Detecting and Diagnosing Errors in Replaying Archived Web Pages

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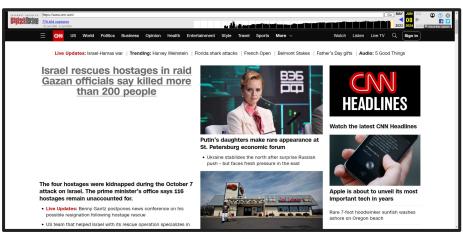
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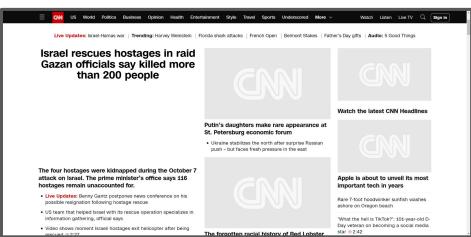


Need to rewrite URLs for crawled resources

With rewriting



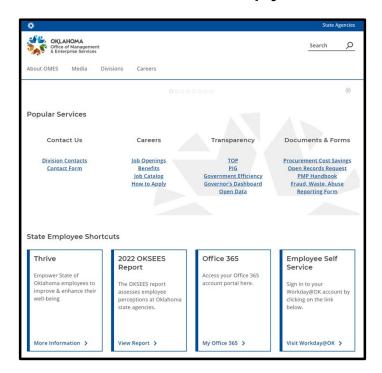
Without rewriting



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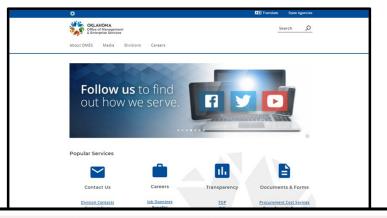


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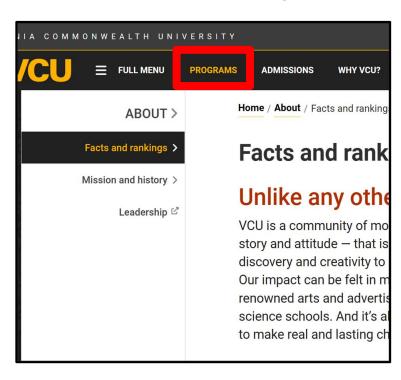




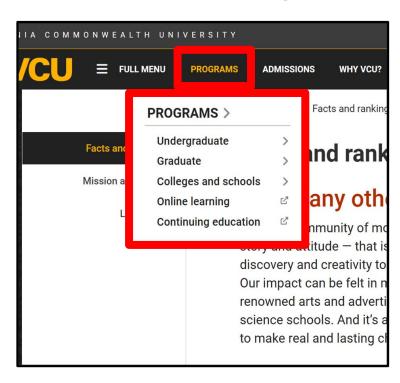




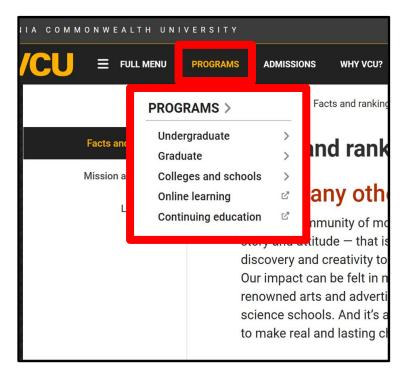
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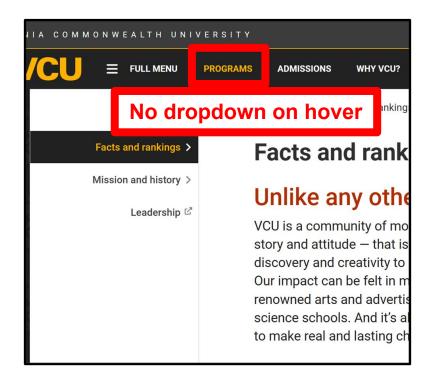
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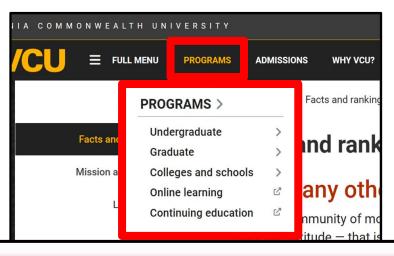


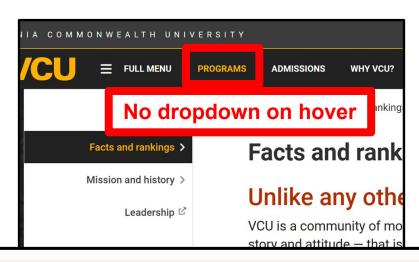
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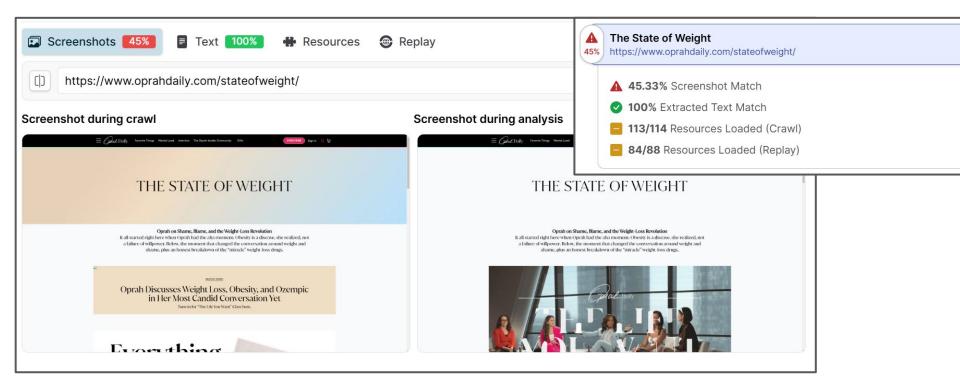
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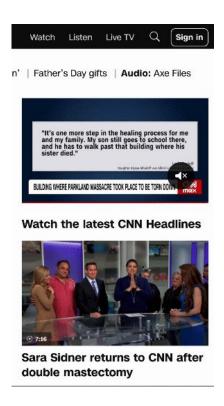
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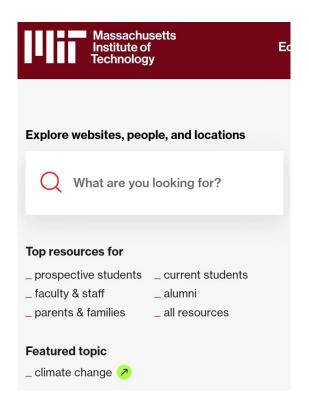
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- Diagnose erroneous rewrites which lead to fidelity issues
 - Not trying to *fix* fidelity issues
 - Once diagnosed, developers will need to identify necessary fixes

Existing Quality Assurance in Web Archiving



Screenshots Differ across Multiple Loads of Same Page





Runtime Error ≠ Fidelity Violation

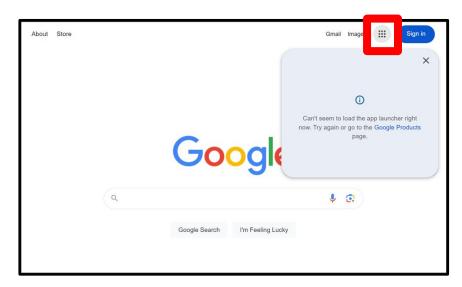
Hard to analyze if an error will cause violations by manually inspecting its stack trace



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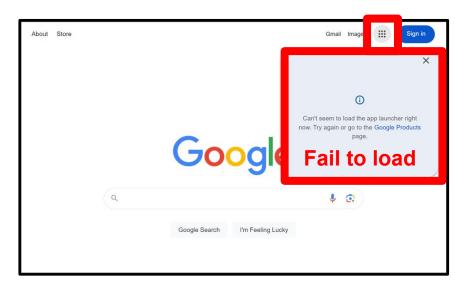
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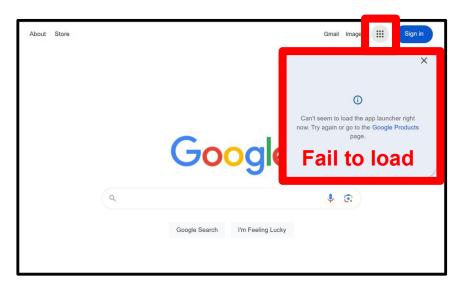
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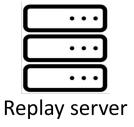
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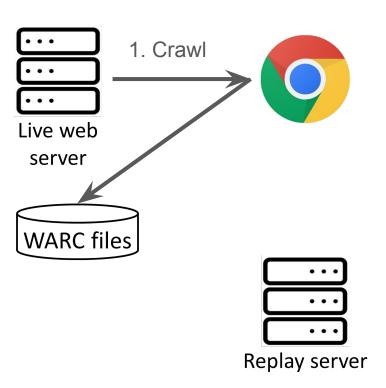


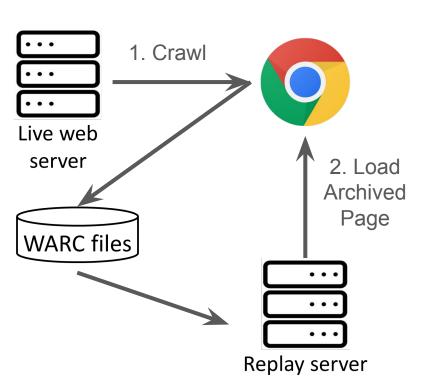


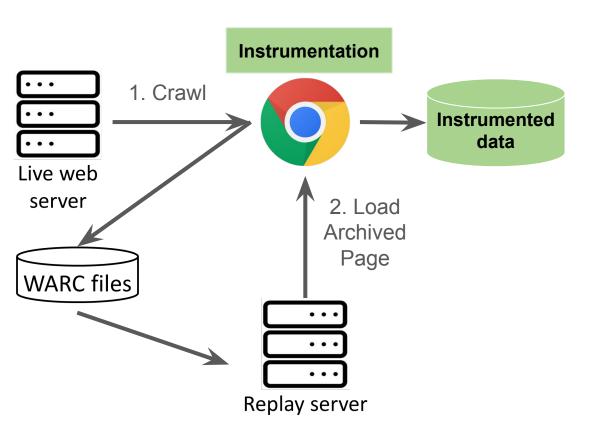


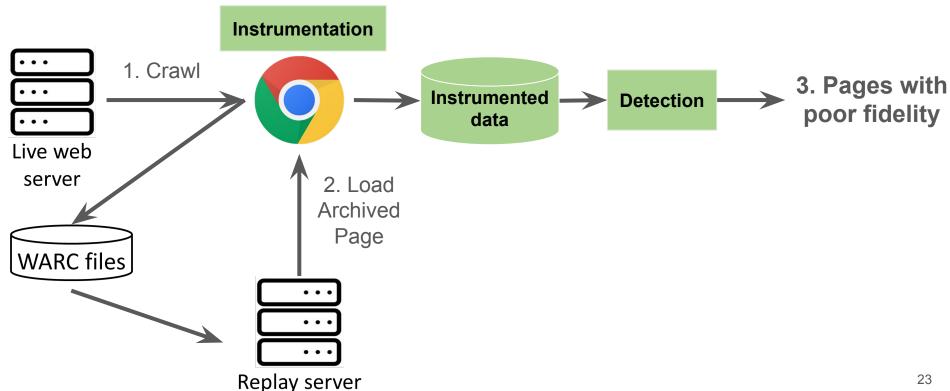


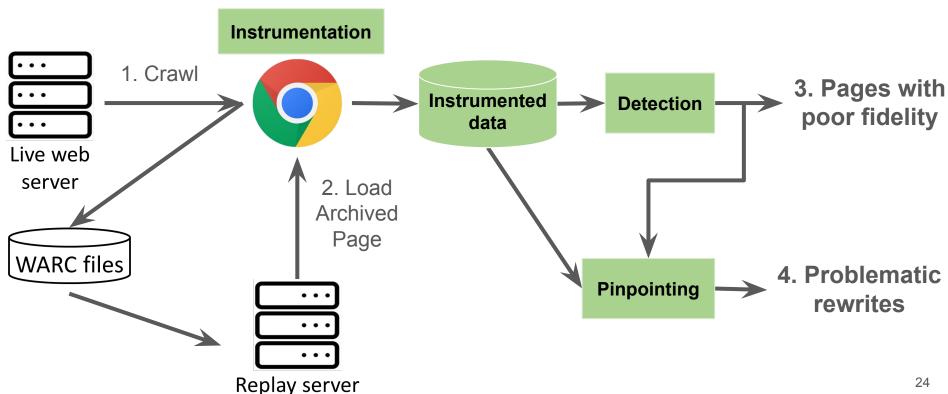




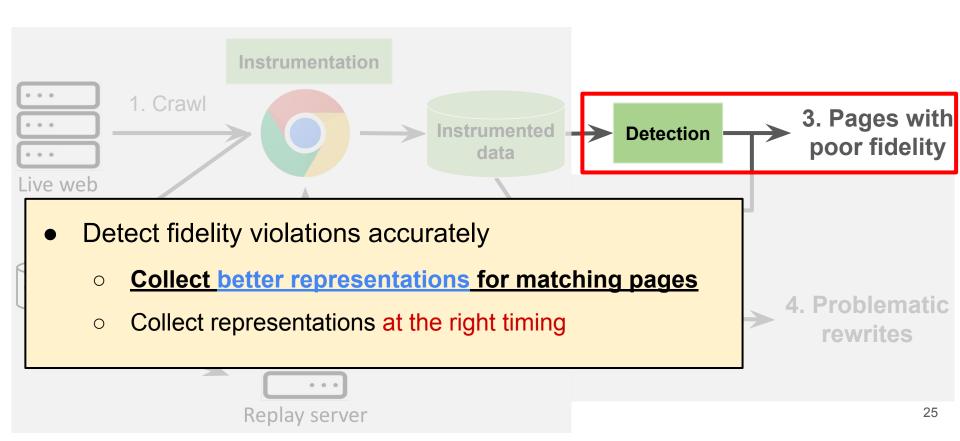




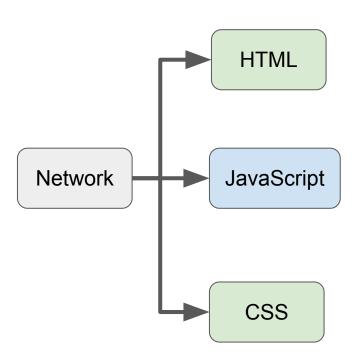


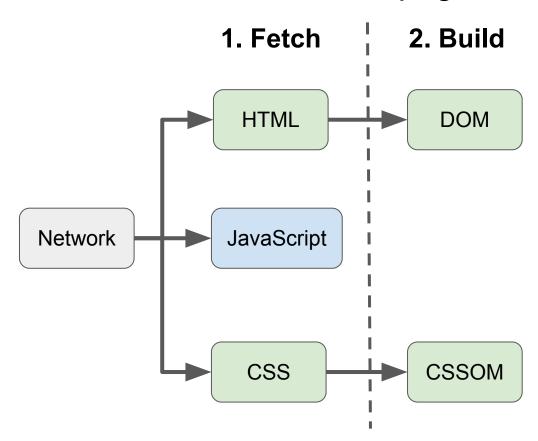


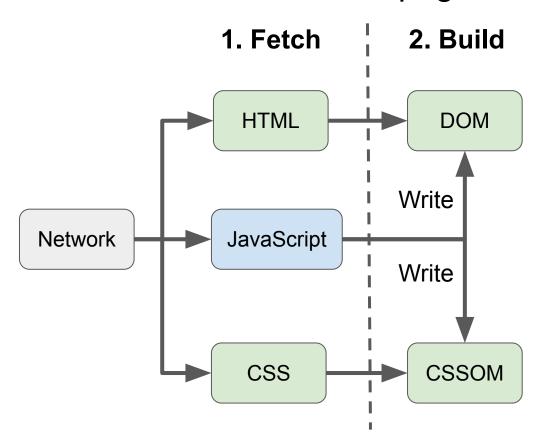
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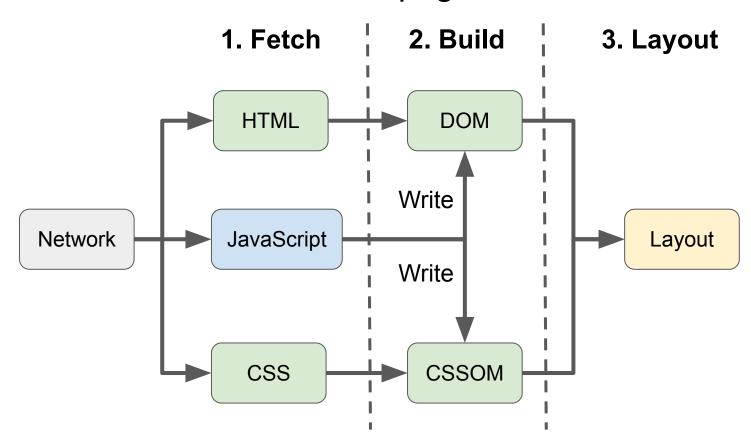


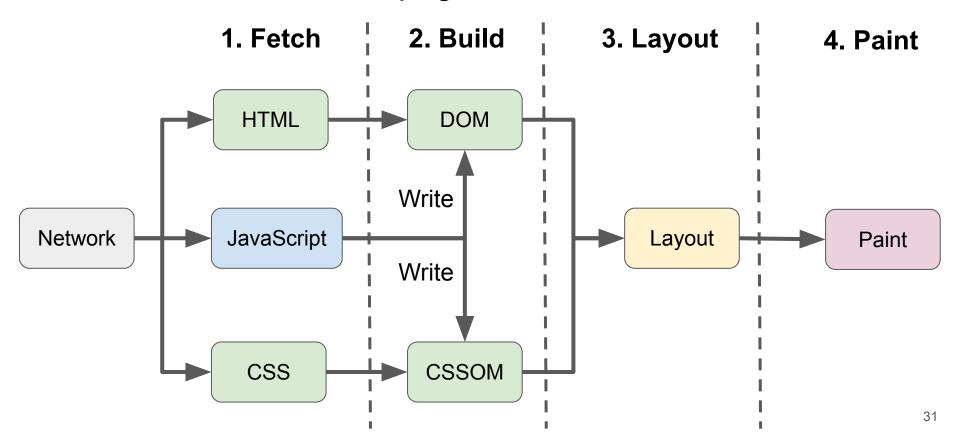
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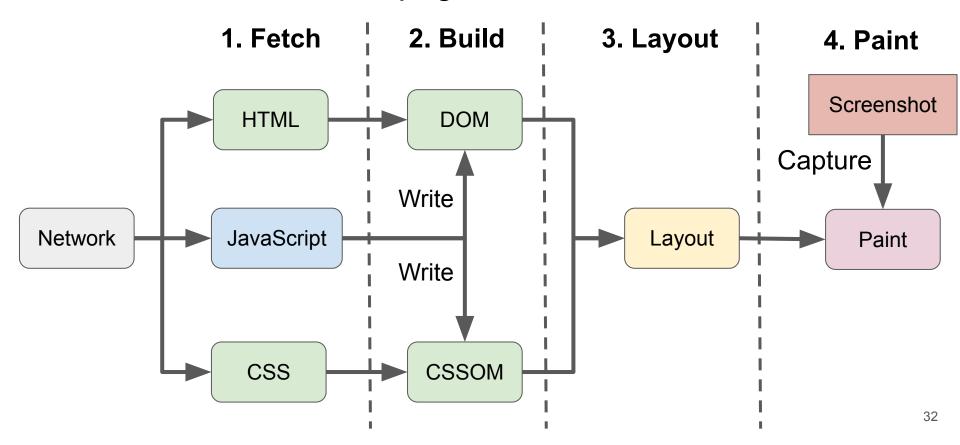


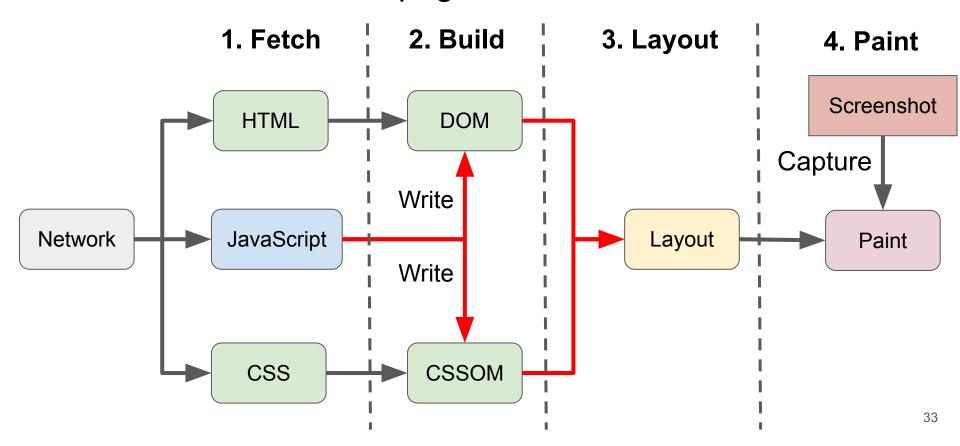






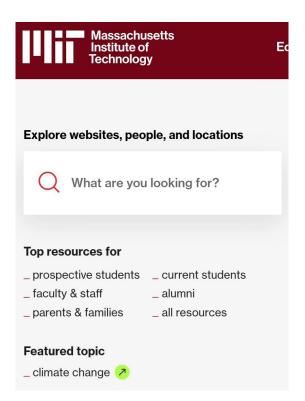




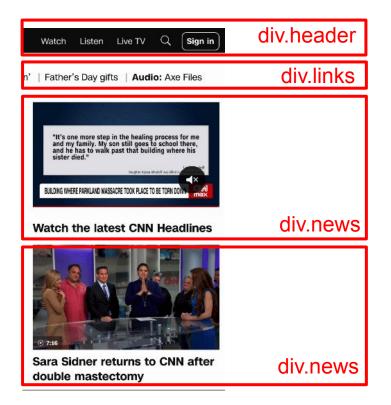


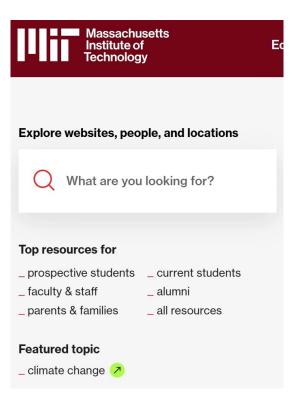
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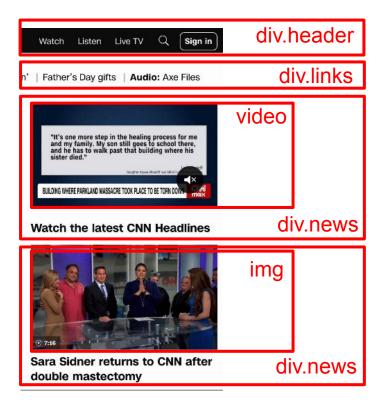


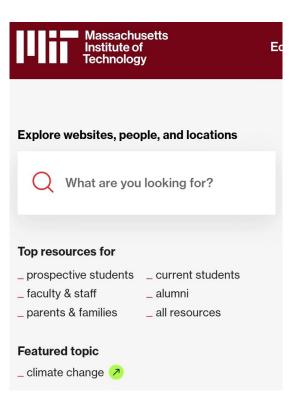
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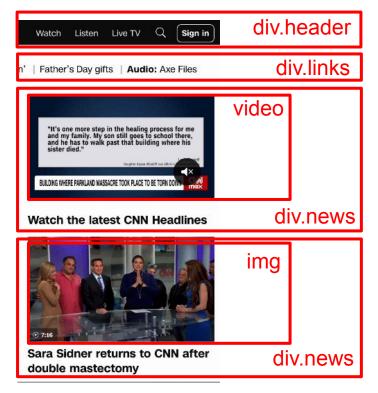


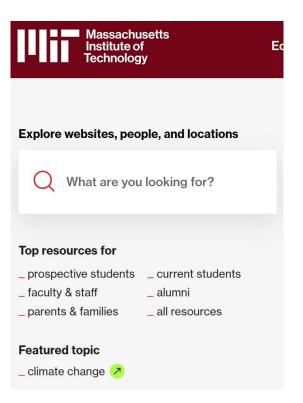
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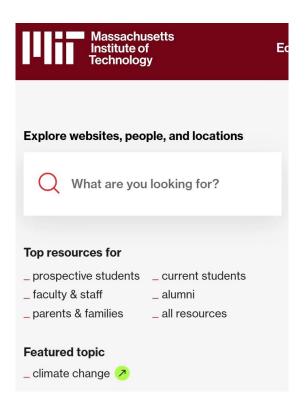
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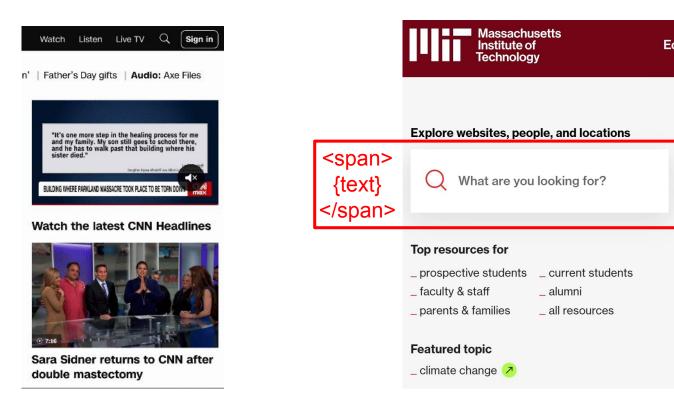




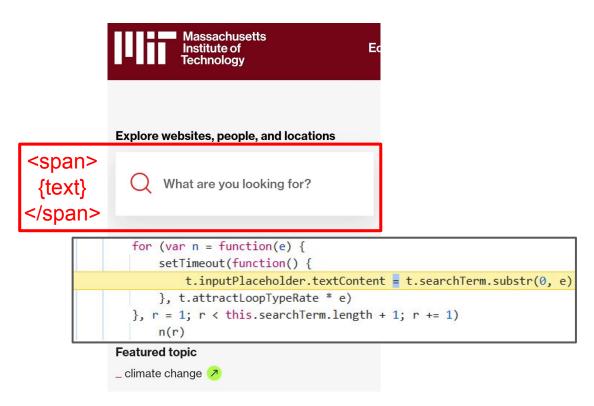
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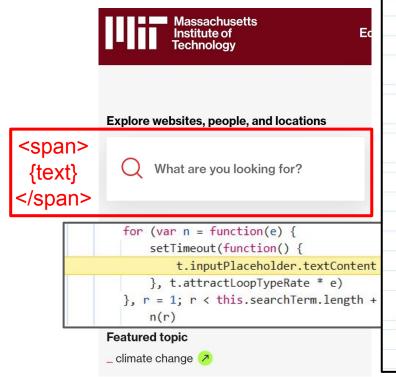






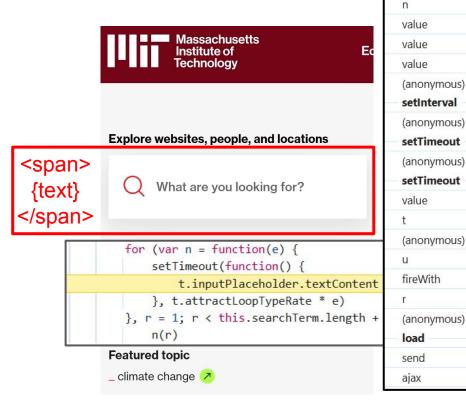












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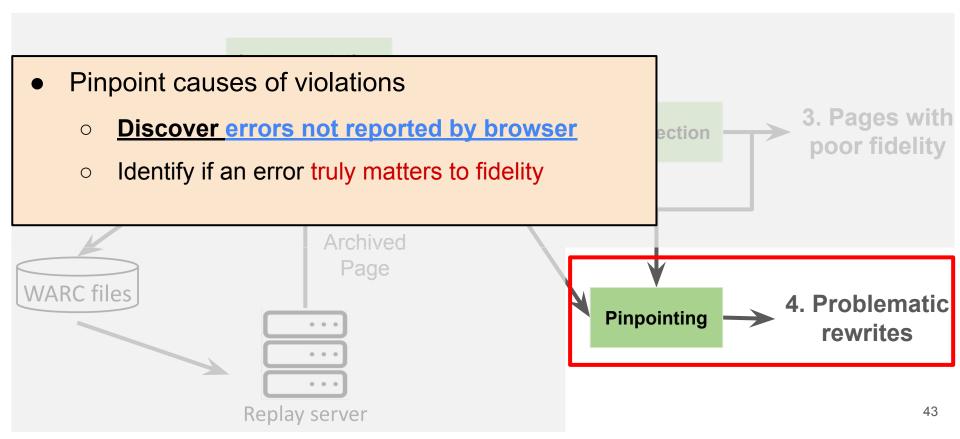
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setTimeout

Fidelity violation diagnosis



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Baselines for detecting fidelity violations

- Match screenshots, HTML extracted texts (Browsertrix's QA)
- Check if archive has extra errors

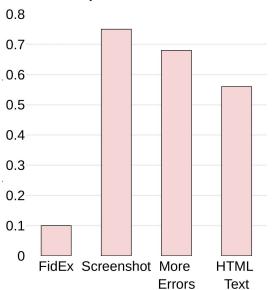
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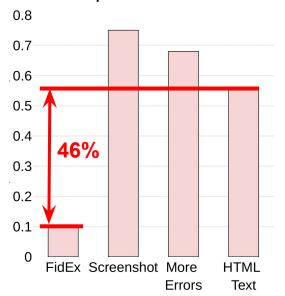
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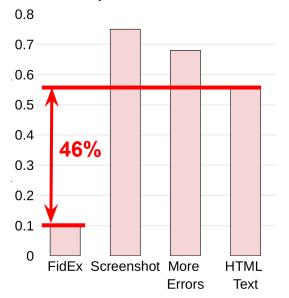
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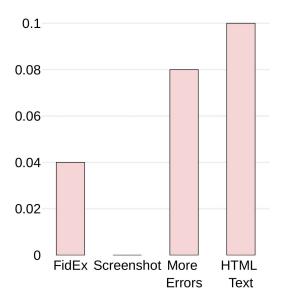
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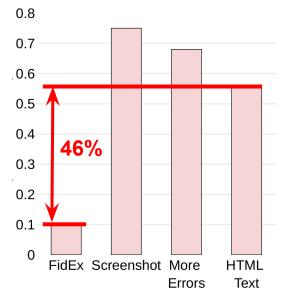
False negatives / Negatives



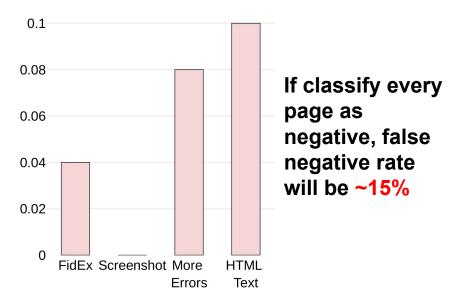
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Fidelity Violations Detected by FidEx in EOT

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making the plan work, and the special chanter 13 discharge

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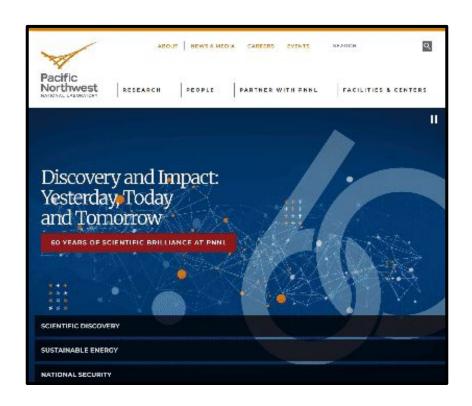
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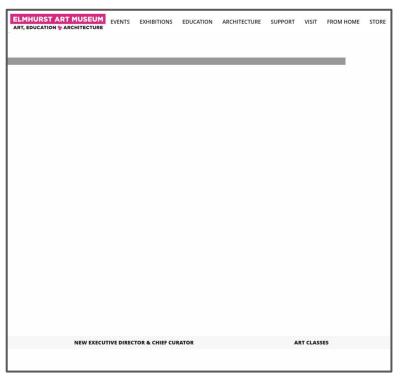


Fidelity Violations Detected by FidEx in CARTA

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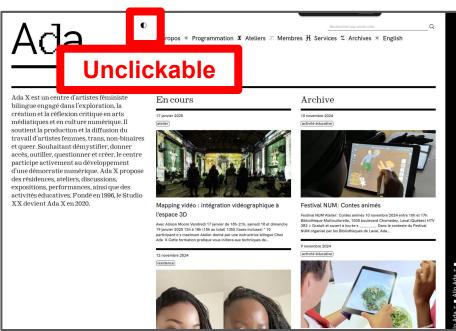


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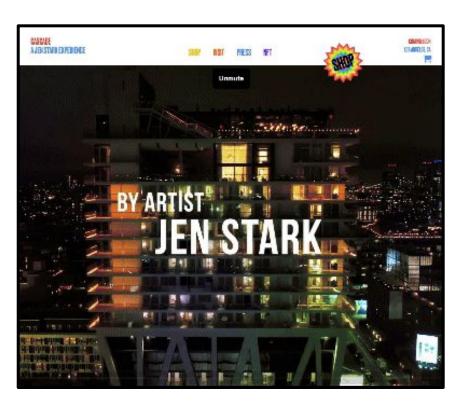
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Diagnosis

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- Confirm which errors are worth investigating

Thank you! Q & A