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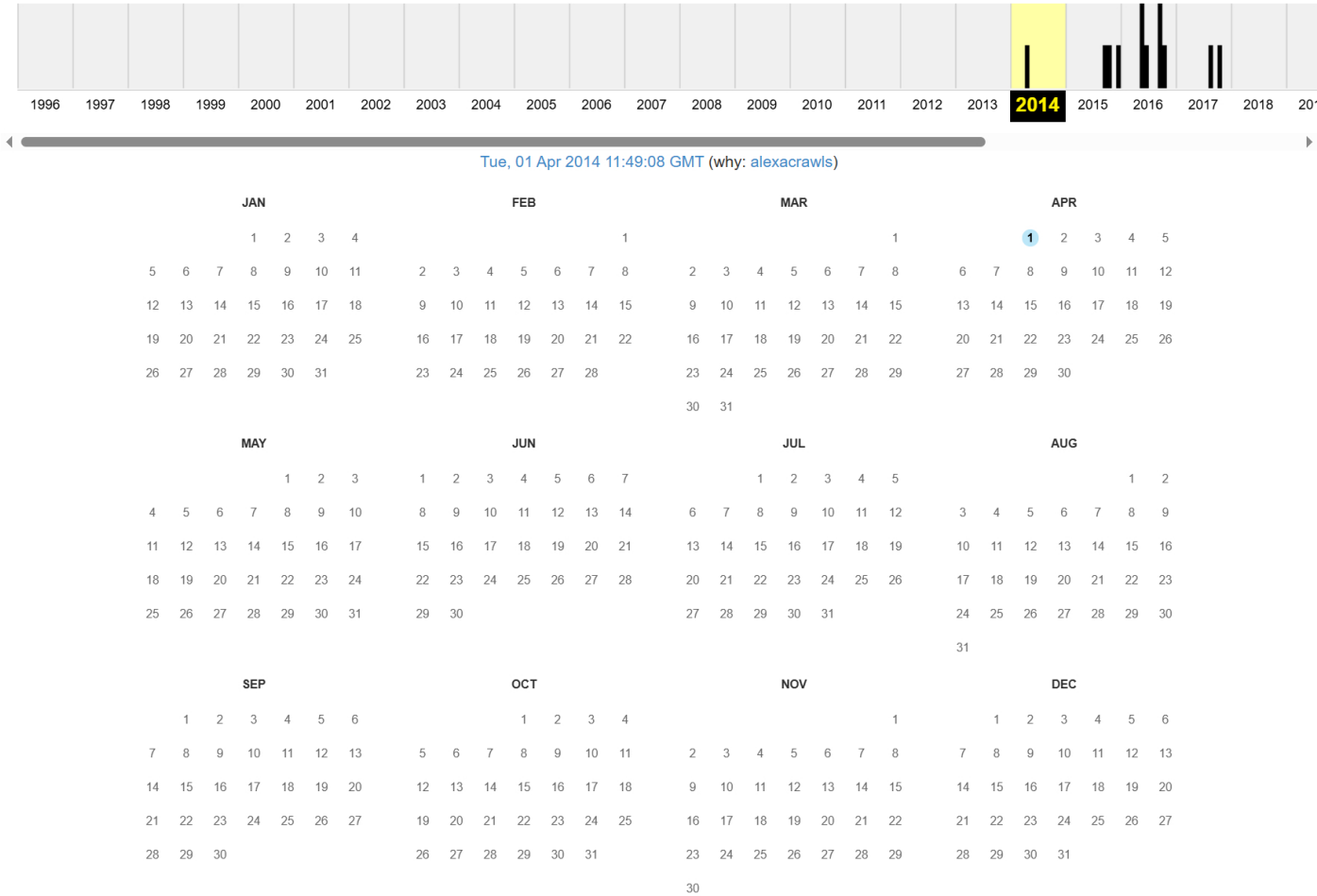
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isolate verb

'aɪsəleɪt ; 'aɪsəleɪt

1 to separate somebody/something physically or socially from other people or things

♦ **isolate somebody/yourself/something**

Patients with the disease should be isolated.

♦ **isolate somebody/yourself/something from somebody/something**

He was immediately isolated from the other prisoners.

♦ *This decision will isolate the country from the rest of Europe.*

2

isolate something (from something)

(formal) to separate a part of a situation, problem, idea, etc. so that you can see what it is and deal with it separately

♦ *It is possible to isolate a number of factors that contributed to her downfall.*

3

isolate something (from something)

(technical) to separate a single substance, cell, etc. from others so that you can study it

♦ *Researchers are still trying to isolate the gene that causes this abnormality.*