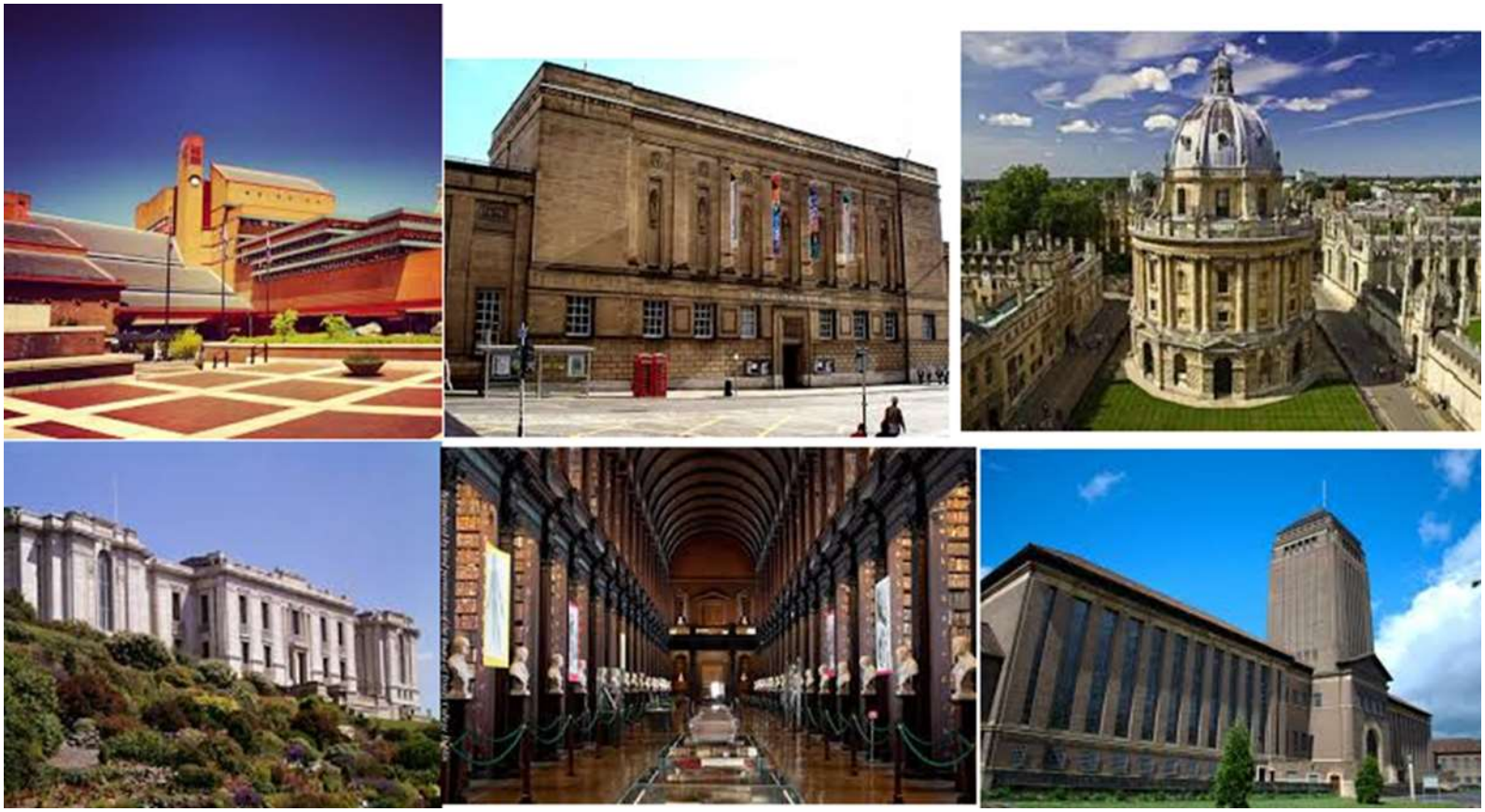
Development of a UK sports collection for the UK Legal Deposit Web Archive

The UK Legal Deposit Libraries



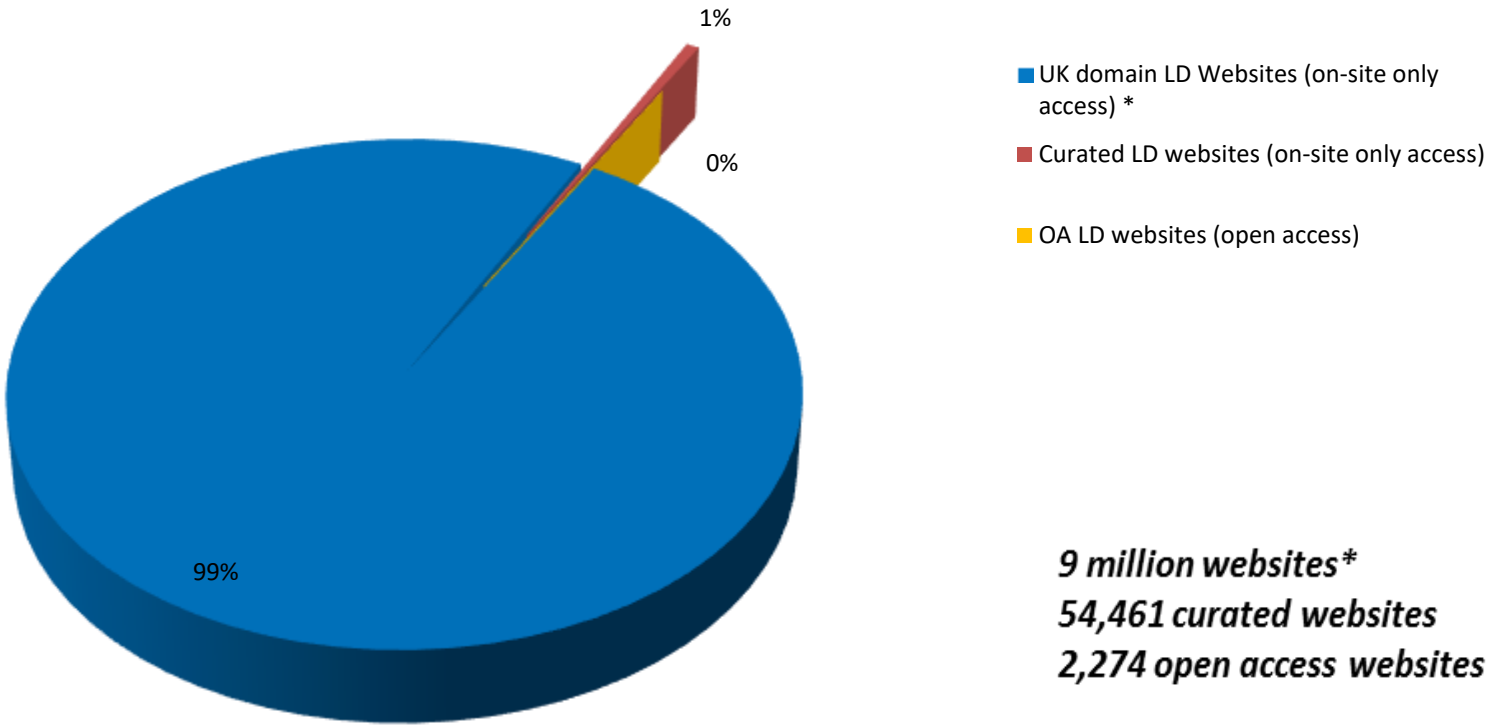
What are we collecting?

All of the public UK web

- The domain crawl scopes in websites using the following criteria:
    - URL has a UK top level domain: e.g. .uk, .scot, .cymru, .wales, .london
    - Registered in WHO-IS as a UK site
    - Site is stored on a UK server

We also identify web content that may otherwise be missed from the domain crawl.

Legal Deposit and special collections



9 million websites*
54,461 curated websites
2,274 open access websites

Total number of websites is taken from figures for the 2016 whole domain crawl, and is based on number of hosts. The 2017 domain crawl is still being analysed.

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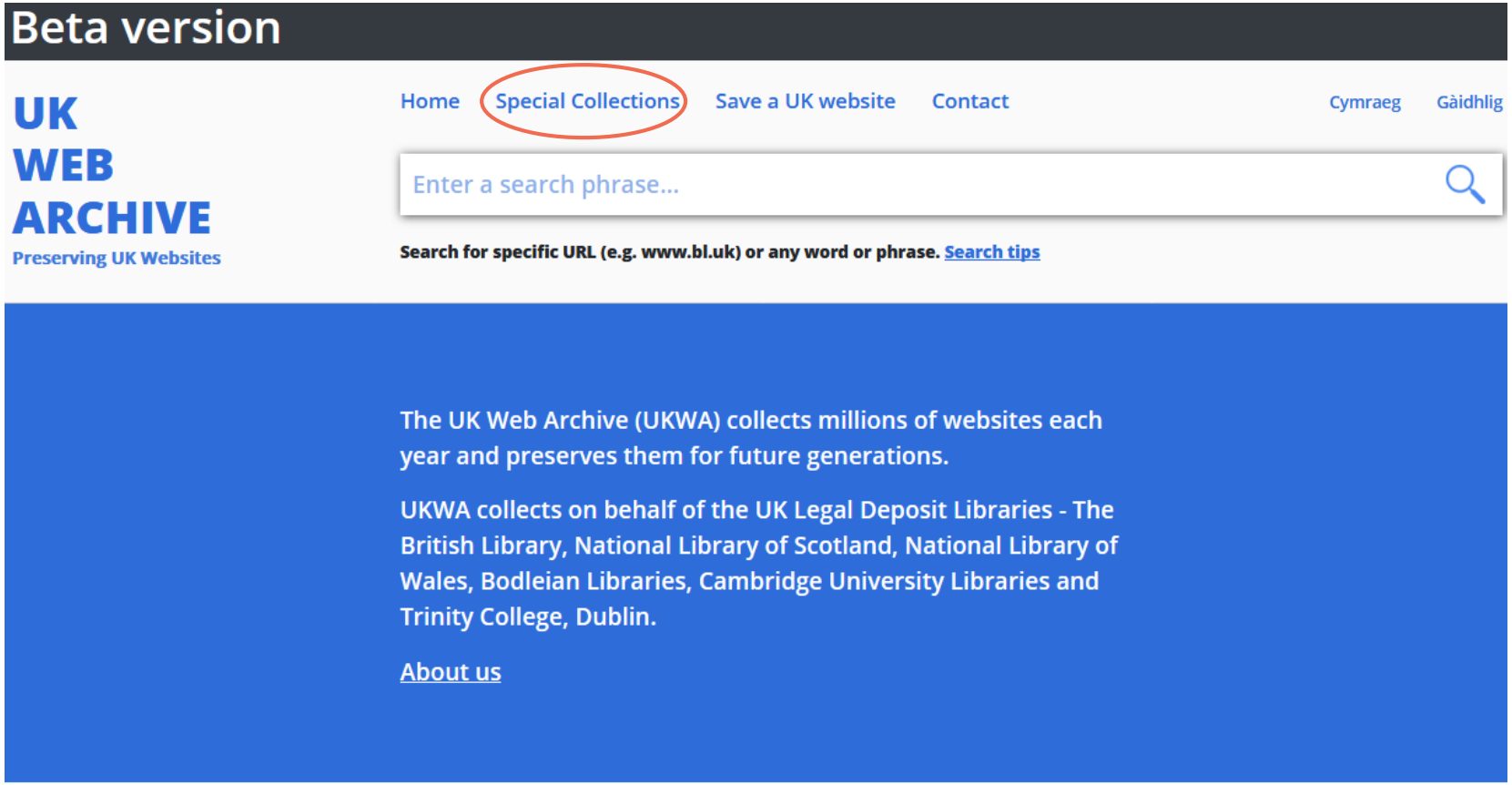
We don’t collect:

- Anything requiring credentials or login
- Intranets
- Databases
- Material stored in the cloud
- Flash
- Most video or audio content
- Facebook
- Not much Twitter

Where to find the collections

Special collections: thematic, event based and rapid response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Preserving UK Websites
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Special Collections
Save a UK website
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The UK Web Archive (UKWA) collects millions of websites each year and preserves them for future generations.
UKWA collects on behalf of the UK Legal Deposit Libraries - The British Library, National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Libraries, Cambridge University Libraries and Trinity College, Dublin.
About us
Highlights from the Special Collections
Special Collections are groups of websites brought together on a particular theme by librarians, curators and other specialists, often working in collaboration with key organisations in the field.
View all special collections

Creating a dedicated sport collection

- It is a subject which has not traditionally been well served by libraries and museums

- Selection: the National Library of Scotland nor British Library have Curators completely dedicated to collecting Sport

Creating a dedicated sport collection

Lead Curators:

- Helena Byrne, British Library
- Trevor Thomson, National Library of Scotland
- Additional Selectors:
  - Web archiving staff and other curators from the UK Legal Deposit Libraries
  - Some nominations from the public

Structuring Sport

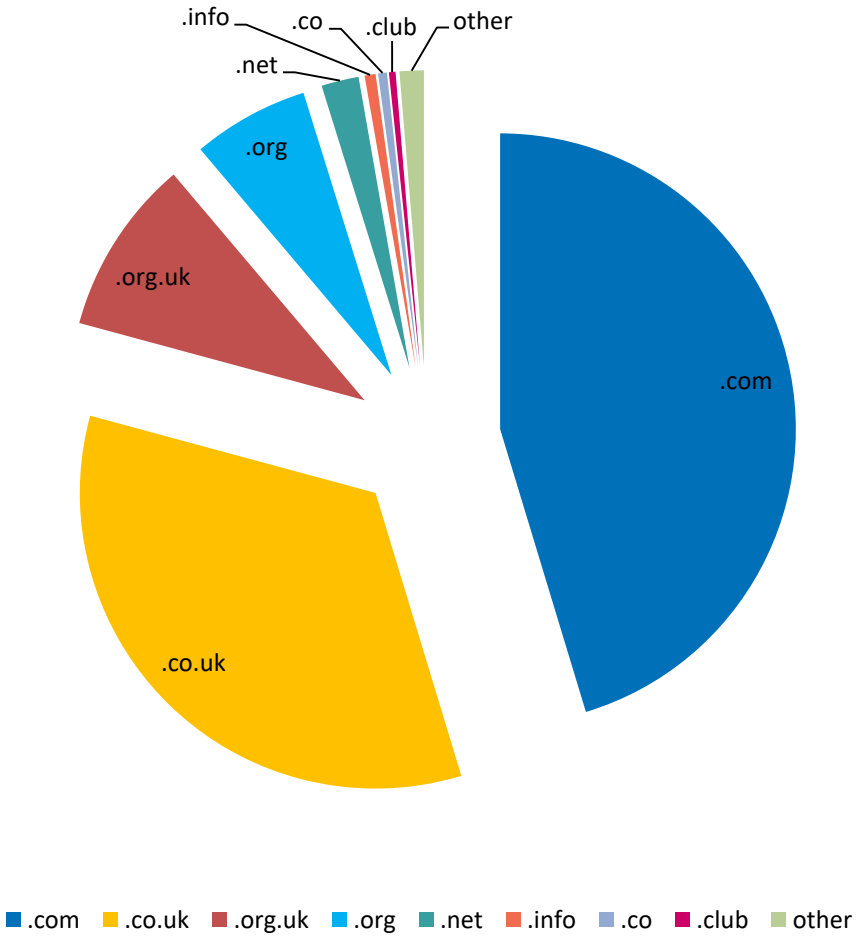
- Sports Collection (850)
  - Athletics (34)
  - Ball Sports (excluding Football) (109)
    - By Hand (18)
    - On a Table (0)
    - With a Stick (53)
    - With Bat (10)
    - With Club (7)
    - With Racket (Racquet) (4)
  - Combat/Self Defence Sports (19)
  - eSports (1)
  - Fishing, Hunting, Shooting and Target Sports (20)
  - Gymnastics/Acrobatics (39)
  - Horse And Other Animal Sports (10)
  - Motor Sports (13)
  - News/Media (44)
  - Orientation Sports (25)
  - Stadiums (69)
  - Strength Sports (5)
  - Target Games (9)
  - Water Sports/Aerial Sports (105)
  - Wheel Sports (135)
  - Winter Sports (25)

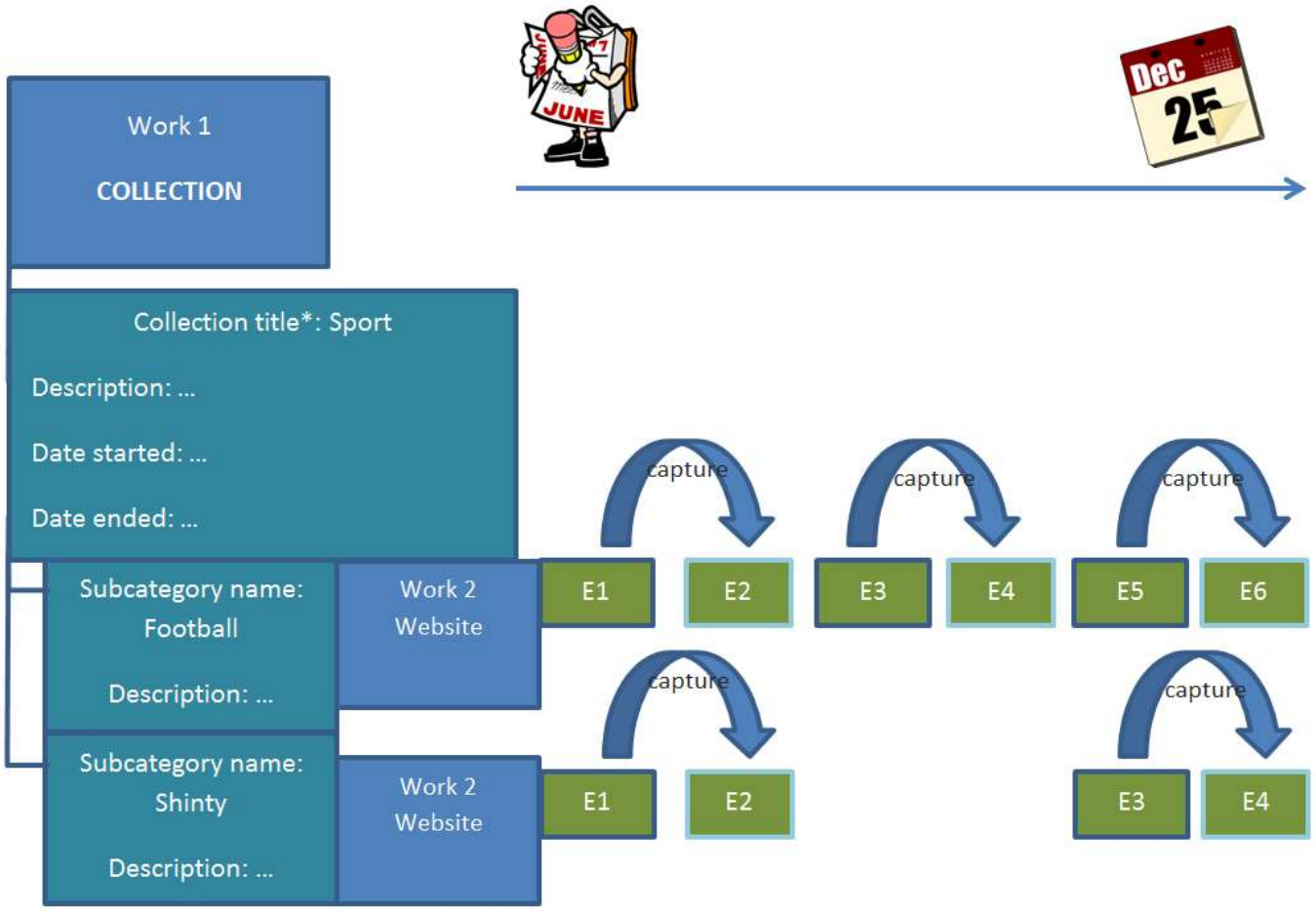
- Sport: Football (1278)
  - Gaelic Football (72)
  - Other (1)
  - Rugby (293)
    - Rugby League (56)
      - England (2)
      - Northern Ireland (0)
      - Scotland (5)
      - Wales (49)
    - Rugby Union (207)
  - Soccer (908)
    - Clubs (606)
      - England (190)
      - Northern Ireland (11)
      - Scotland (250)
      - Wales (153)
    - Commercial (1)
    - Governing Bodies (145)
    - Related Sites (170)
      - Fans (83)
      - Forums (2)
      - History and Research (43)
      - News/Media (38)

Challenges

- Selection
- We need input from the public, but also academic community
- Sport is international…Websites are international… but Legal Deposit is not!
- Collection maintenance

Top level domain suffices attached to 832 “sport and recreation” sites




Work 1
COLLECTION
Collection title*: Sport
Description: ...
Date started: ...
Date ended: ...
Subcategory name: Football
Description: ...
Work 2 Website
Subcategory name: Shinty
Description: ...
Work 2 Website
JUNE
Dec
25
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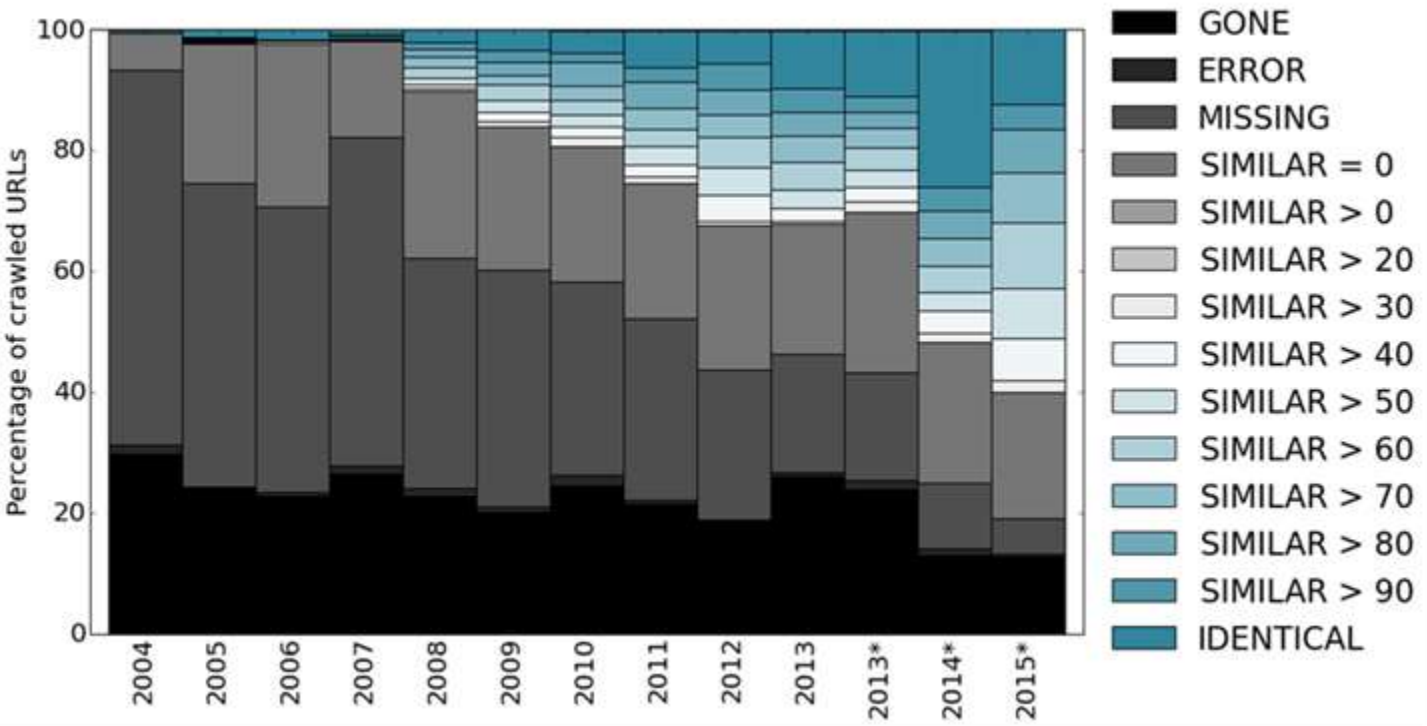
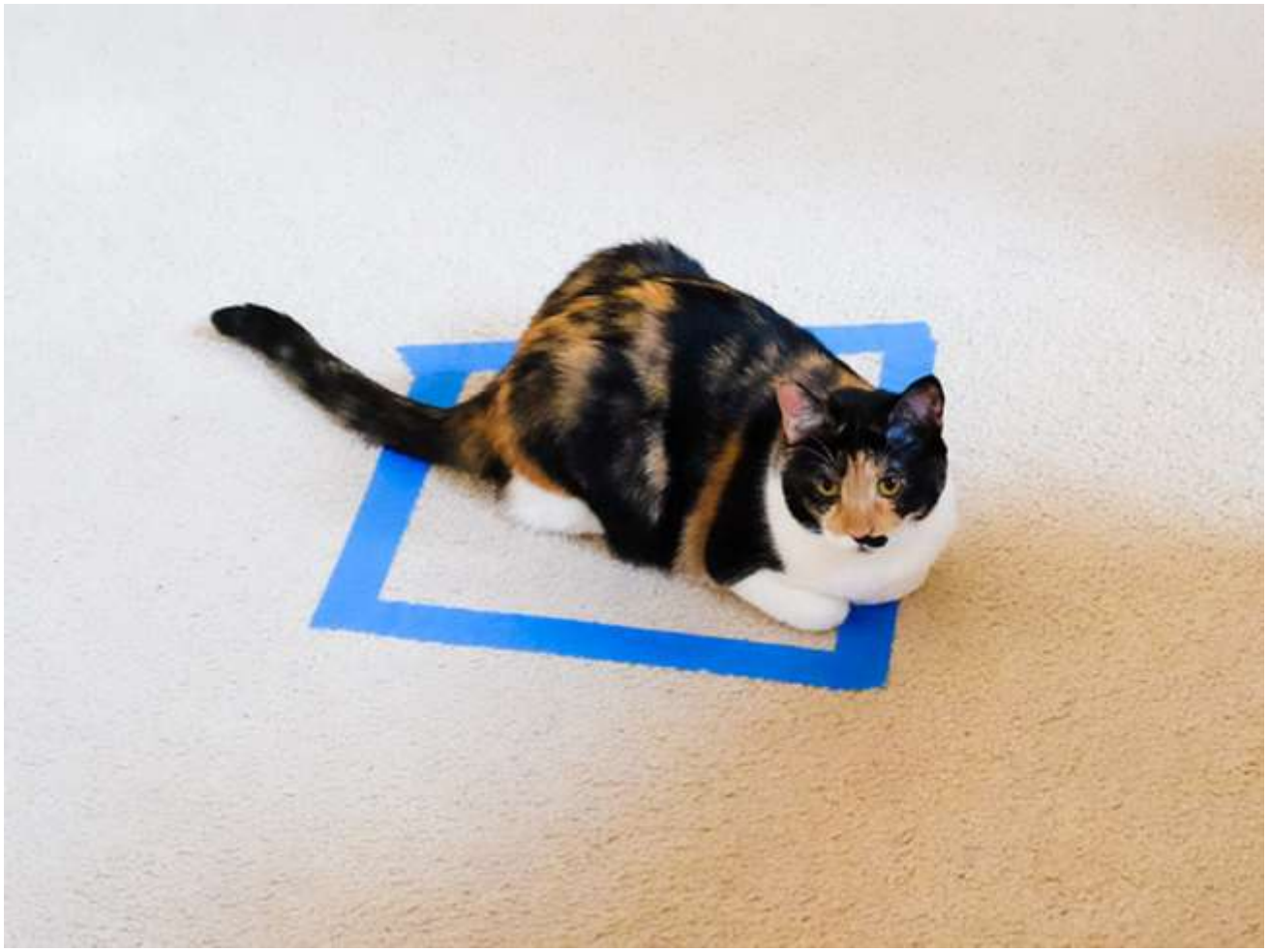
What we have saved





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Where can I find out more?

- UK Web Archive

  https://www.webarchive.org.uk/ukwa/

- UK Web Archive Open Data
  data.webarchive.org.uk/opendata

- The IIPC Awesome list; a good general guide to open source tools and training material:
  - https://github.com/iipc/awesome-web-archiving/

"History books remember the big players, Tweets remember the individuals"

Chido Muchemwa

THANK YOU

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