



RM Fundamentals

§10A. Electronic Records: Challenges to Effective Record-keeping

- ! In 1986, the British Broadcast Corporation (BBC) created the Domesday Book Mark II, an electronic version of the original record of English lands that was written at the instigation of William the Conqueror in 1086. It cost 2.5 million pounds to create, but only 18 years after its creation, the Domesday Book Mark II cannot be read.
- ! NASA sent its first probe to Mars, *Viking*, in the mid-1970s to conduct surface composition and biology experiments. Now, only 30 years later, approximately 70% of the electronic data collected by *Viking* cannot be accessed by scientists.
- ! Do you own a digital camera? Chances are the pictures you are taking now of your family and friends will not survive long enough for your grandchildren to view them.

Objectives

1. List one reason why the electronic records, described in the above examples, are inaccessible.

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