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Tip #65

ARCHIVING URLS

Rule 18.2.1(d)

QUESTION

Why, when archiving a website to prevent link rot, do you still need the original URL?

ANSWER

Caveat: I am not an expert on URLs and certainly not archival URLs. Admittedly, I've never used this Rule.

Educated answer: The archived URL is a snapshot of the webpage and provided as a backup in case the live page is no longer useful when the reader needs to access the information. The URL is the live page, which is the best source of the information so long as it exists.

WHEN DO YOU ARCHIVE A URL?

“Archiving of internet sources is encouraged, but only when a reliable archival tool is available.”

HOW DO YOU ARCHIVE A URL?

I have never archived a URL. If anyone has any tips or tricks, I'd love to hear how you use this feature.

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