# Preserving Your Personal Digital Memories

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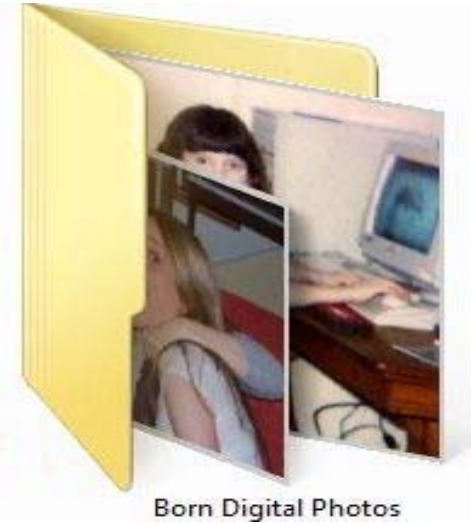


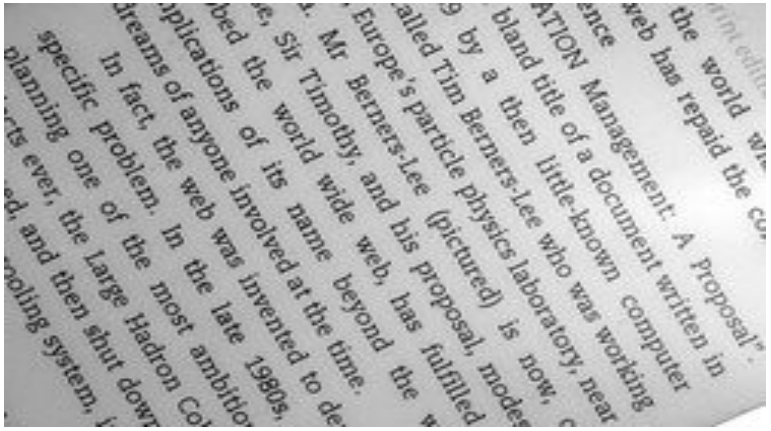

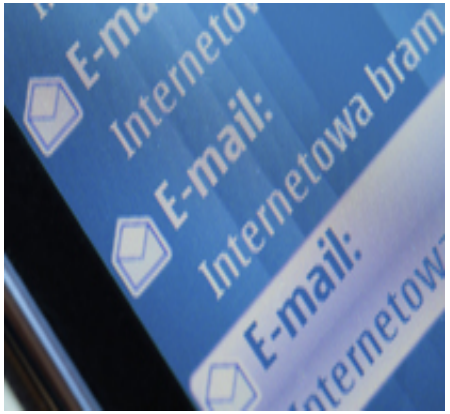

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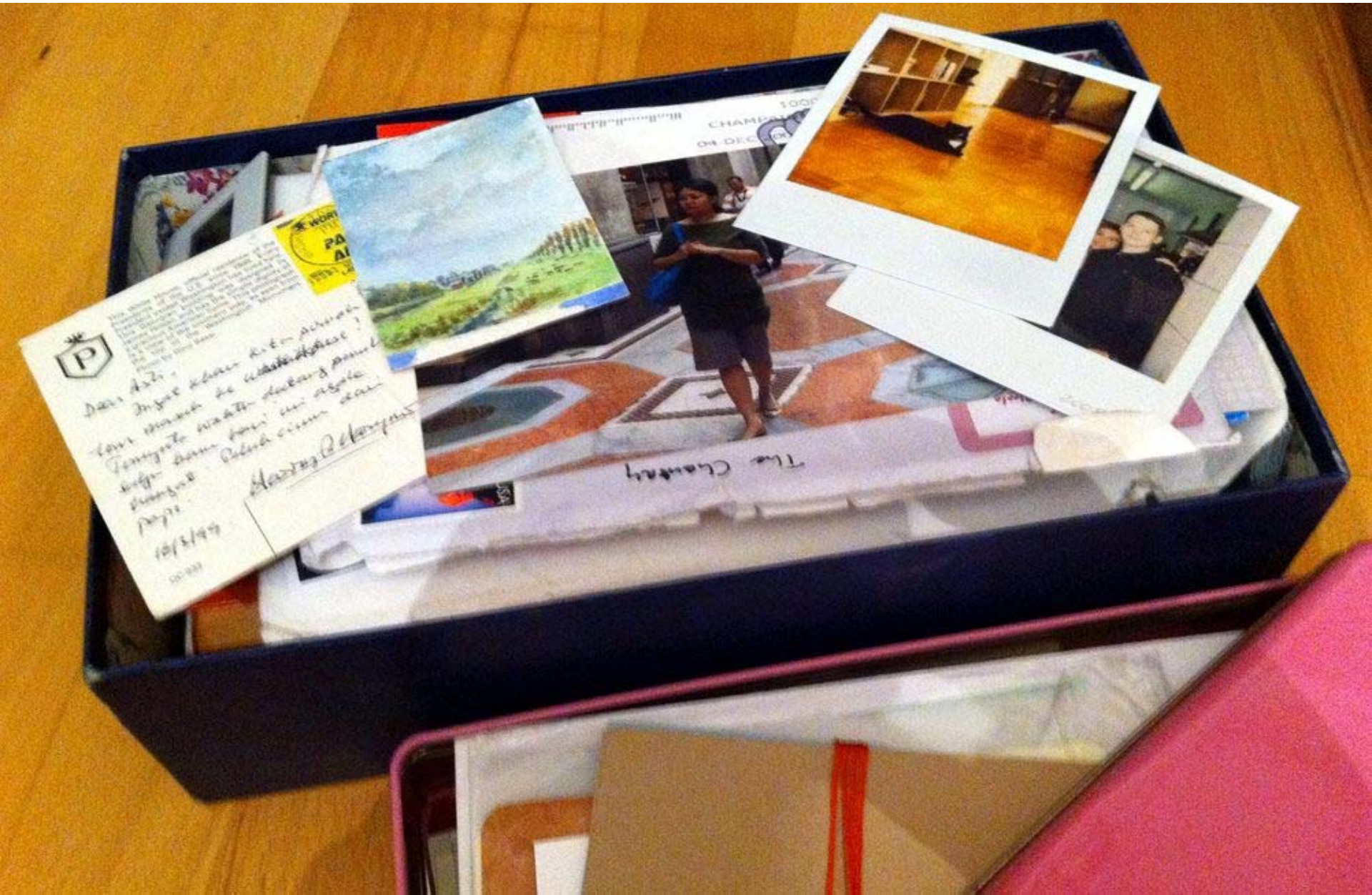

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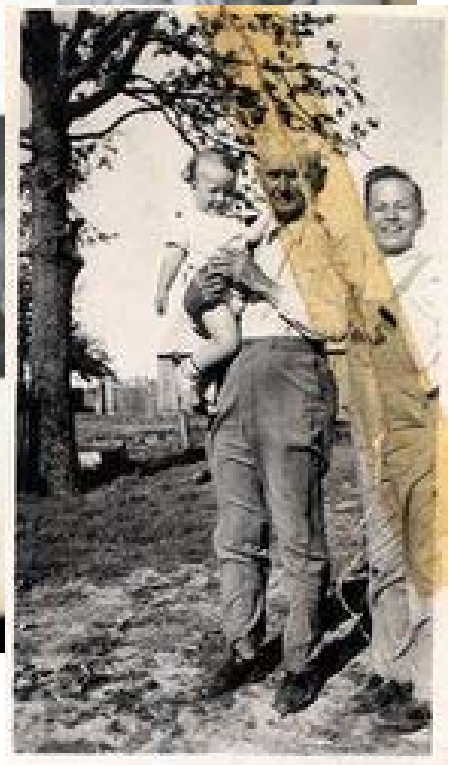

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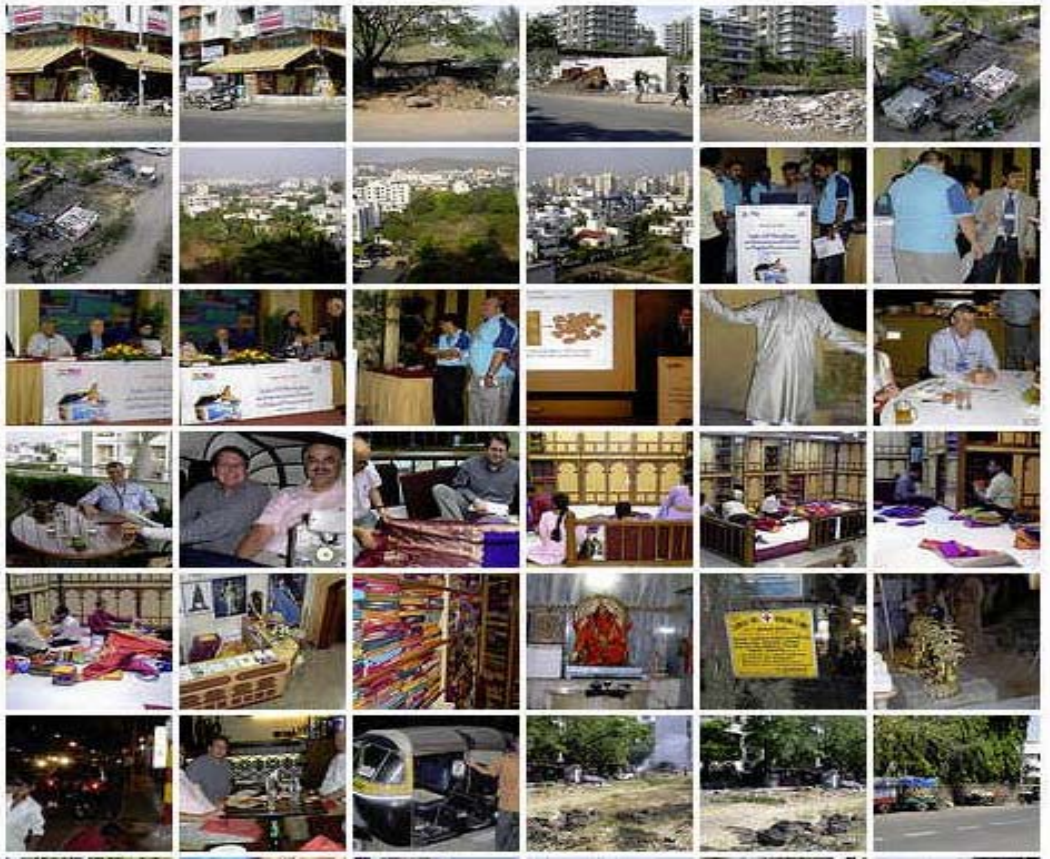

# More and More Personal Data Today

# …And Continuing into the Future

# Data At Risk!

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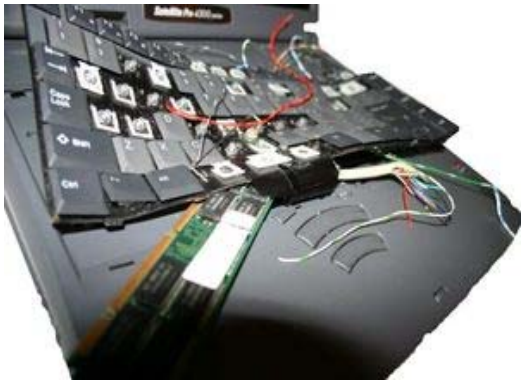

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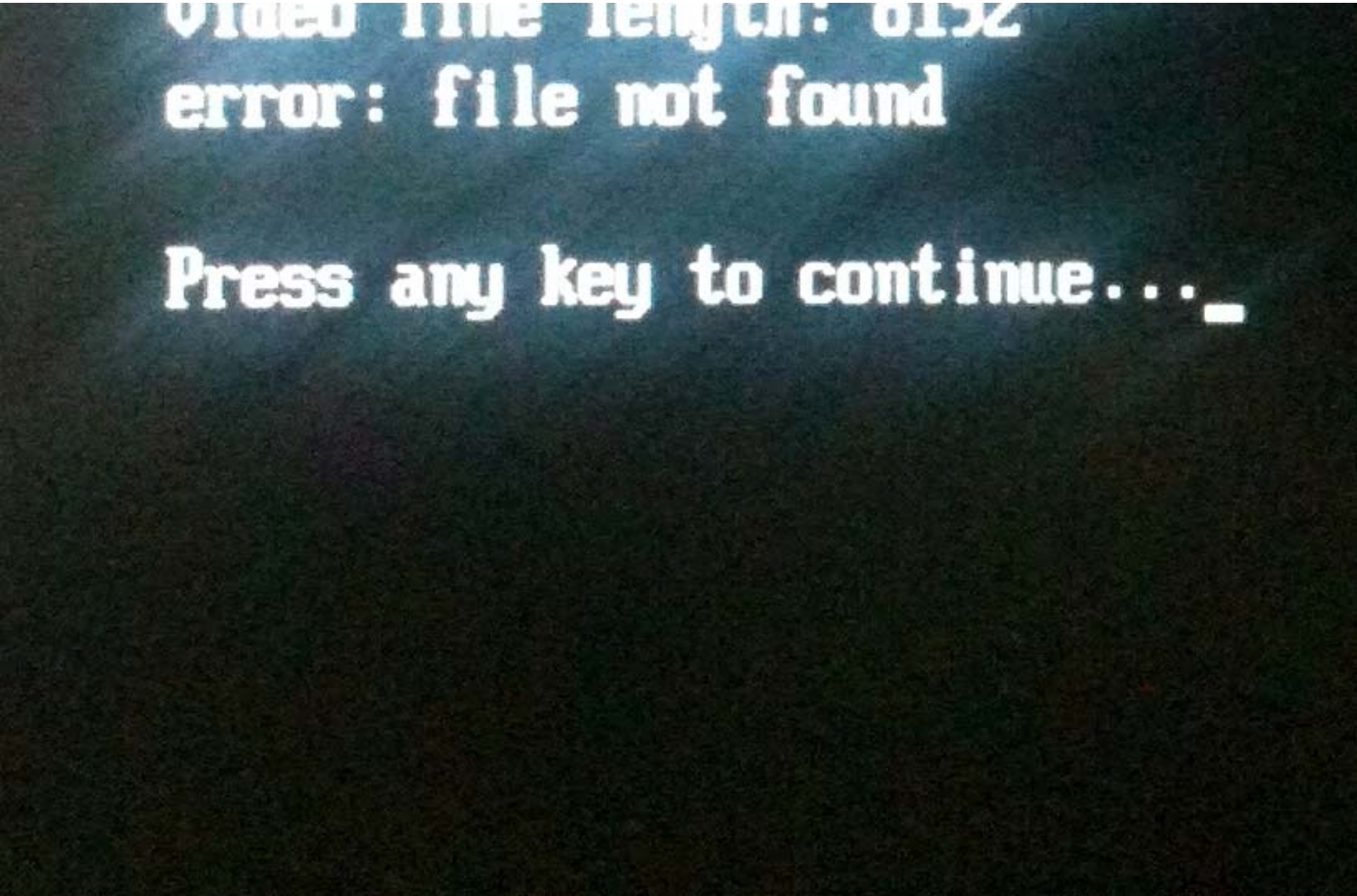
# …Something Like This



# We Can Preserve Digital Memories!

# 4 Tips For Personal Digital Archiving

***Identify*** **where you have digital files**

***Decide*** **which files are most important**

***Organize*** **the selected files**

***Make*** **copies and** ***store*** **them in different places**

# These Tips Apply to Different Kinds of Personal Digital Information

Photographs

Email

Records

Audio

Video

Websites

# You Don’t Have to be an Expert!

# The Time & Effort is up to You

# Tip 1: Identify Where You Have Digital Files

# Good Practice: Think About Where Your Most Important Files Are

# Tip 2: Decide Which Files are Most Important

# Selection Options

Pick a Few Files

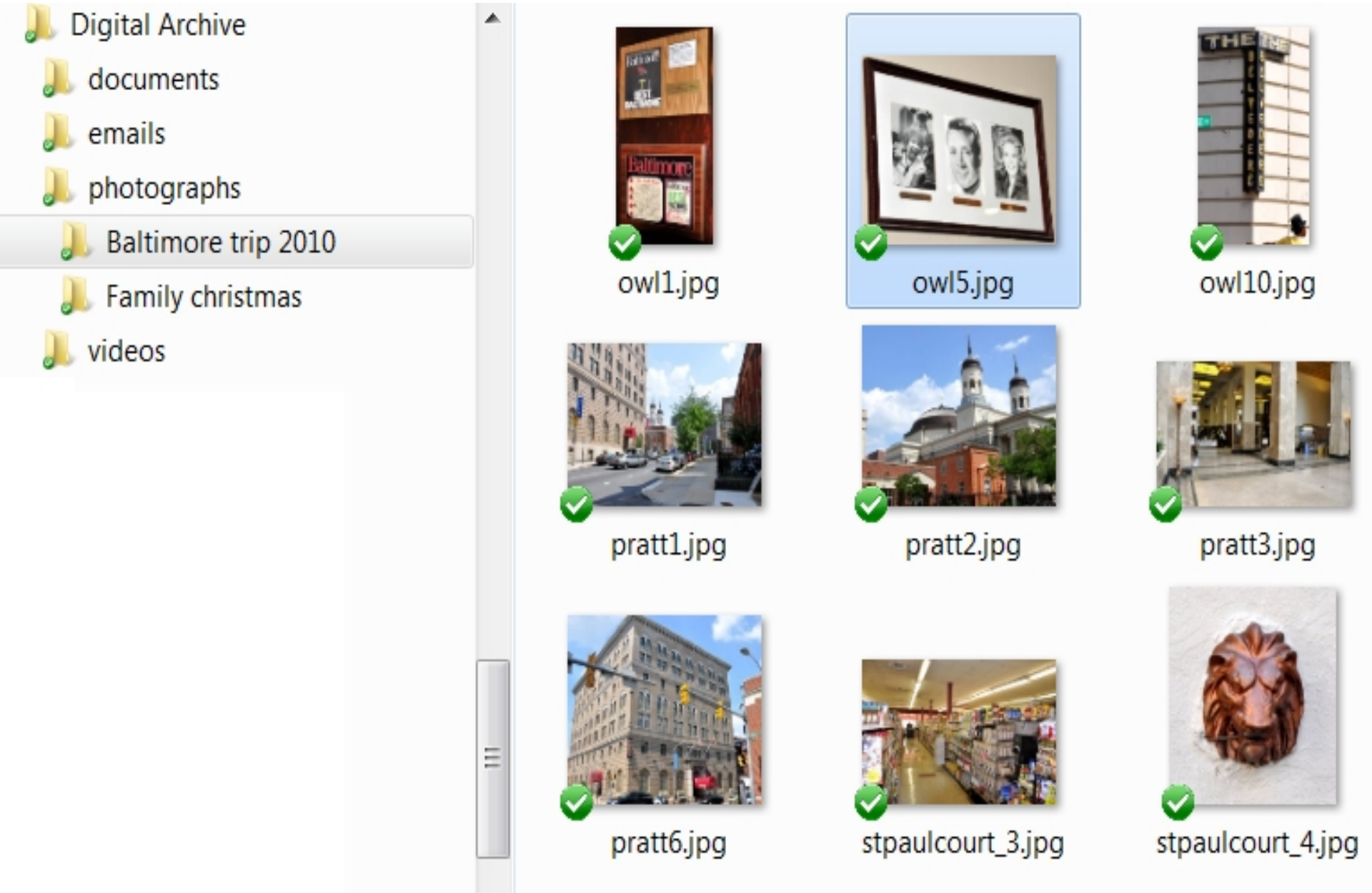
Pick Batches of Files

Pick Everything

# Good Practice: Weed Your Files

# Tip 3: Organize What You Select

# Put Files into a Folder System



# Good Practice: Describe Your Files

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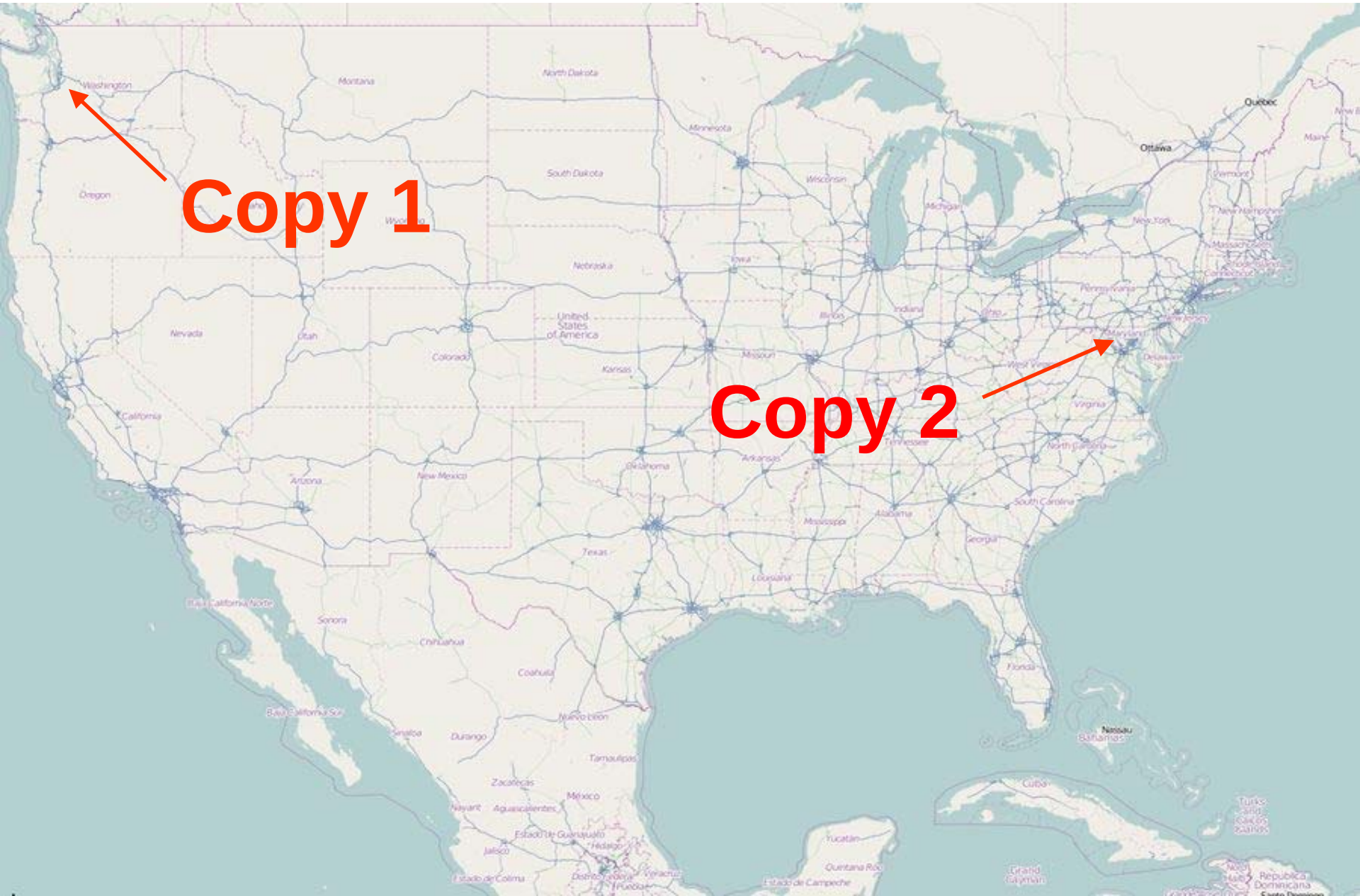
# Good Practice: Have a Hard Copy File Inventory

# Tip 4: Make Copies, Store in Different Places



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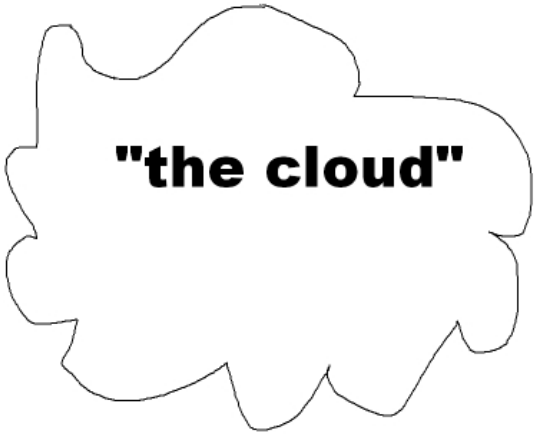

# Good Practice: Store Copies with File Inventory

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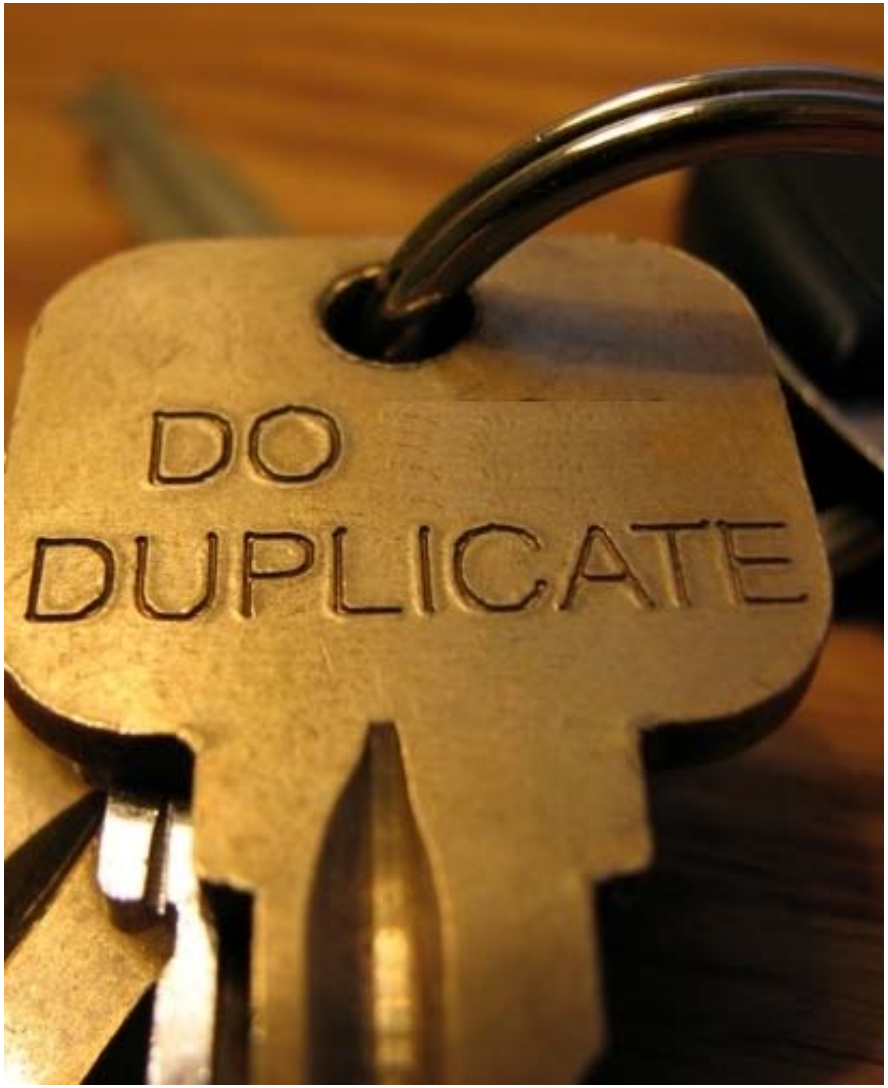
# Good Practice: Check Annually; Make New Copies Every 5 Years



# Good Practice: Add New Files to Your Archive

# Tips Summary

***Identify* where you have digital photos**

***Decide* which photos are most important**

***Organize* the selected photos**

***Make* copies and *store* them in different places**

# Library of Congress Resources

- “Preserving Your Digital Memories” website: http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/you/

- Videos: http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/videos/

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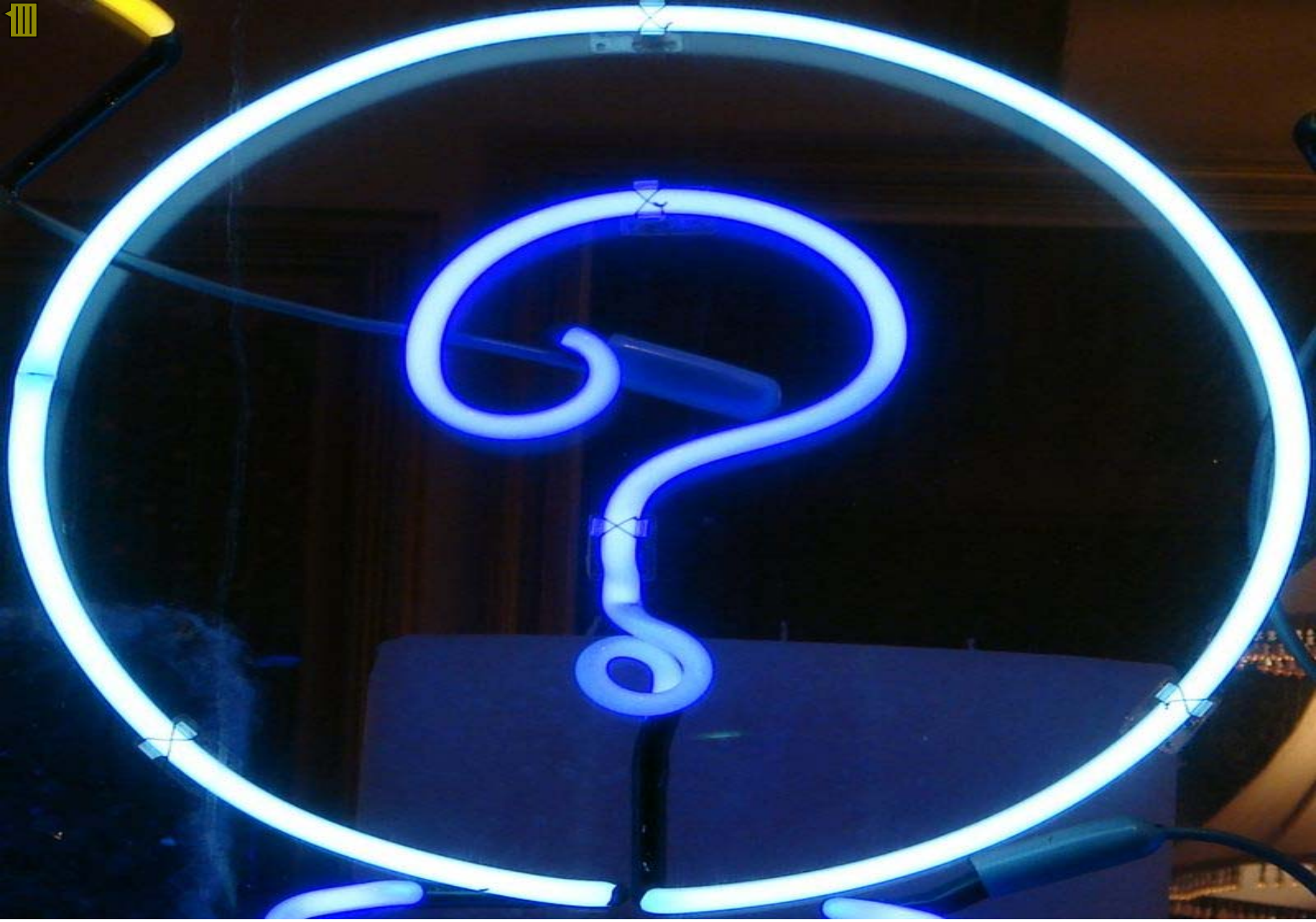

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