Smart Routing of  Requests

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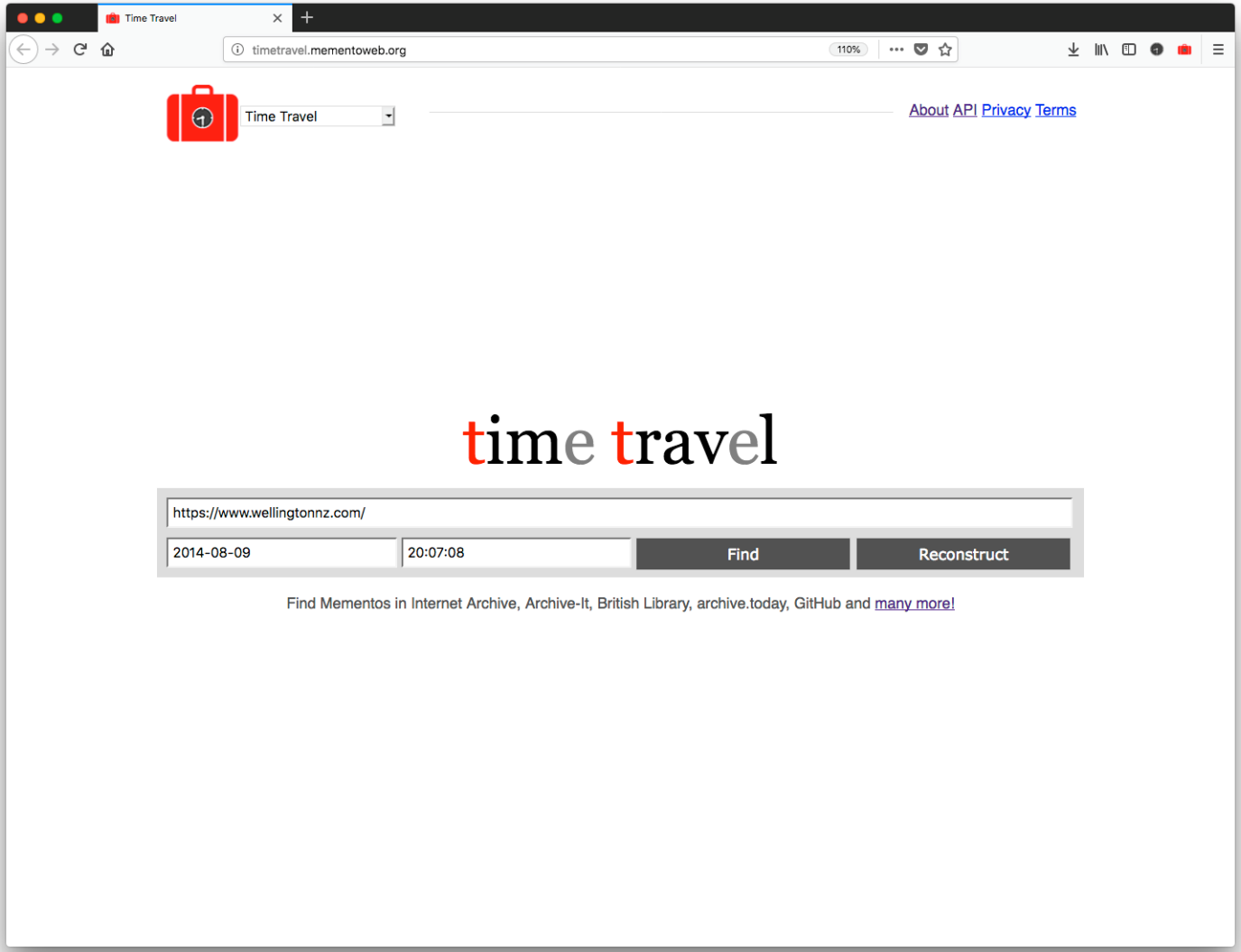

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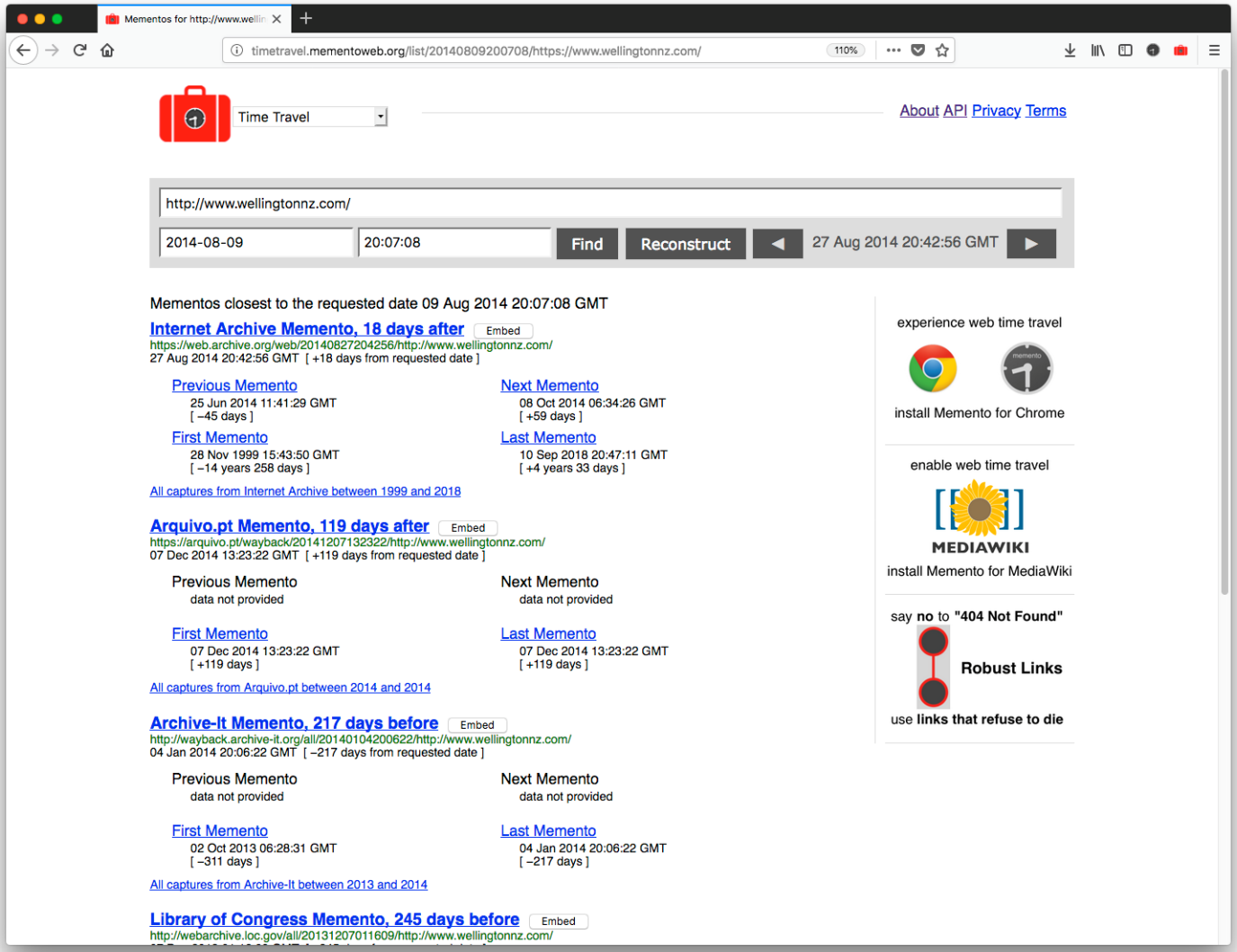

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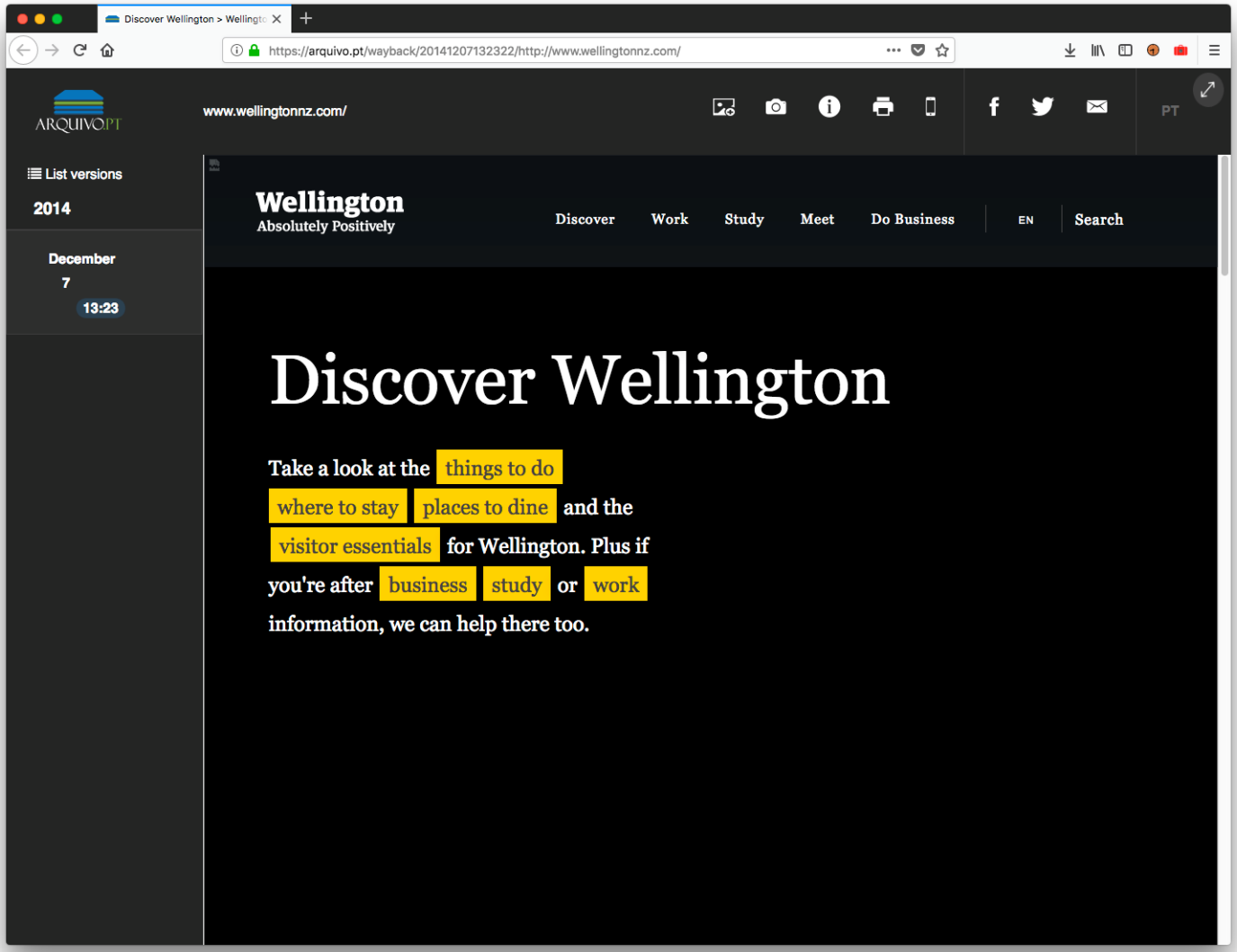

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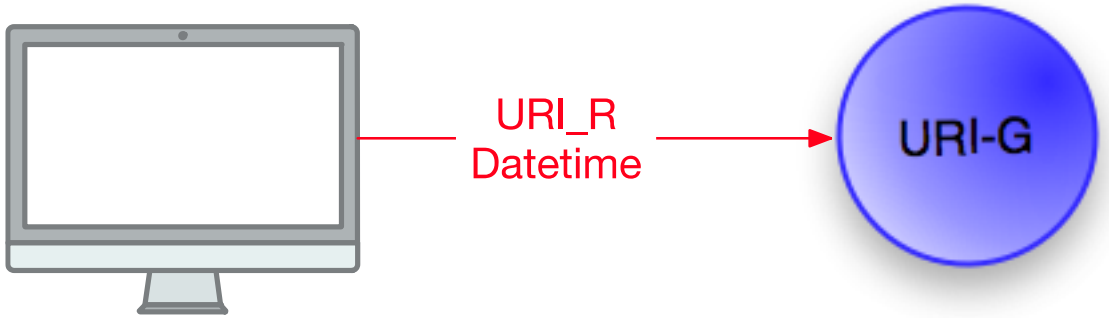
How does this work?
Memento Aggregator (very simplistic view)



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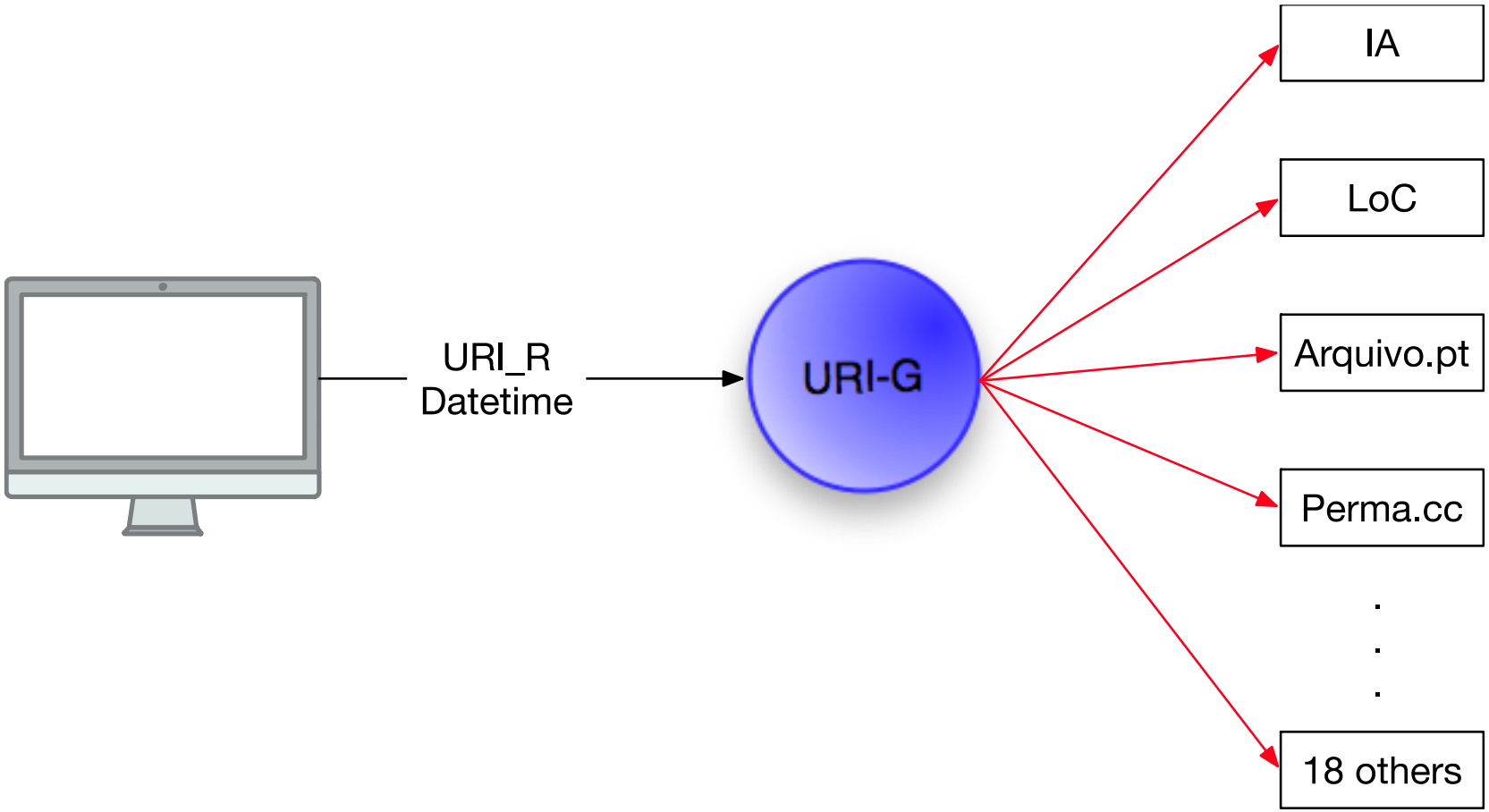

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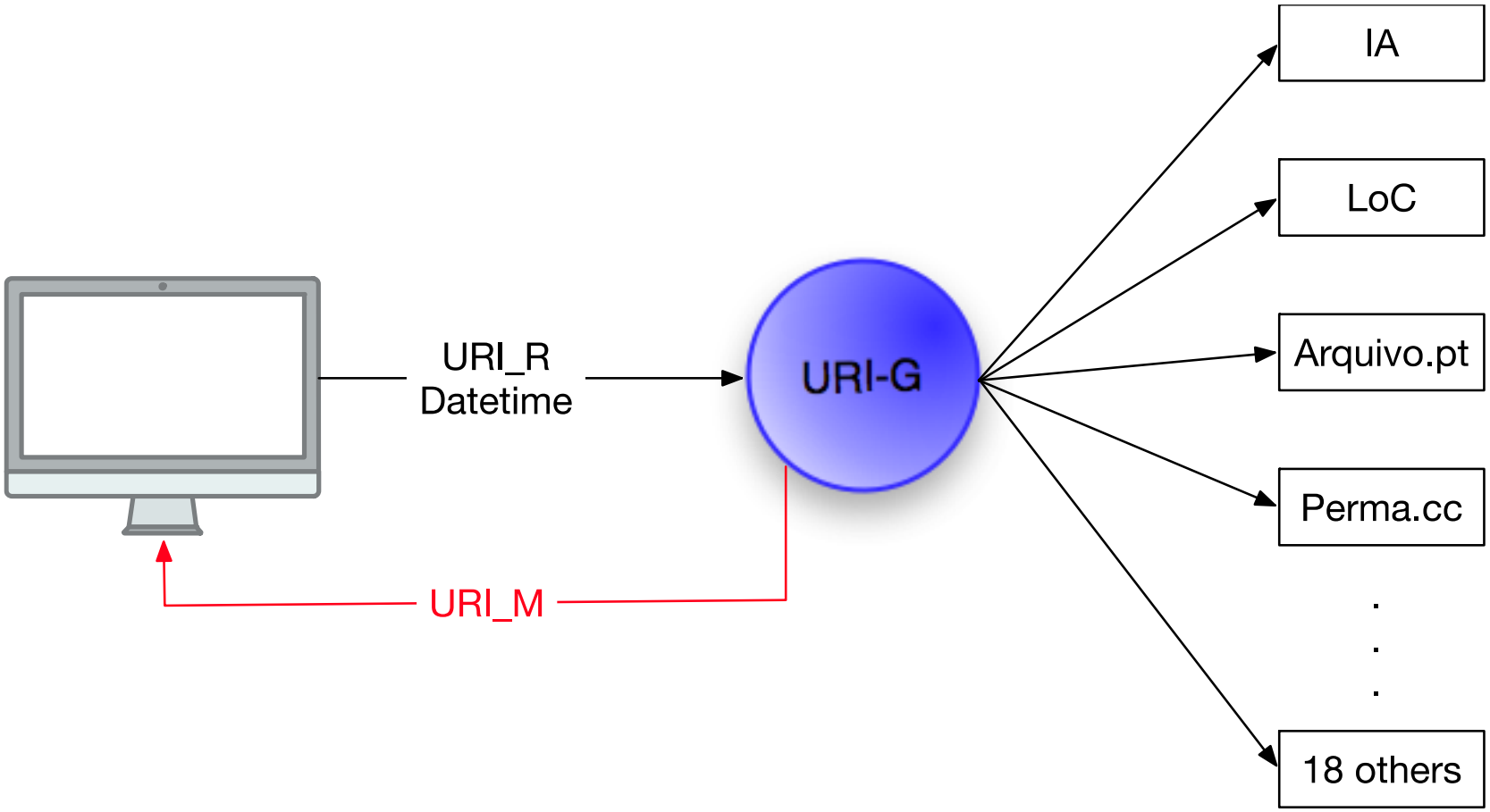


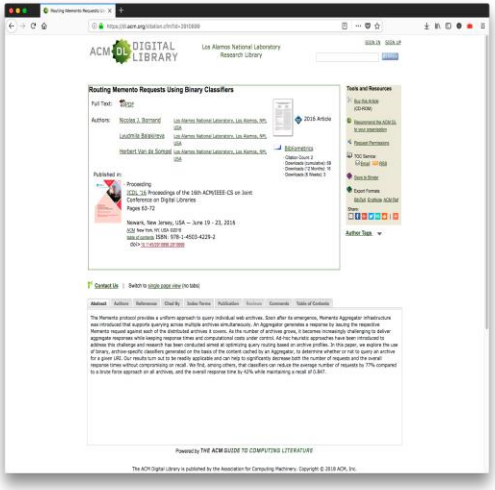
LANL Memento Aggregator - Problem

- As the number of archives grows, sending requests to each archive for every incoming request is not feasible
  - Response times
  - Memento infrastructure load
  - Load on distributed archives

What if…

- We could predict, by merely looking at a URI-R, whether or not to issue a request to a specific archive?
  - A binary classifier per archive
- We could train the classifiers using cached data?
- That would be pretty neat, indeed:
  - Retrain classifiers as web archive collections evolve
  - Not dependent on external data
  - Querying classifiers probably way faster (msec) than polling archives (sec)

We can! Published @ JCDL 2016



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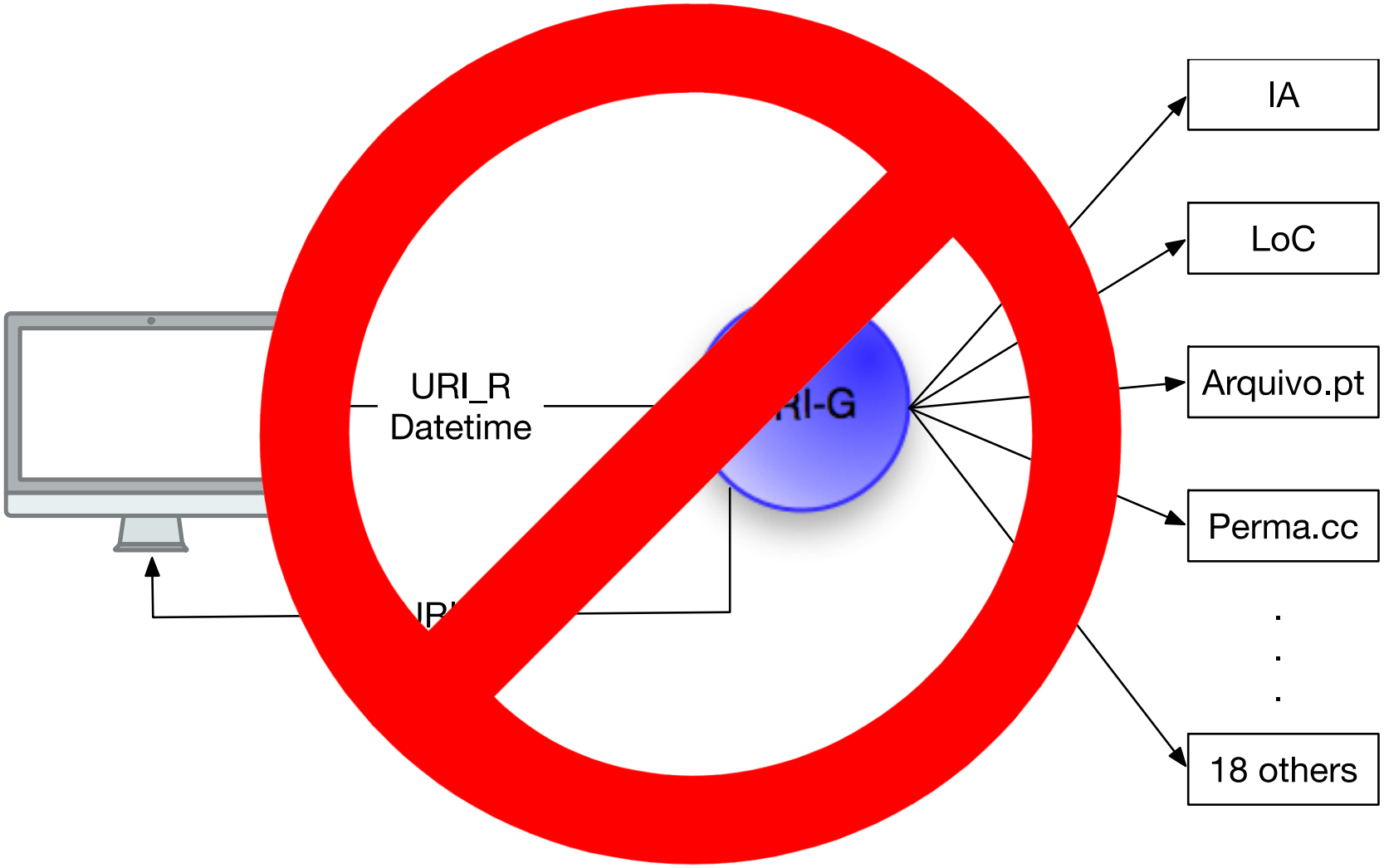
- ML models based on simple URI features
  - Character count, n-grams, domain
- Common ML algorithms used per archive
  - Logistic Regression, Multinomial Bayes, SVM
- Optimized for
  - Prediction time, not training time
  - Reduction of false positive rate

Results:

- Requests per URI-R: **3.96 vs 11**
- Response time: **2.16s vs 3.08s**
- Recall: **84.7%**



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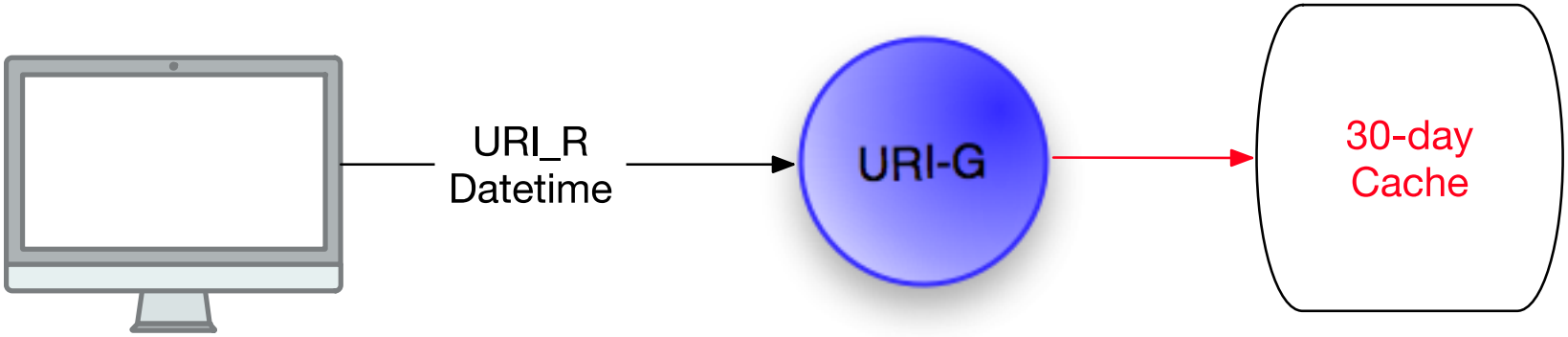

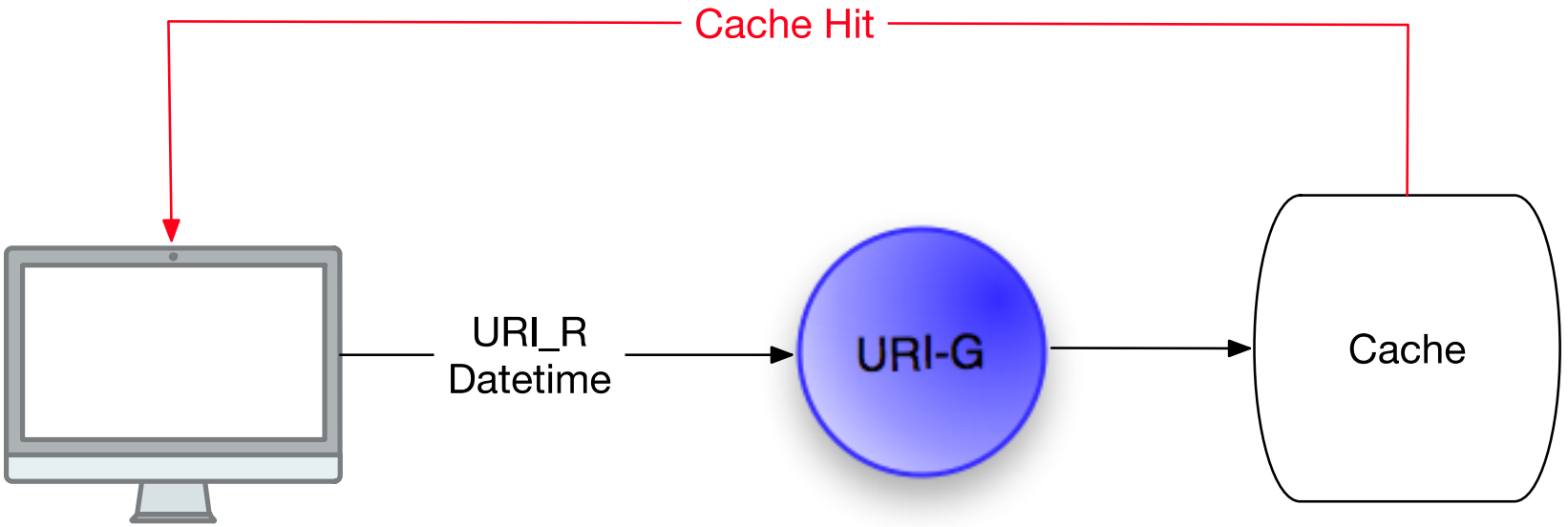

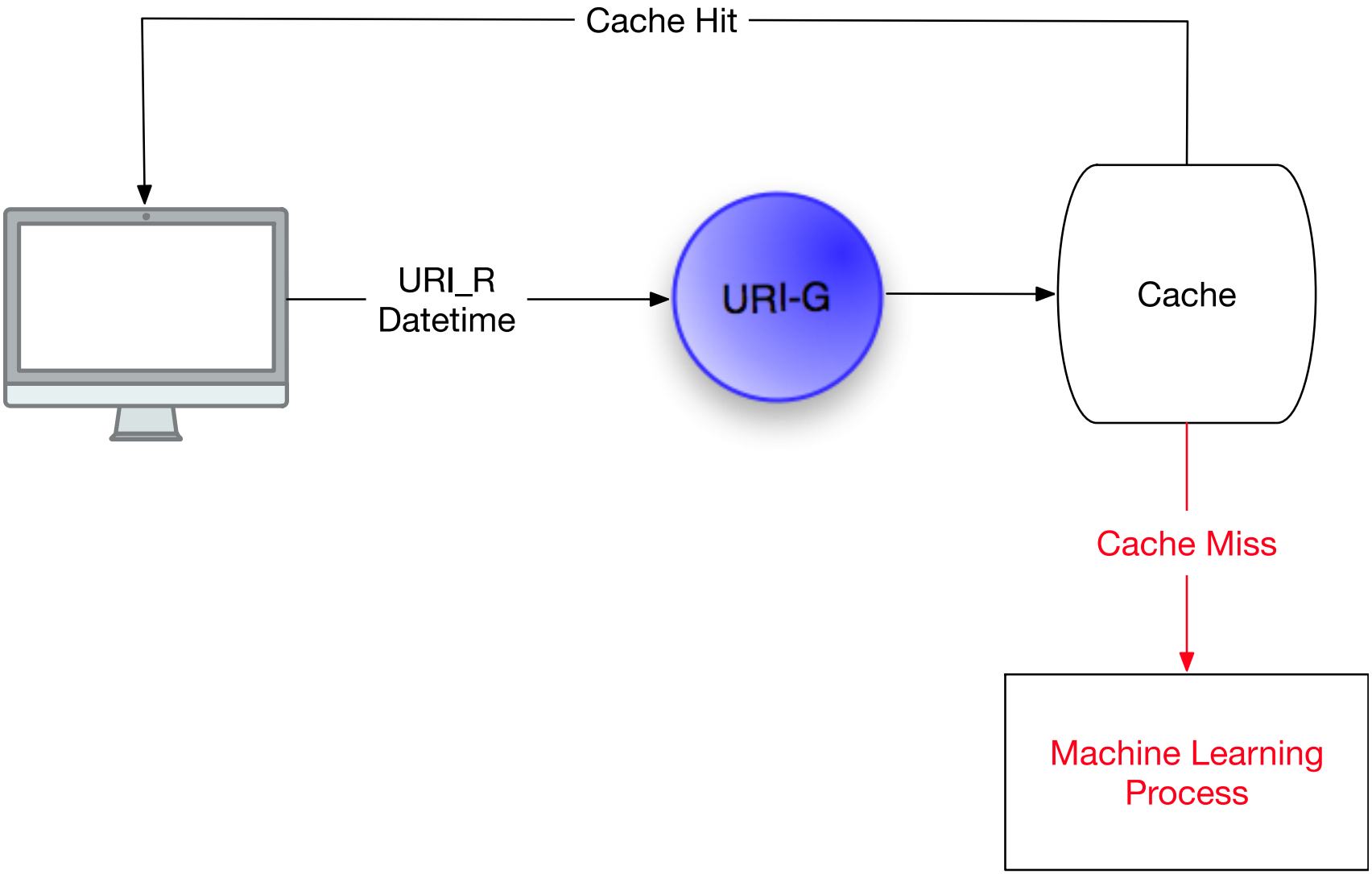
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URI_R
Datetime
URI-G
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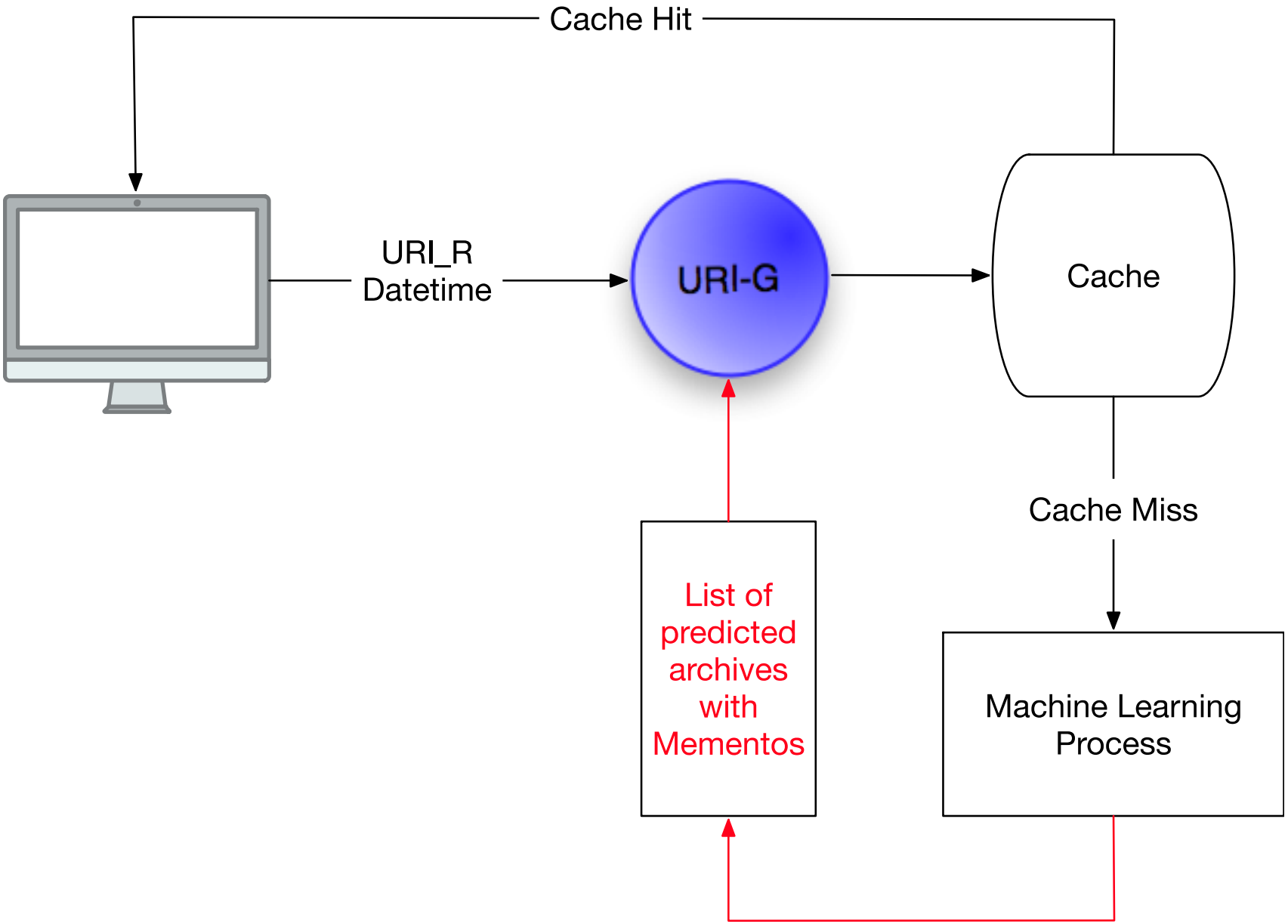
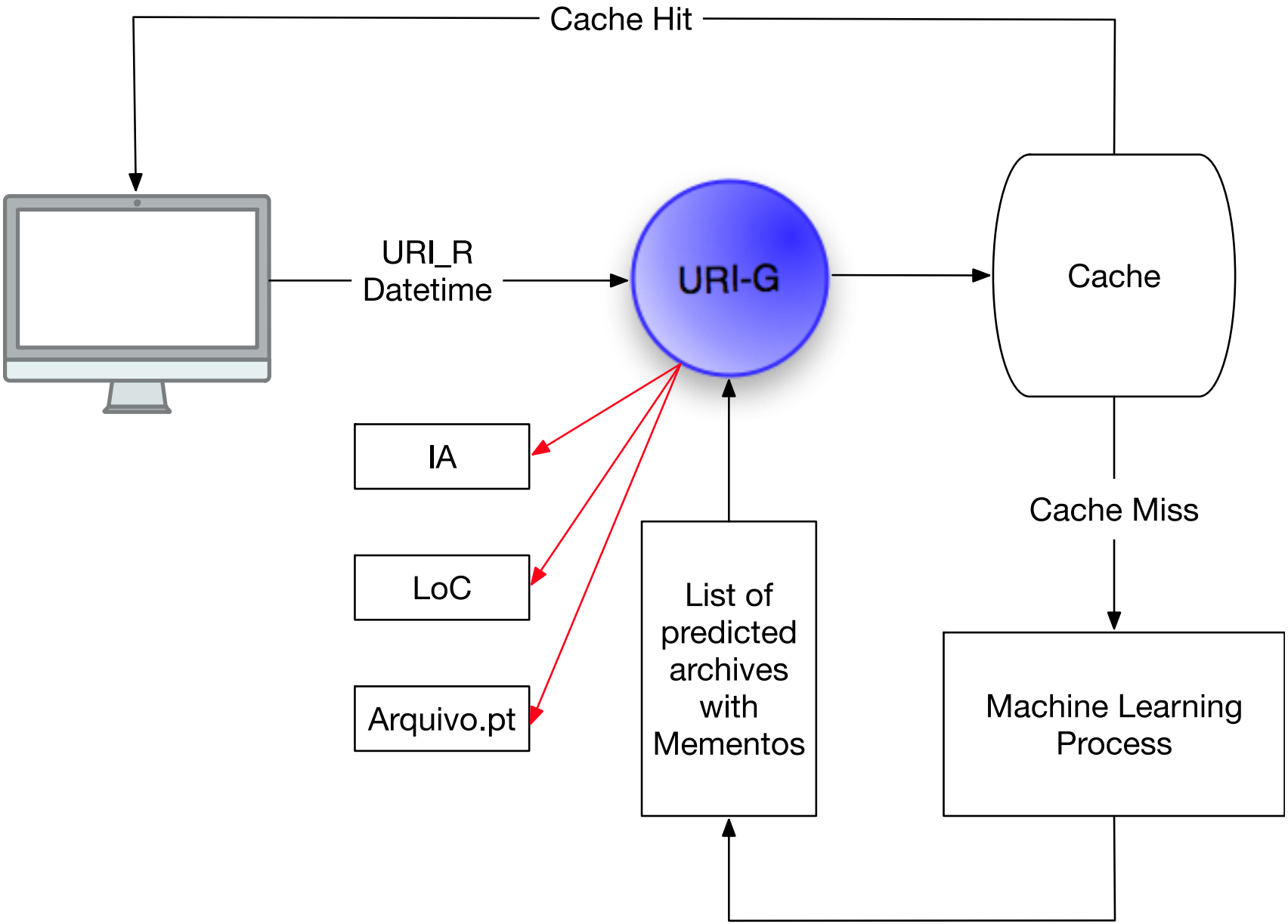
Cache Miss
Machine Learning
Process





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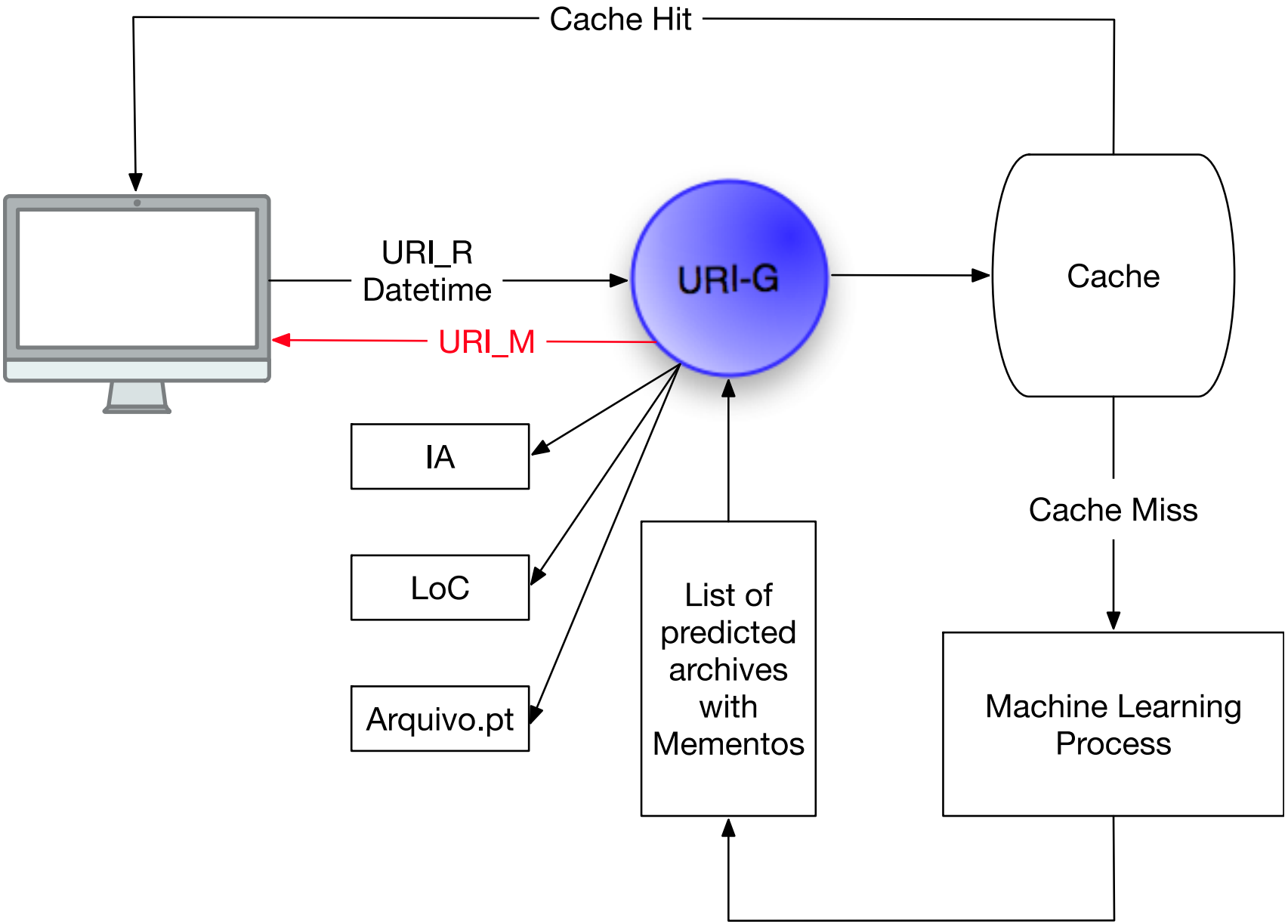

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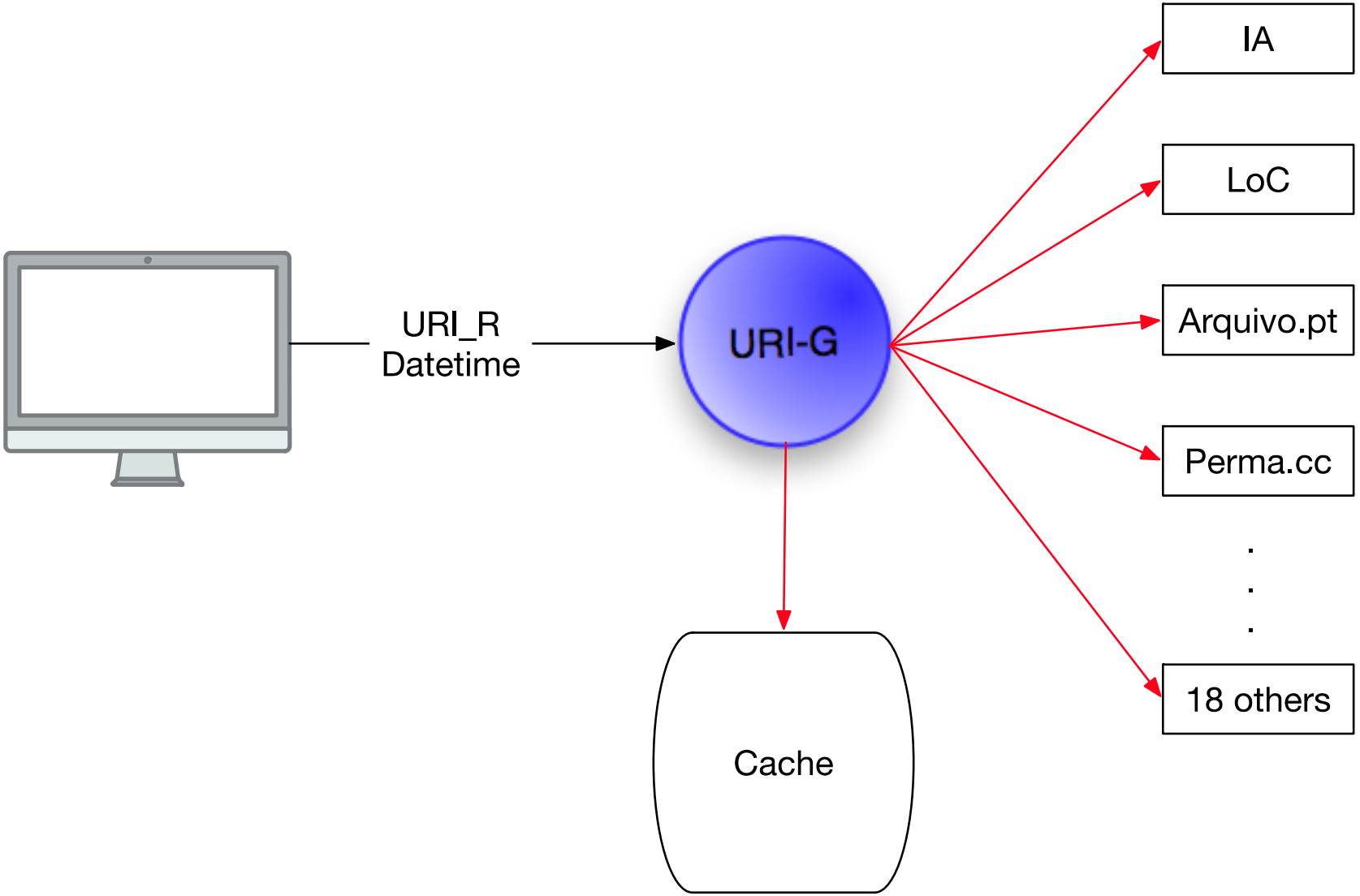
Populating the Cache



Questions to Ask

- How effective is the cache?
  - What is the hit/miss ratio? Does it vary for different Memento services?
  - Is the cache freshness period appropriate?

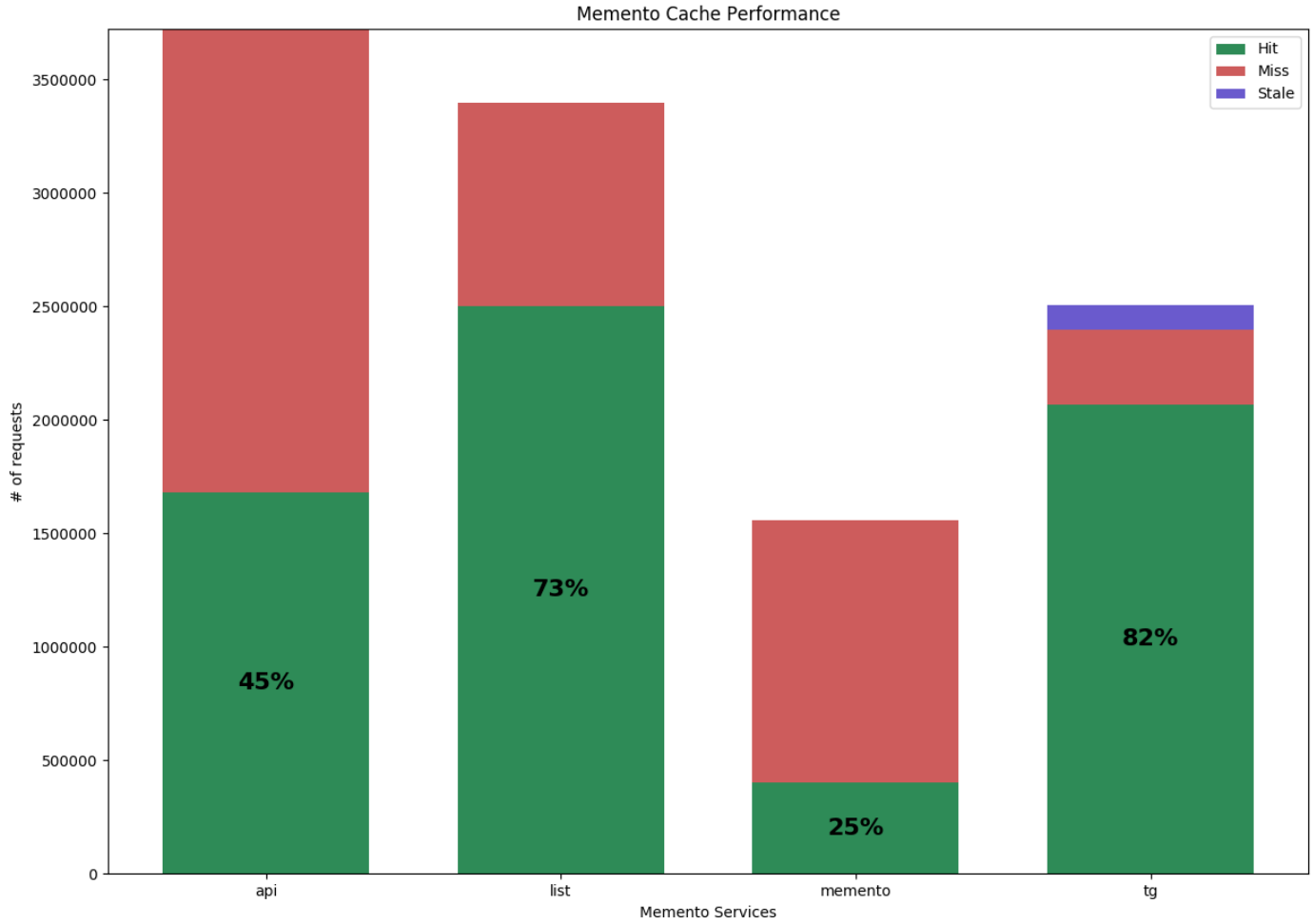
- How effective is the ML process?
  - What is the false negative and false positive rate?
  - Do we need to retrain the models? How often?

Evaluation

- Memento Aggregator currently covers
  - 23 web archives
  - 17 with native memento support
  - 6 with by-proxy memento support

- Analysis of log files
  - recorded between July 4th 2017 and October 17th 2018
  - > 11m requests in total
  - Approx. 2.6m requests against machine learning process
    - Results in 2.6m lookups to populate cache
      - Used as “truth” to assess ML prediction

Cache Hit/Miss Rate



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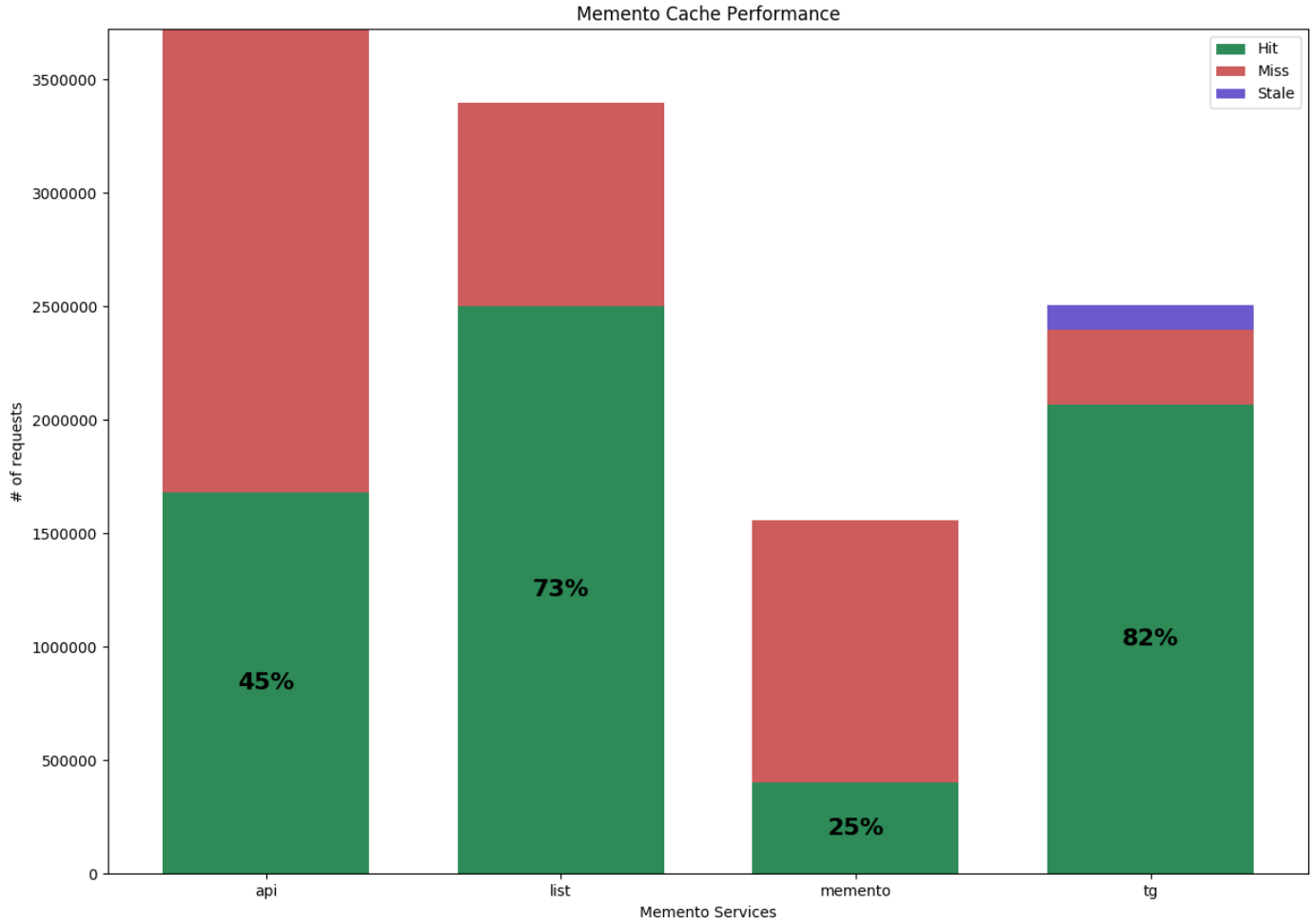
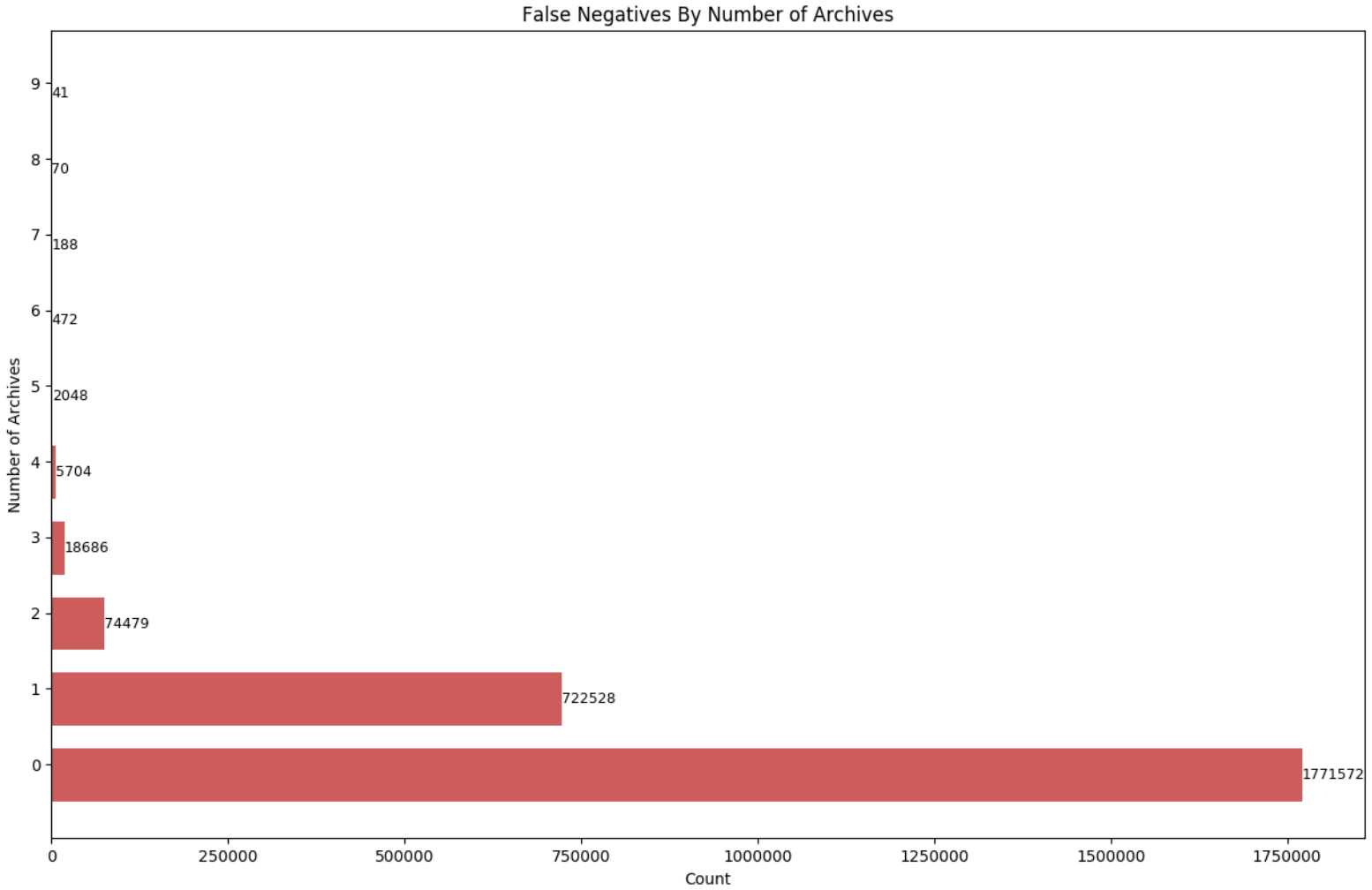


Mostly driven by machines humans machines humans

False Negatives by Number of Archives



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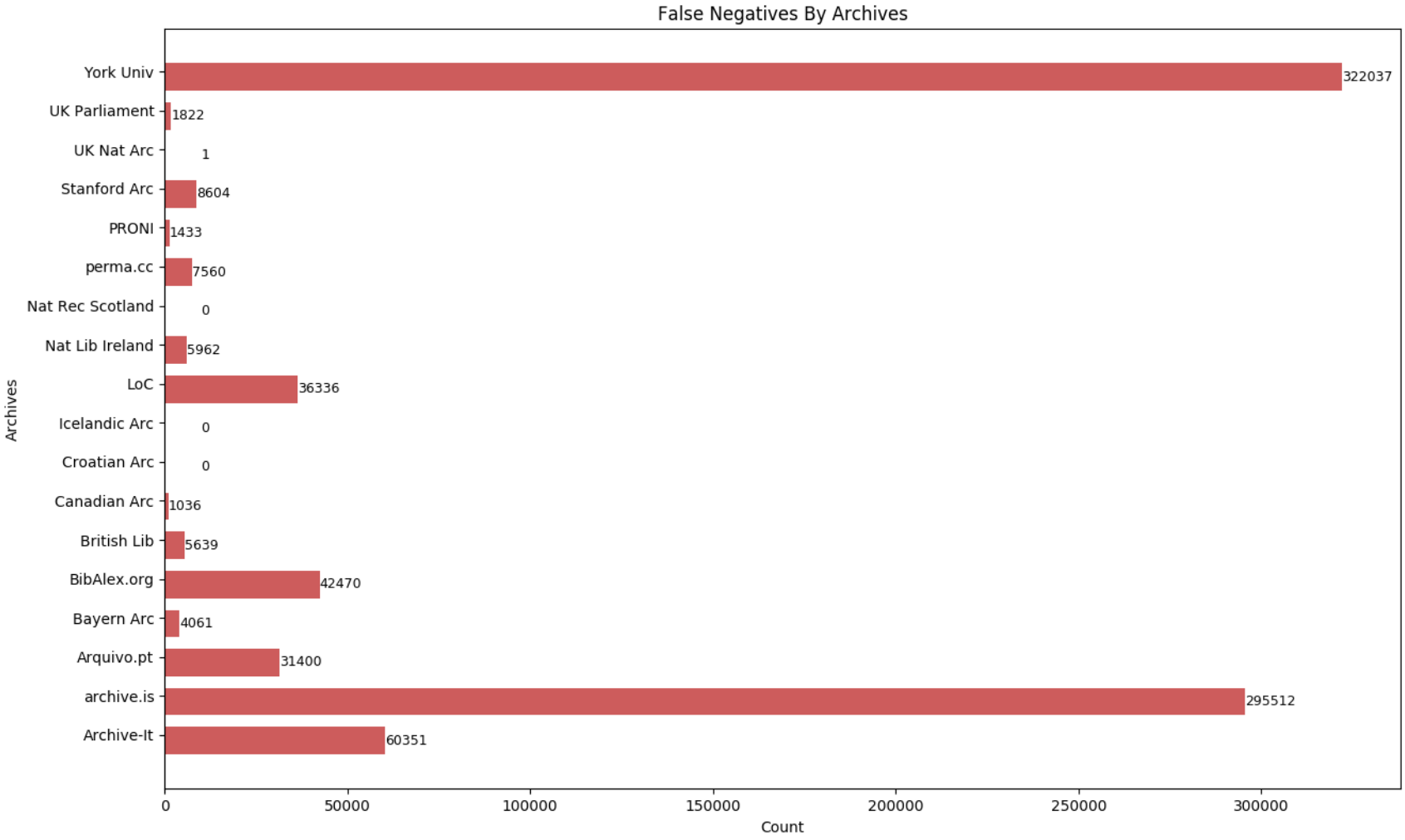

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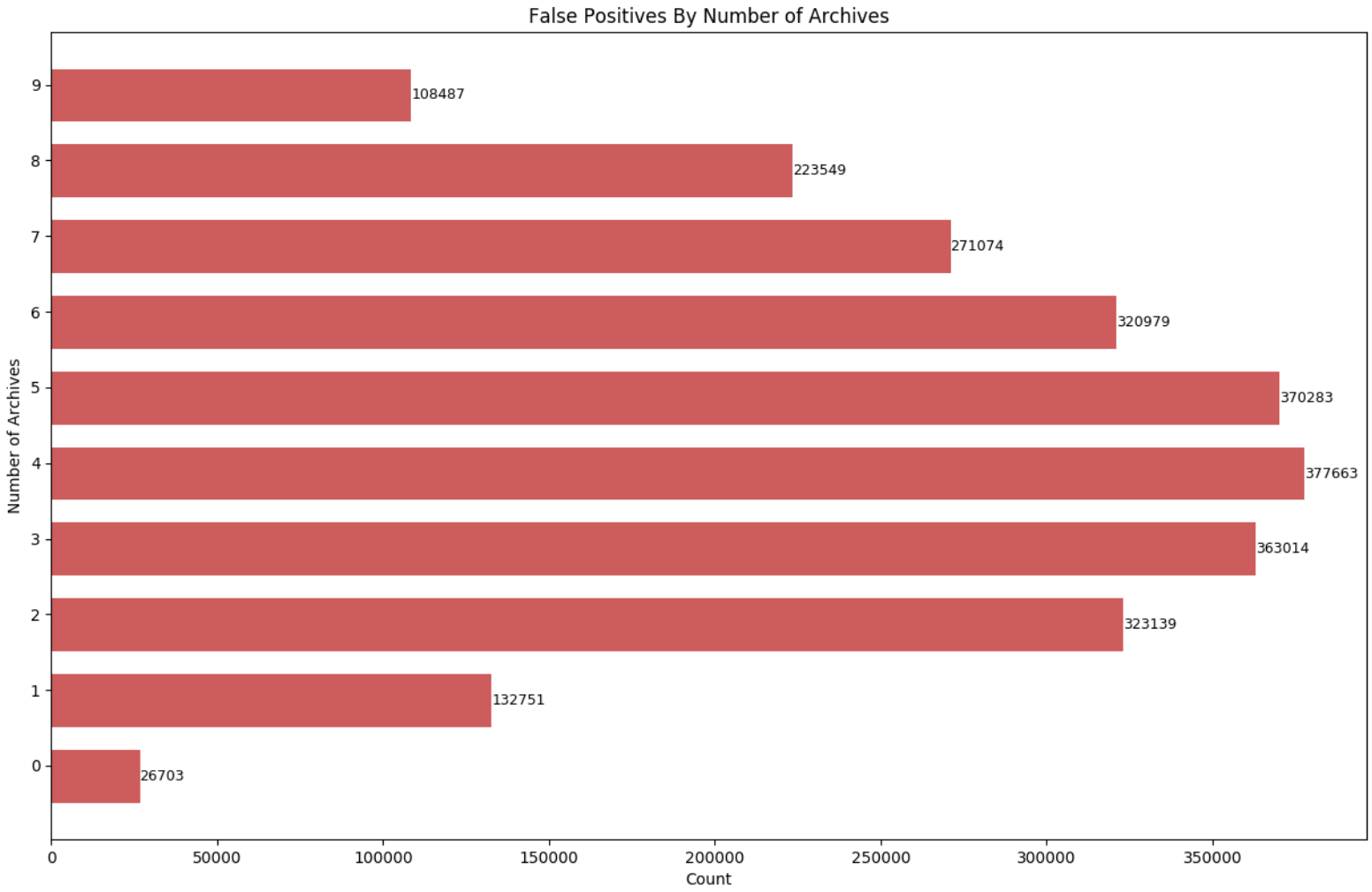

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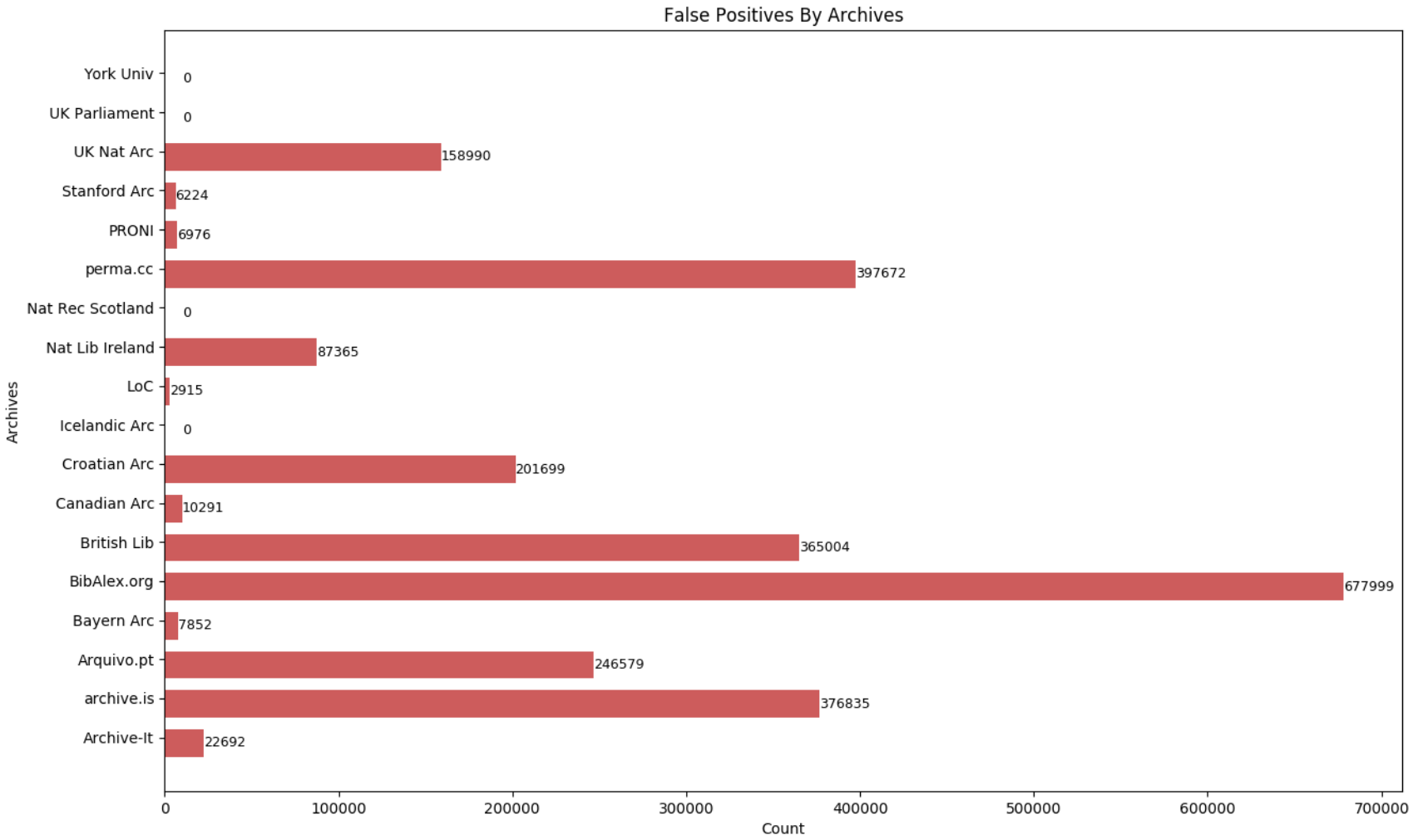

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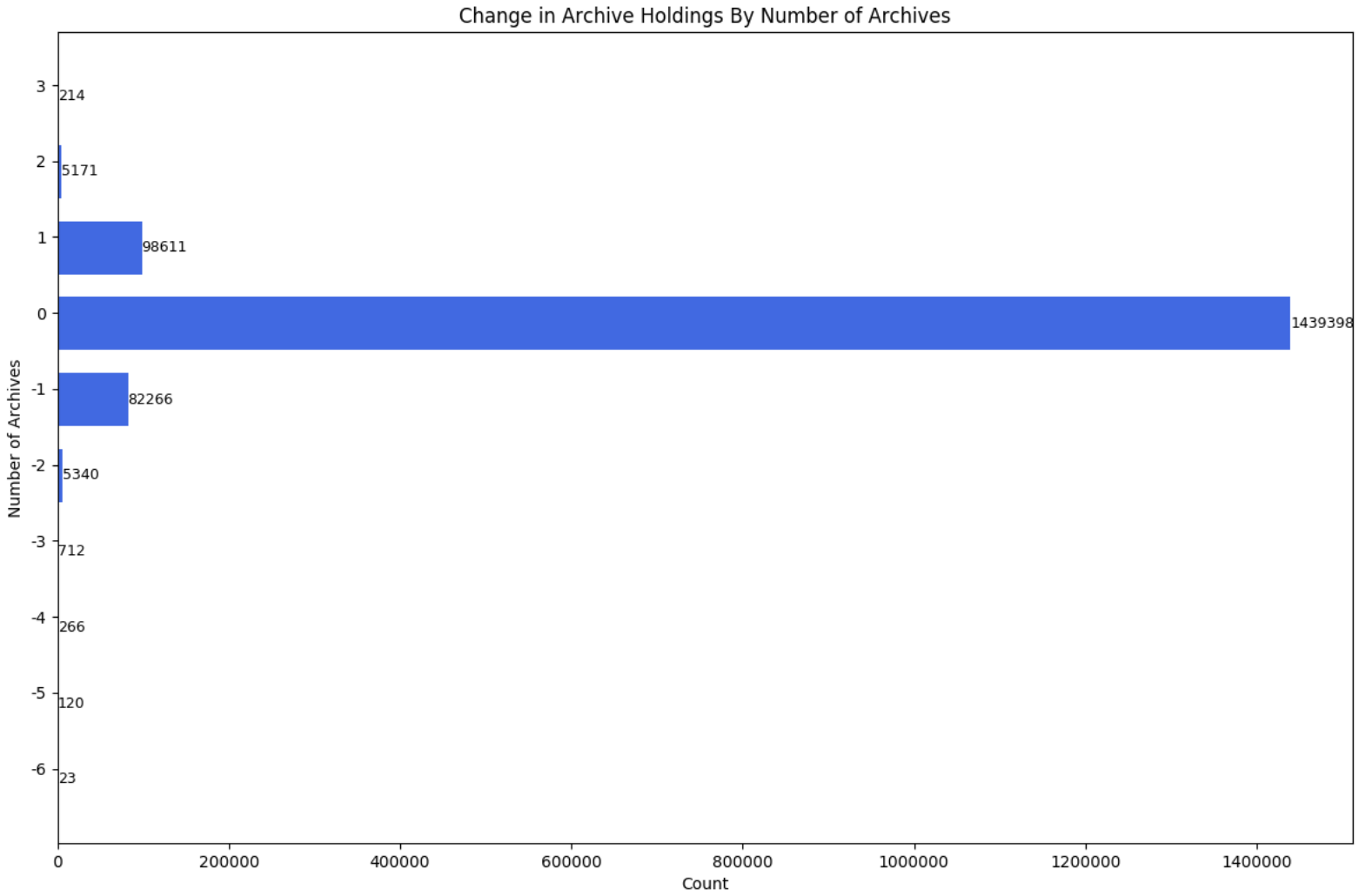
Changes in Archive Holdings



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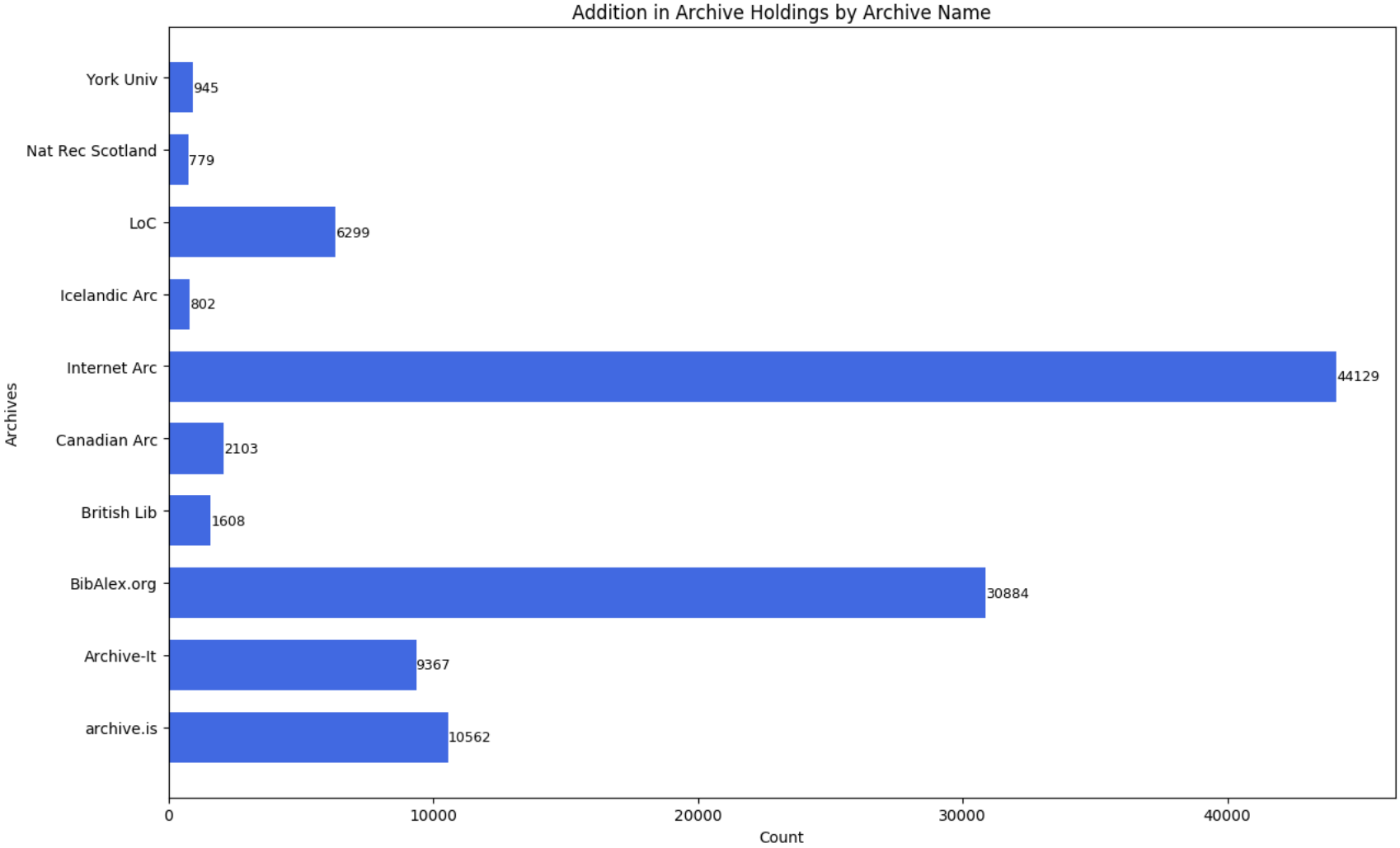

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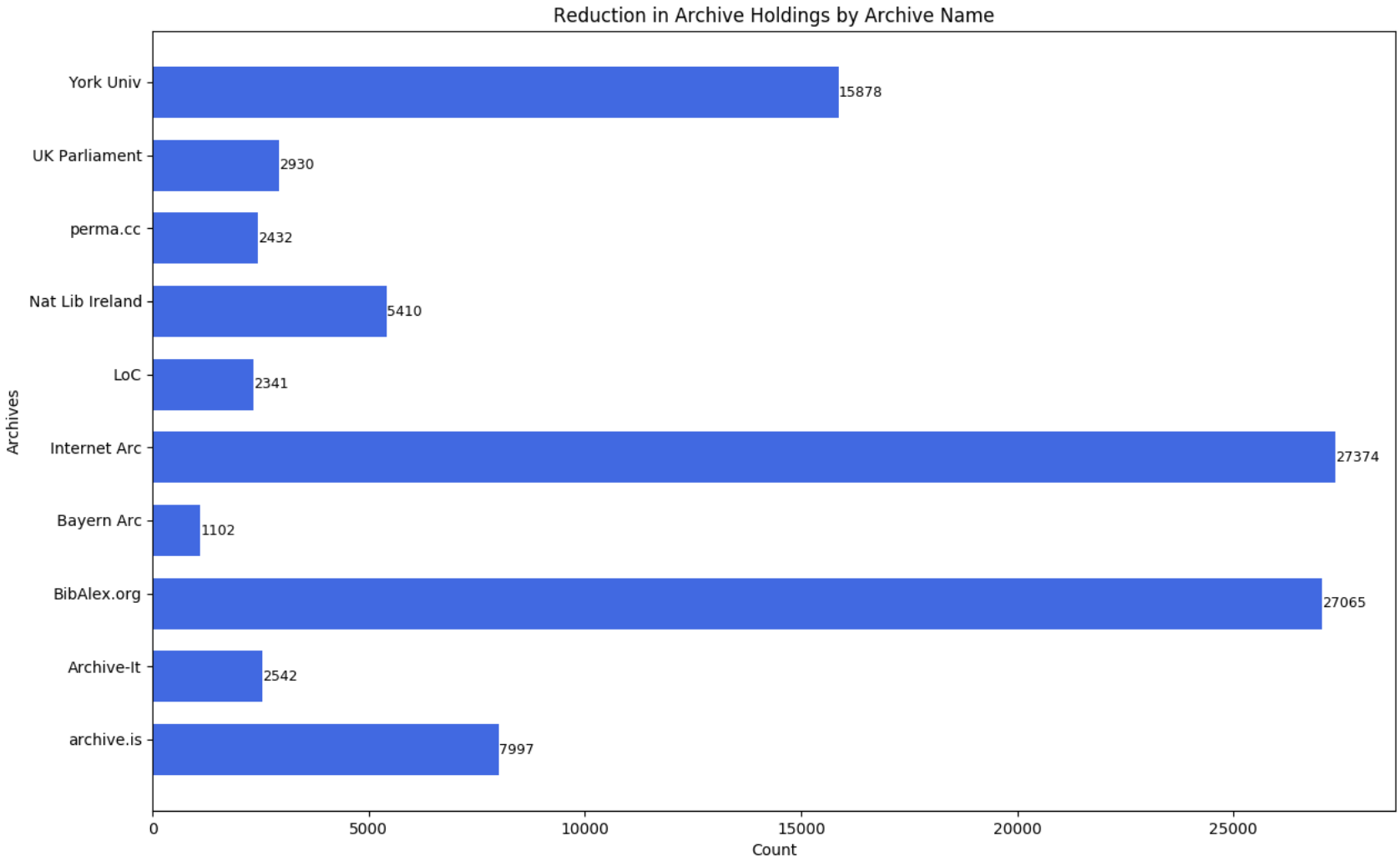

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Takeaways

- Memento Aggregator cache is very effective
  - Especially for human-driven services
- Machine learning process saves!
  - Requests & time while at acceptable recall level
  - FPR: 0.33 (std dev: 0.16)
- Re-training seems necessary, frequency TBD

Optimization

- ML model trained on archival holdings, not usage logs/cache
  - Beneficial for new archives
- Neural network classifier, based on simple URI features, show promising results

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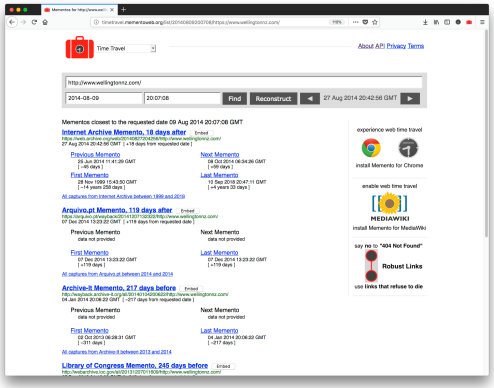

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