# Detecting and Diagnosing Errors in Replaying Archived Web Pages

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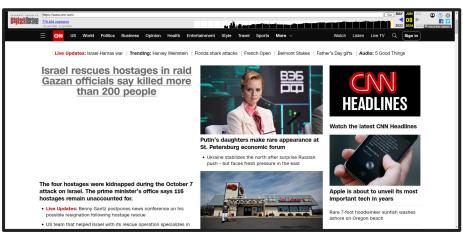
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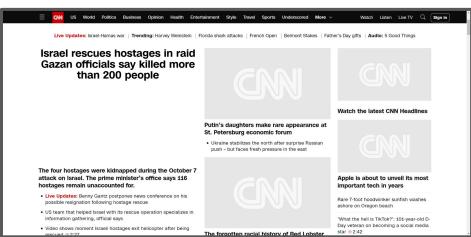


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### With rewriting



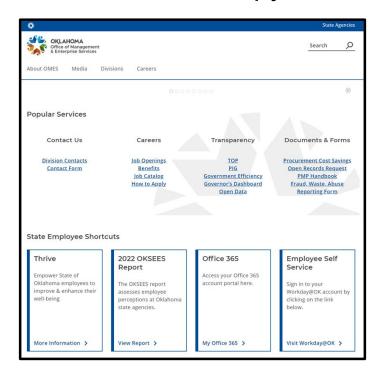
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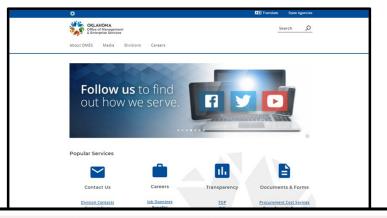


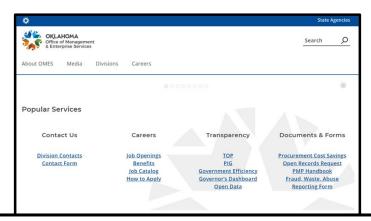
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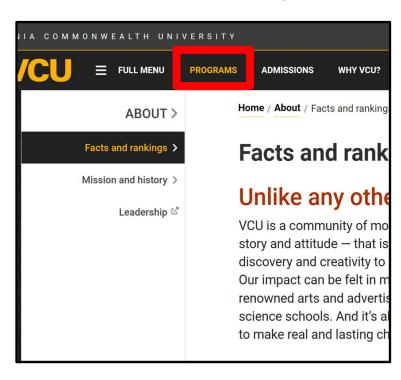




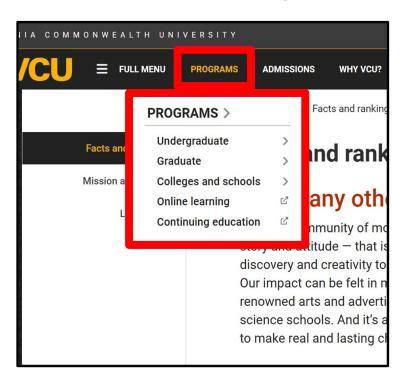




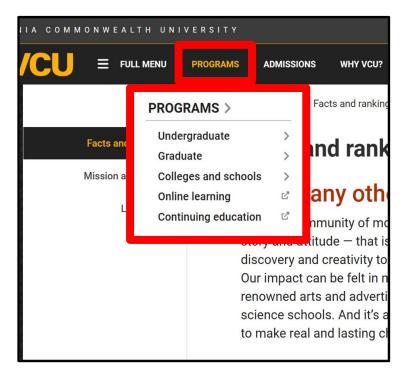
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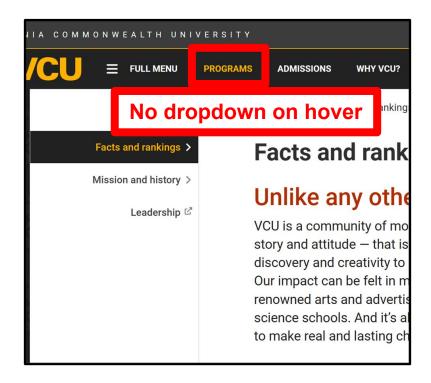
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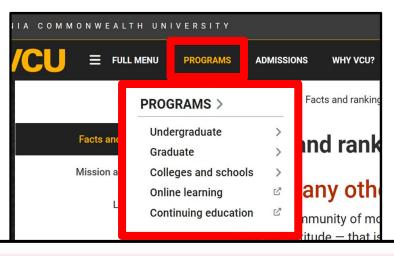


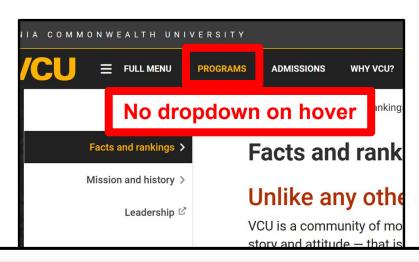
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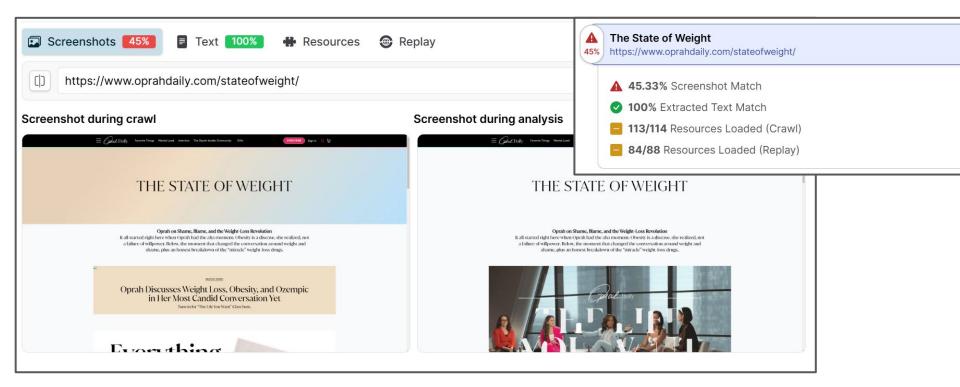
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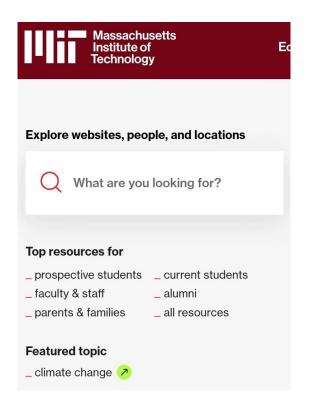
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- Diagnose erroneous rewrites which lead to fidelity issues
  - Not trying to *fix* fidelity issues
  - Once diagnosed, developers will need to identify necessary fixes

### Existing Quality Assurance in Web Archiving



### Screenshots Differ across Multiple Loads of Same Page





### Runtime Error ≠ Fidelity Violation

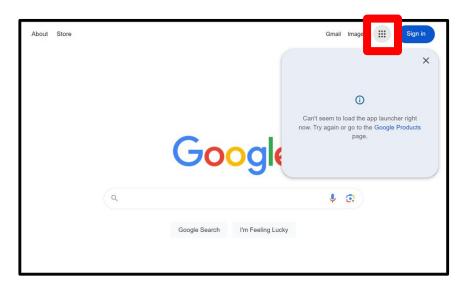
Hard to analyze if an error will cause violations by manually inspecting its stack trace



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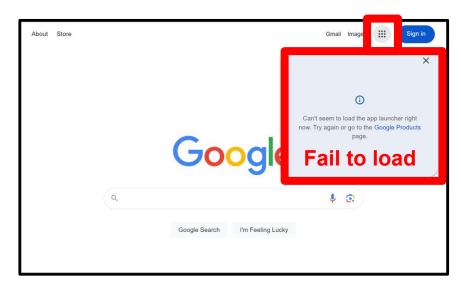
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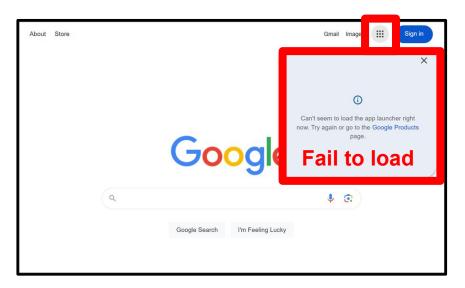
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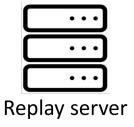
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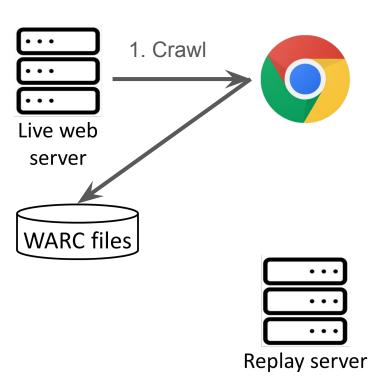


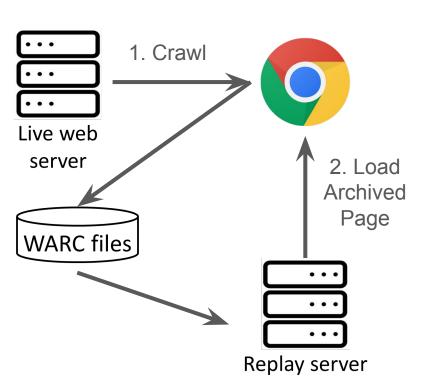


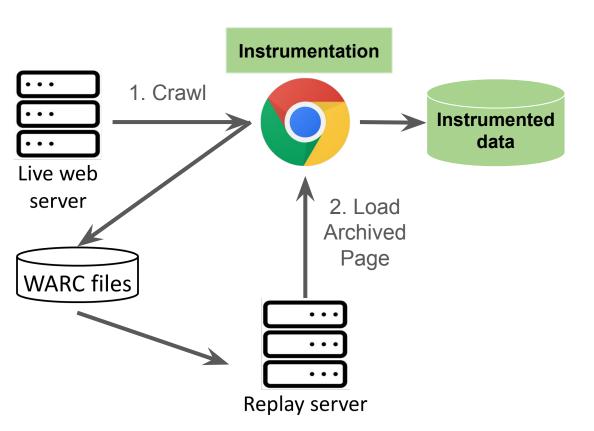


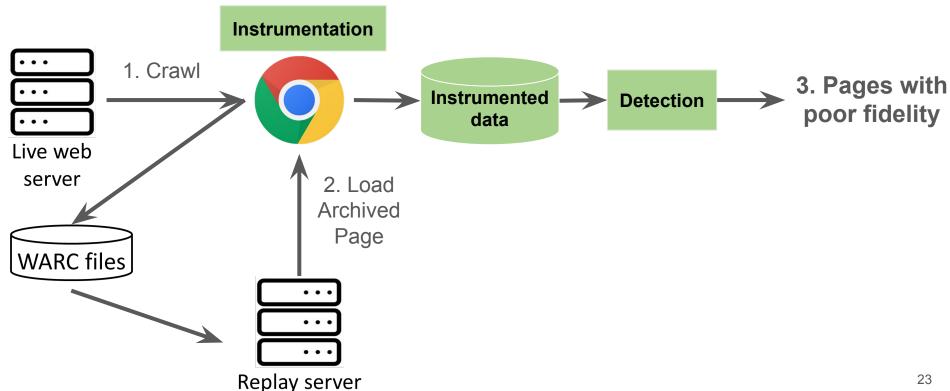


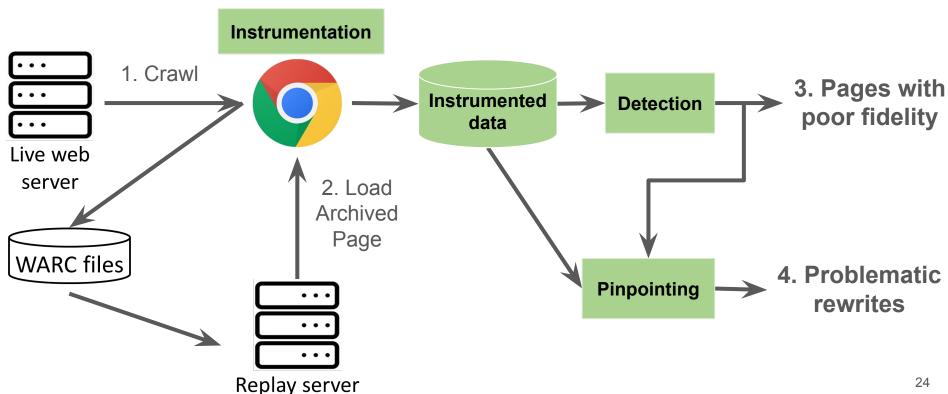




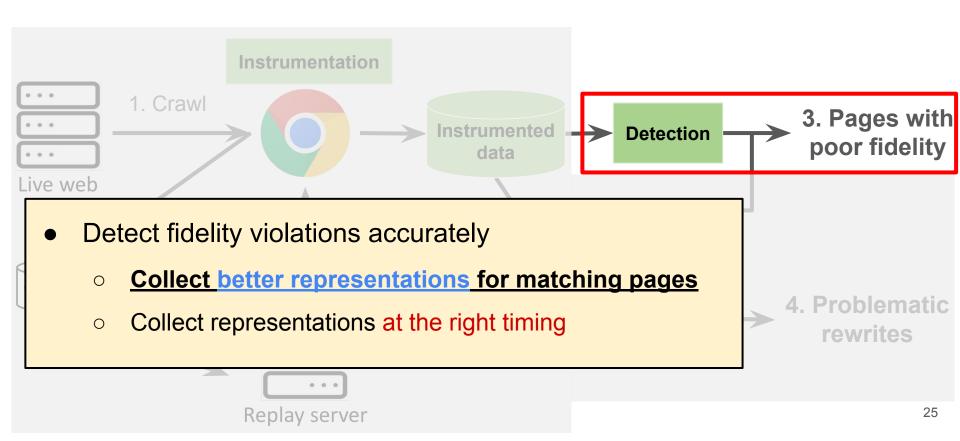




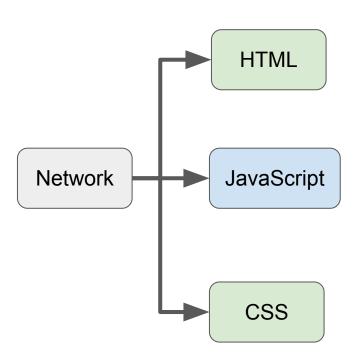


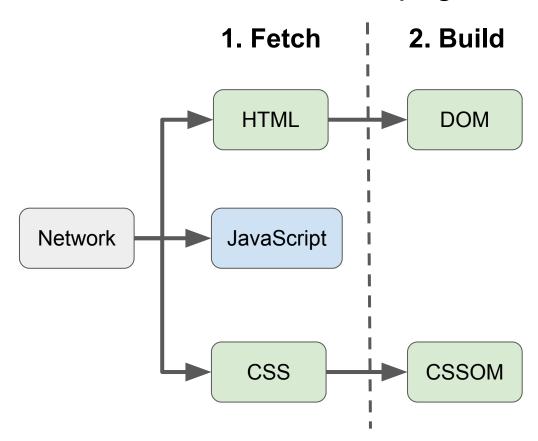


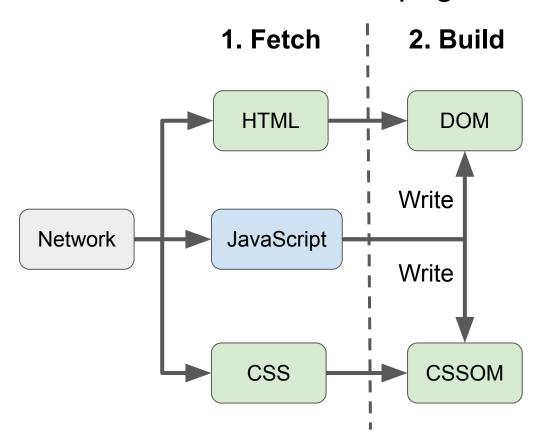
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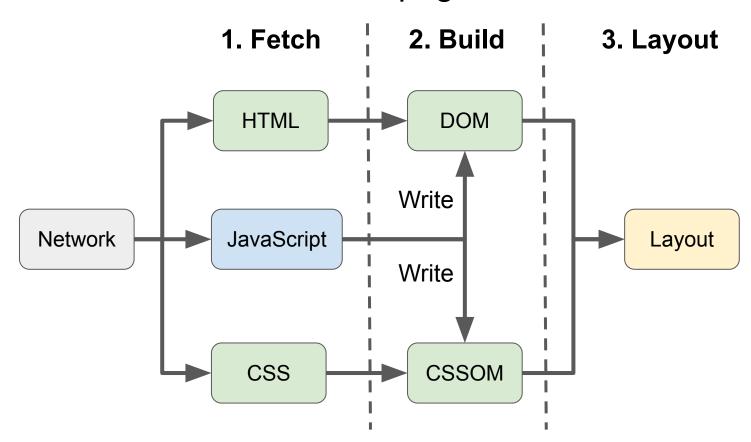


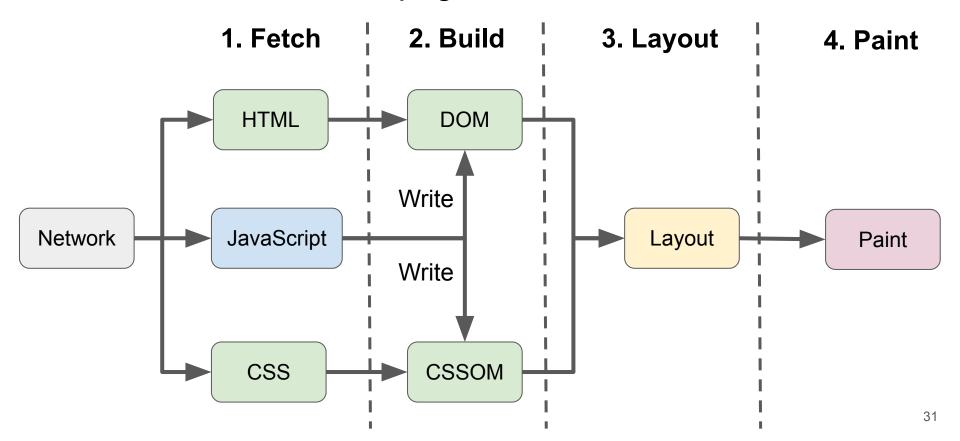
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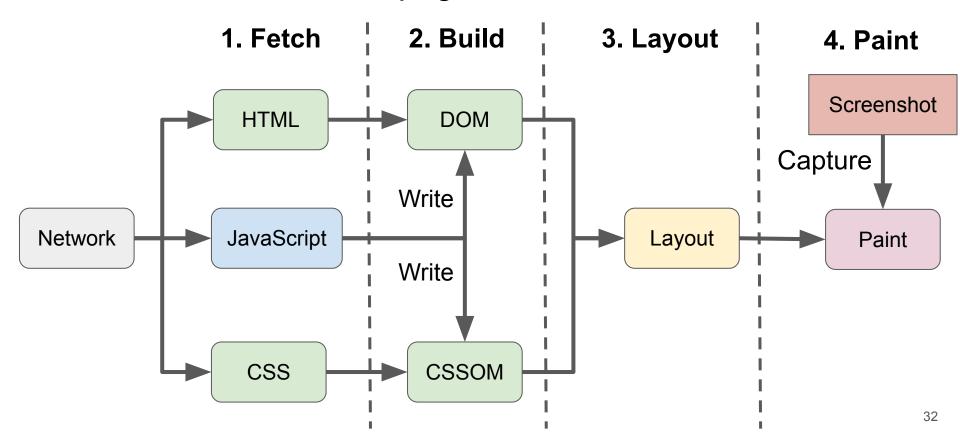


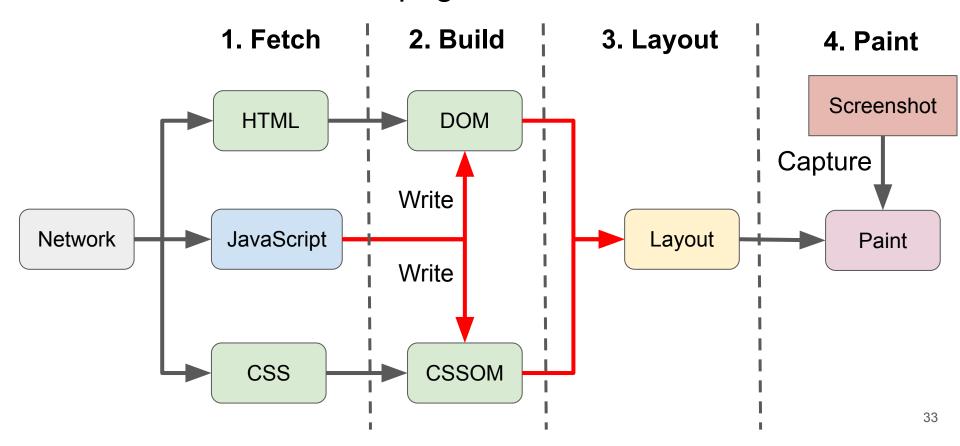




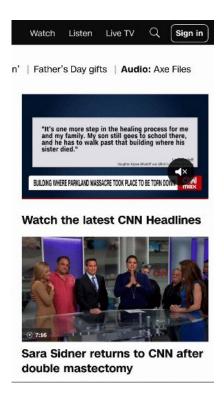


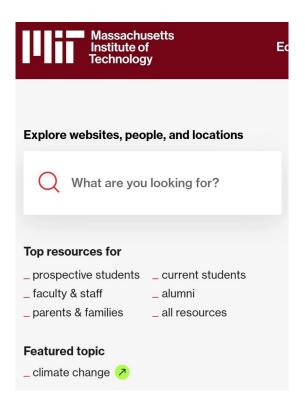




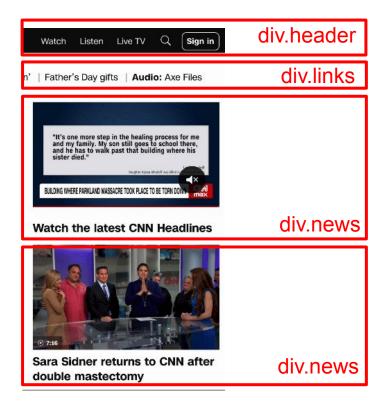


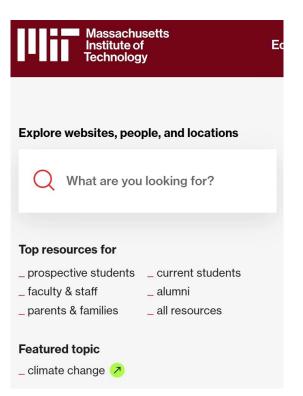
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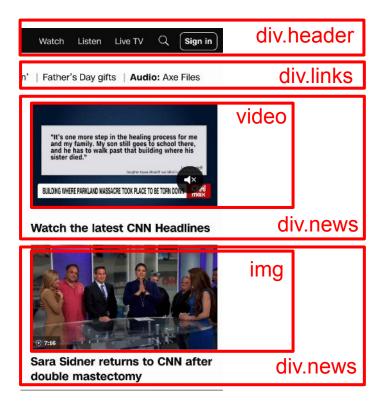


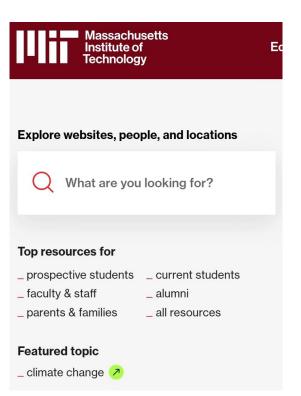
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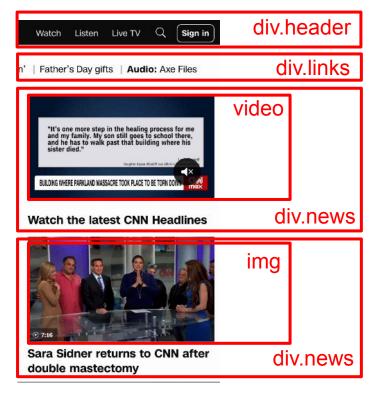


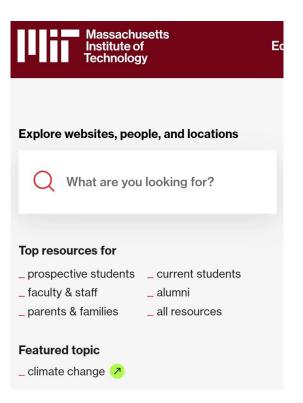
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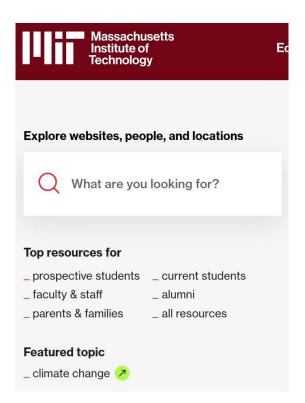
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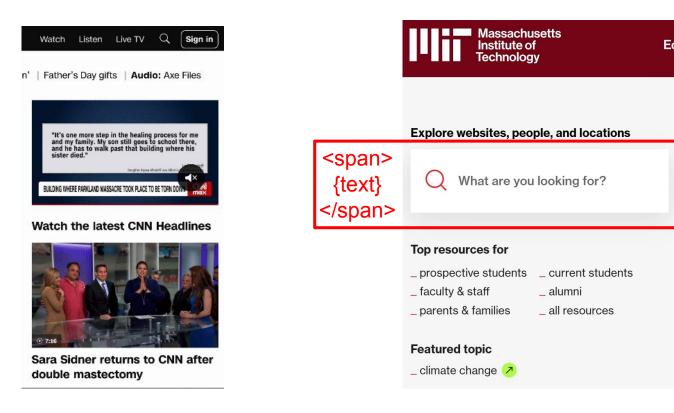




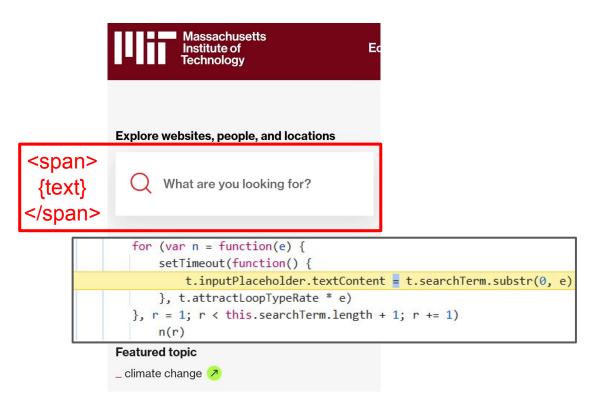
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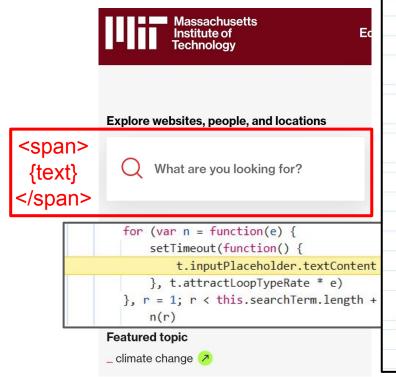






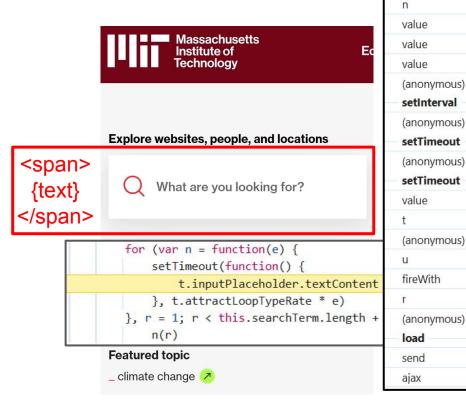












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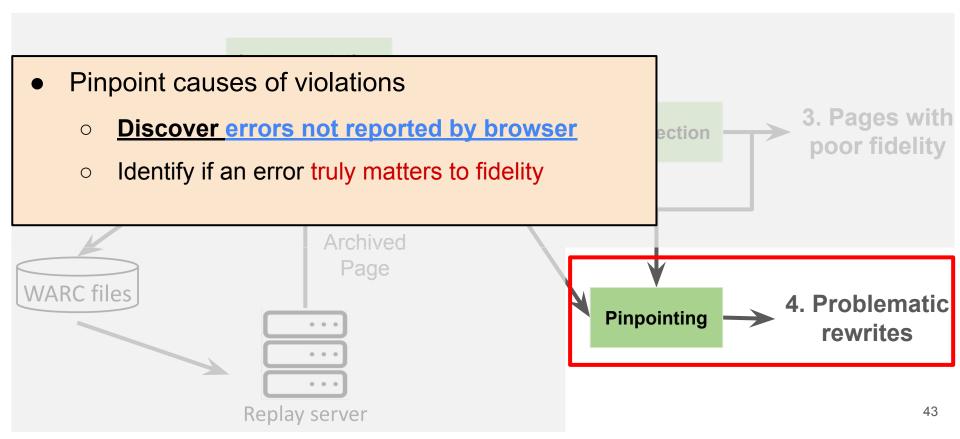
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### Fidelity violation diagnosis



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### Baselines for detecting fidelity violations

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- Check if archive has extra errors

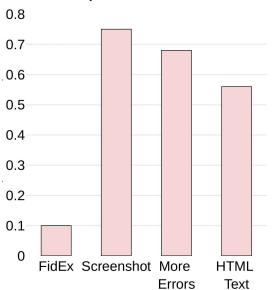
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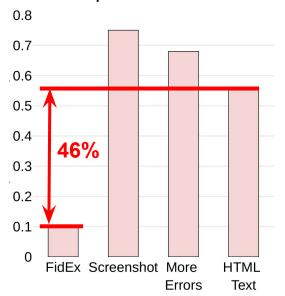
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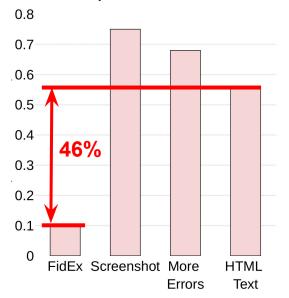
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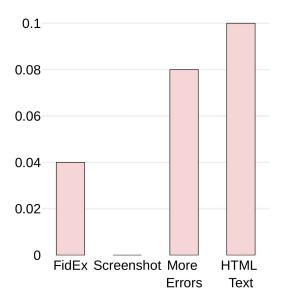
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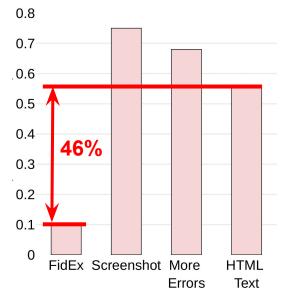
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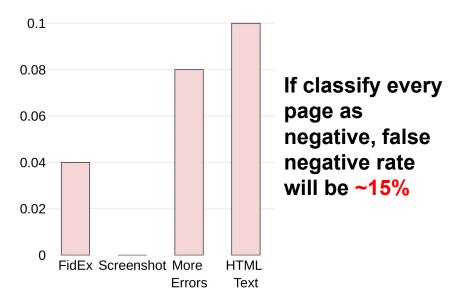
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making the plan work, and the special chanter 13 discharge

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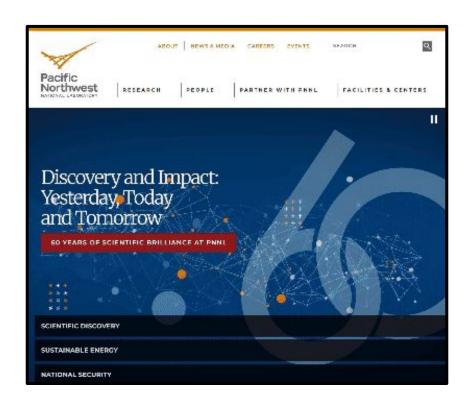
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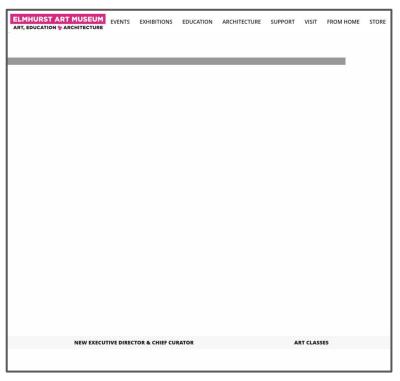


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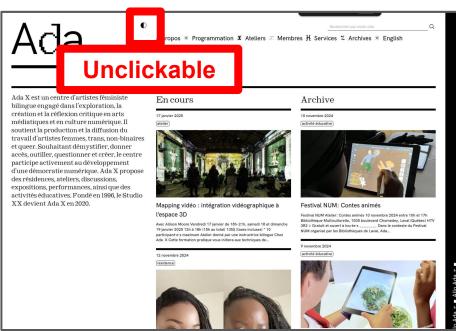


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- Confirm which errors are worth investigating

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