable only via client-side events
- Two-tiered crawling of deferred representations
  - 10.5 times slower
  - 1.5 times larger frontier
  - 2 levels of descendants
- 2 levels are sufficient for descendants
  - Added frontier 92% unarchived
- More info:
  - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1508.02315>
  - <http://arxiv.org/abs/1601.05142>

