Ruby Explorations VIII

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A Program

A: Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon

B: six degrees: up close and scrapie

C: the algorithm

D: program design

E: a nice trick with UriHacker module

F: the thing running

Kevin Bacon

trivia game to find film that Richard Dreyfus and Kevin Bacon were in

six degrees is a lot... 2/3 can easily connect several million people

play it using Ruby?

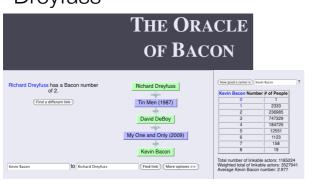


Part A:

Six degrees of separation...The Game

http://www.sixdegrees.org/ http://oracleofbacon.org/

Kevin Bacon & Richard Dreyfuss



Six Degrees Design

less about Objects more about Web Scraping

to play the game, we need to know:

Kevin's films and the actors in them

the other films those actors were in...

the other actors in those films...and so on

how?

Part B:

Six degrees of separation...Up close and scrapie

Six Degrees Basics

scrape wikipedia for all info...

two basic methods:

find_films_by_actor: that finds the films that an actors has taken part in

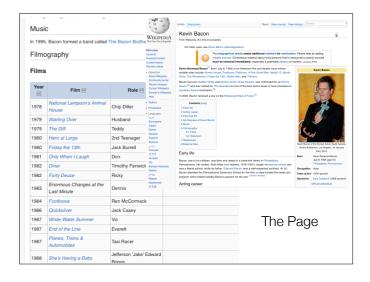
find_actors_in_film: that finds the actors that starred in a particular film

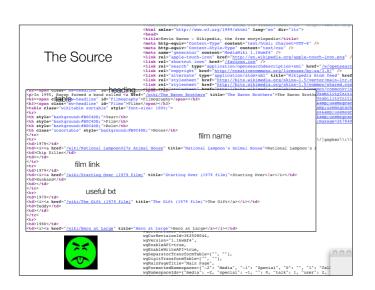
that's the essence of the Web interface

Six Degrees Basics

find_films_by_actor: goes to an actor's wikipedia page and finds the films that he/she is in

find_actors_in_film: goes to a film wikipedia page and finds the actors that star in that film





find_films_by_actor (imperfect)

assume you have parsed wikipage from Nokogiri find the key bit listing the films (what is the key bit?) extract the links from that bit (what is that?) clean up what you are getting (like how?)

```
def find_films_by_actor(doca, out = [])
  puts "Entering find_films_by_actor with #{find_name_title(doca)}."
  all_links = doca.search('//a[@href]')
  all_links.each do llink!
  link_info = link['href']
  if link_info.include?("(film)") &&
       !(link_info.include?("Category:") || link_info.include?("php"))
  then out << link_info end
       end
      out.uniq.collect {|link| strip_out_name(link)}
end</pre>
```

Some Problems

uri4 = "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saoirse Ronan"
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open(uri4, :allow_redirections
=> :safe))

wikihac.rb

markkean% ruby wikihac.rb

Checking the following: Saoirse_Ronan

Given non-wiki uri in make_wiki_uri: /w/index.php? title=Hanna_(film)&action=edit&redlink=1

["http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atonement_(film)",

- "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Lovely Bones (film)",
- "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veronica_Guerin_(film)",
- "/w/index.php?title=Hanna_(film)&action=edit&redlink=1"]



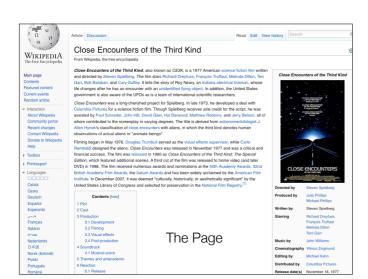


Some Other Methods

Six Degrees Basics

find_films_by_actor: goes to an actor's wikipedia page and finds the films that he/she is in

find_actors_in_film: goes to a film wikipedia page and finds the actors that star in that film







find_actors_in_film (imperfect)

find_actors_in_film: algorithm

uri8 = "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veronica Guerin (film)"
doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open(uri8,:allow_redirections => :safe)
find_actors_in_film(doc)

pokewiki.min.rb

\$ruby wikihac.rb

Checking the following: Veronica_Guerin_(film)

["http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cate_Blanchett", aka Spodo Komodo

"http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerard_McSorley",

"http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciar%C3%A1n_Hinds", "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brenda_Fricker"]

Part C:

Six Degrees of Separation...an Algorithm

Six Degrees: Algorithm

L0: find all the films that KB is in

is RD a co-star in any of those films?

Kevin Bacon (KB)

If yes, stop and say degree is 0 Richard Dreyfuss (RD)

if no, proceed to next level

L1: find all films of KB's co-stars are in (call them CO-1)

is RD a co-star in any of their (ie CO-1) films

if yes then, stop and say degree is 1

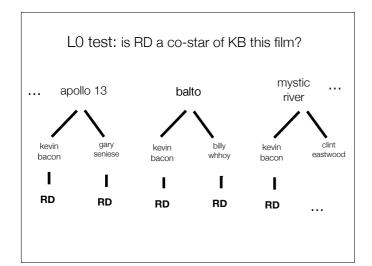
if no then proceed to next level

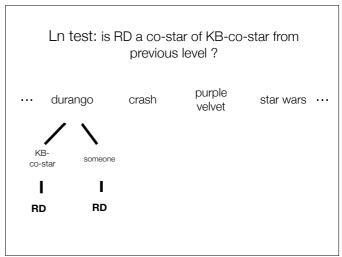
L2: find all films of co-stars of CO-1 (call them CO-2)

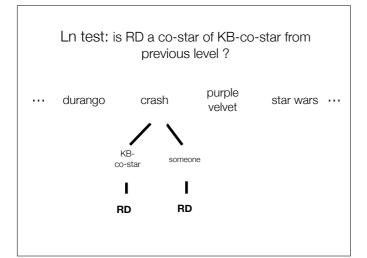
is RD a co-star in any of their (ie CO-2) films

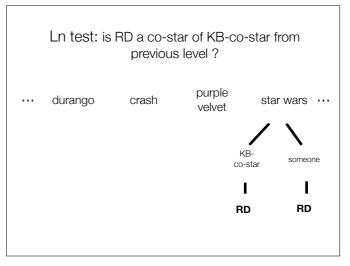
if yes, then stop and say degree is 2

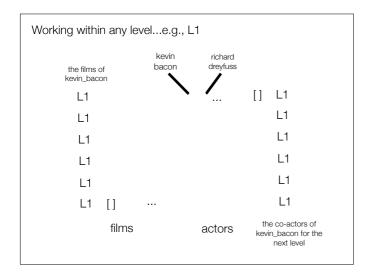
if no, then proceed to next level....

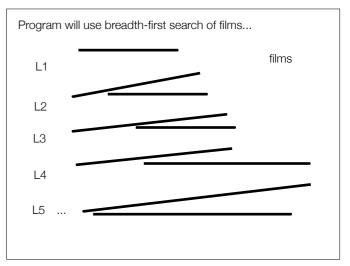












Part D:

Six degrees of separation...the program design

Six Degrees Implement

Break the wikihac.rb file up into loads of different classes

=> top level of program; Sixtop.rb

load_web_page method call to start SixDegrees

Wikisearcher.rb => class that finds films and actors

WikiLoad.rb => class handles download errors

UriHacker.rb => module for hacking uris

SixDegrees.rb => class that searches tru pages

Six Degrees Implement

2 classes and 2 modules: SixDegrees for game instances and Wikisearcher, WikiLoader,

UriHacker for scraping wikipedia

SixDegrees, will hold a set of key data structures that will handle the arrays of films and actors, level count, what we are searching for and so on...

Wikisearcher will do find films by actor and find_actors_in_film, along with other bits for hacking web addresses

NB; at the interface we print names "Kevin_Bacon", but internally we will be passing around links as strings: "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Bacon"

Wikiloader Class: A fat predicate

checking a web page is loadable...

is not straight-forward...there are lots of errors

some are HTTP errors, some are socket errors, some arise from giving a bad link or timeouts

some seem to arise from the speed of access

and...you also can get locked out of Wikipedia site if you bombard it with too many requests, too guickly

so, I will only give you half the solution, in case you break the internet!

sixtop

wikiloader

urihacker module

module

sixdegrees

wikisearch

WikiLoader v.1

```
def load_uri(uri, flag)
  puts "\nChecking the following: #{strip_out_name(uri)}"
      .
begin
    doc = open(uri, :allow_redirections => :safe)
   rescue OpenURI::HTTPError => the_error
puts "Error, found bad status code: #{the_error}"
      if the_error.instance_of?(OpenURI::HTTPError)
      the the_error.instance_or{(ppenuki::HIPError)
then puts "...so, we are not doing #{uri}"
else doc = Nokogiri::HTML(open(uri, :allow_redirections => :safe))
if flag == "actor" then out = find_films_by_actor(doc)
elsif flag == "film" then out = find_actors_in_film(doc)
                end
      end
     out
 end
                                                                                                            wikihac rh
```

WikiLoader v.1

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```
def load_uri(uri, flag)
   puts "\nChecking the following: #{strip_out_name(uri)}"
   begin
   doc = open(uri, :allow_redirections => :safe)
   rescue OpenURI::HTTPError => the_error
   puts "Error, found bad status code: #{the_error}"
   end
   if the_error.instance_of?(OpenURI::HTTPError)   if everything is
        then puts "...so, we are not doing #{uri}"   ok
   else doc = Nokogir::HTML(open(uri, :allow_redirections => :safe))
        if flag == "actor" then out = find_films_by_actor(doc)
        elsif flag == "film" then out = find_actors_in_film(doc)
        end
   end
   out
end
```

wikihac.rb

WikiLoader v.2

```
module WikiLoader

def self.get_page?(uri, out = [])

puts "\nChecking the following: #{uri}"

begin

doc = open(uri, :allow_redirections => :safe)

rescue OpenURI::HTTPError => the_error

puts "Error, bad status code: #{the_error}"

rescue Errno::ENOENT => the_error

puts "Error ENOCENT code: #{the_error}"

rescue Frno::ENOENT => the_error

puts "Error, request for a page #{uri} was unreachable."

rescue SocketError => the_error

puts "Error, request for a page #{uri} threw a SocketError."

rescue Errno::ETIMEDOUT => the_error

puts "Error, request for a page #{uri} threw a TimeoutError."

end

if the_error

then puts "...so, we are not doing #{uri}";

return false

else true end

end

wikiloader.rb
```

Six Degrees Design

we have a single object that has slots for all the things we will handle, actors, films, degrees etc...

we populate with with KB and RD and set it off

it recursively calls a single method and loops down until it finds a match

longest run, around 2-3 hours...several thousand films and actors checked

...but, it still hits I/O errors, even ones that should be handled?

The SixDegrees Class I

sixo = SixDegrees.new("Kevin_Bacon", "Richard_Dreyfus")
sixo.check_level

```
class SixDegrees
attr_accessor ... def check_level
                                                                  cond3: only the base actor is left
elsif (@this_level_actors.first == @base_actor)
&& @film_stack.empty?
&& @this_level_actors.size == 1
then p "Using test2"
                                                                           and film list is empty
          @this_level_actors = (@next_level_actors.uniq).select
                                                 {|actor| !actor.eql?(@base_actor)}
      @next_level_actors = []
@base_actor = @this_level_actors.pop
@film_stack = load_web_page(@base_actor, :actor)
@curr_film = @film_stack.pop
@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
@next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors)
       @dearee += 1
                                                                action3: move to next level
       check_level
        !@this_level_actors.empty? && @film_stack.empty?
   sixdegrees.rb
   check_level
```

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class SixDegrees
attr accessor ...
def check_level
 ...
elsif (@this_level_actors.first == @base_actor)
&& @film_stack.empty?
&& @this_level_actors.size == 1
then p "Using test2"
           @next_level_actors = []
        emext_level_actors = LJ
@base_actor = @this_level_actors.pop
@film_stack = load_web_page(@base_actor, :actor)
@curr_film = @film_stack.pop
@curr_stors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
        @next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors)
        @degree += 1
check_level
                                                    cond4: some actors but no films
         !@this_level_actors.empty? && @film_stack.empty?
    Sit lettis_level_actors.empty; and extimusack.empty.
then p "Using tests"

@base_actor = @this_level_actors.pop
@film_stack = load_web_page(@base_actor, :actor)
@curr_film = @film_stack.pop
@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
            check_level
                                                                                                   sixdegrees.rb
                                             action4: move along this level
```

```
class SixDegrees
attr_accessor ... def check_level
  ...
elsif @this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
then p "Using test4"
 then p
      @curr_film = @film_stack.pop
@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
      check level
 elsif !@this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
    then p "Using test5"

@curr_film = @film_stack.pop

@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
      else puts "woops...fall through in check_level"
 end
                                                                sixdegrees.rb
```

```
class SixDegrees
attr_accessor ... def check_level
                                         cond5: no actors, but some films
 elsif @this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
then p "Using test4"
       @curr_film = @film_stack.pop
@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
       check_level action5: get some actors
elsif !@this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
    then p "Using test5"

@curr_film = @film_stack.pop

@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
      else puts "woops...fall through in check_level'
 end
                                                                   sixdegrees.rb
```

```
class SixDegrees
attr_accessor ... def check_level
  elsif @this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
then p "Using test4"
    @curr_film = @film_stack.pop
          @curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
@next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors.select
                         {|actor| !actor.eql?(@base_actor)})
cond6: some actors, some films
  check_level condo: some actors, selsif !@this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
      then p "Using test5"

@curr_film = @film_stack.pop

@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)

@next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors.select
         -__uccors.concat(@curr_actors.select
{|actor|!actor.eql?(@base_actor)})
check_level
  tests is used the l
 end
                                                                                         sixdearees.rb
```

```
class SixDegrees
attr_accessor ... def check_level
  elsif @this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
then p "Using test4"
    @curr_film = @film_stack.pop
         @curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)
@next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors.select
                         {|actor| !actor.eql?(@base_actor)})
  elsif !@this_level_actors.empty? && !@film_stack.empty?
      then p "Using test5"

@curr_film = @film_stack.pop

@curr_actors = load_web_page(@curr_film, :film)

@next_level_actors.concat(@curr_actors.select
                                                              Moobs is used...
                          {|actor| !actor.eal?(@base actor)})
  check_level
else puts "woops...fall through in check_level'
                                          action7: the woops option
 end
```

Part F:

I love this...see what I did with UriHacker module

UriHacker Module

```
module Urihacker
   def strip_out_name

if self =~ //http:\\/en.wikipedia.org\/wiki\//
then name = self.gsub(/http:\\/en.wikipedia.org\/wiki\//, "")
elsif self =~ //en.wikipedia.org\/wiki\//
      then name = self.gsub(/en.wikipedia.org\/wiki\//, "")
elsif self =~ /^\/wiki\//
then name = self.gsub(/\/wiki\//, "")
   elsif !(self =~ URI::regexp)
then print "URI looks bad; can't strip name: "; p "#{self}"; name = self end name
   end
   def add_tag(tag)
if tag == :actor
  then return self + "_(actor)"
elsif tag == :film
  then return self + "_(film)" end
   def add full uri
            "<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</u>" + self
   end
end
                                                                                                                                      urihacker.rb
```

Stick it here...

class String include Urihacker

end

this has huge benefits as any uri string can be hacked by the methods of this module; but watch for

sixtop.rb

strip out name's problems with nil and []

sixtop

wikiloader

urihacker module

> wikisearch module

sixdegrees

Other things in sixtop.rb

```
def load_web_page(uri, flag, out = [])
  load_ok_flag = if uri.nil? then false else WikiLoader.get_page?(uri) end
  if !load_ok_flag
  then "just pass on..."
elsif load_ok_flag && flag == :actor
    then doc_parse = Nokogiri::HTML(open(uri))
search_obj = WikiSearcher.new(doc_parse)
new_actors = search_obj.find_films_by_actor
         p new_actors.uniq.compact
          out.concat(new_actors)
  elsif load_ok_flag && flag == :film
then doc_parse = Nokogiri::HTML(open(uri))
search_obj = WikiSearcher.new(doc_parse)
          new_films = search_obj.find_actors_in_film
         p new_films.uniq.compact
         out.concat(new_films)
  end
  out.uniq.compact.collect {Iname! name.add_full_uri}
                                                                                              sixtop.rb
```

Part F:

Six degrees of separation...running

sixo = SixDegrees.new("Kevin_Bacon", "Richard_Dreyfus")
sixo.check_level

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Checking the following: http://en.wikipedia.org/miki/Kevin Bacon
Entering find_films_by_actor with Kevin Bacon.

["Diner_(film)", "Footloose_(1984_film)", "A_Fem_Good_Men_(film)", "JFK_(film)", "Apollo_13_(film)", "Prost/
Mystic_Kleve_(film)", "Impode_(2002_film)", "Friday_the_13th_(1980_film)", "Tremors_(film)", "Frost/
Nixon_(film)", "The_Big_Picture_(film)", "Sleepers_(film)", "Storting_Dever_(1979_film)", "The_Gift_(1979_film)",
"Telling_Lies_in_America_(film)", "Guitoskiver_(film)", "Edd_of_the_Line_(1987_film)", "Criminal_Low_(film)",
"Blto_(film)", "My_Dog_Skip_(film)", "Novocaine_(film)", "Death_Sentence_(2007_film)",
"Blto_(film)", "Elephant_Mhite_(film)", "Super_(2011_film)", "Mister_Roberts_(1984_film)"] "My_One_and_Only_(film)", "Elephant_White_(film)", "Super_(2011_film)", "Mister_Roberts_(1984_film)"]

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Entering find_actors_in_film with Mister Roberts_(1984_film) |
Frobert_Horys", "Kevin_Baccon", "Roye_Birk", "Chorles_Durning", "Morilu_Henner", "Howord_Hesseman", "Peter_Jason", "Charles_Lang", "Christopher_Murroy", "Joe_Pantoliano"]
At level 0, about to consider Mister_Roberts_(1984_film) with Kevin_Baccon ...
There are 1 actors remaining at level 0 to be checked.
There are 0 actors at next level 1.
There are 0 actors at next level 1.
There are 28 films at this level 0 for the actor we are checking.

["http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mowing-Mister_Mowing-dia.org/wiki/Kevin_Baccon", "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mowing-Mister_ Checking the following: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super (2011 film)
Entering find_octors.in.film with Super (2018 American film)
Entering find_octors.in.film with Super (2018 American film)
[**Rainm_Milson*, "Filen_Page", "liv_Jvlg", "Kevin_Bacon..." Nathon_fillion", "Michael_Rooker"]
At level 0, about to consider Super_(2011_film) with Kevin_Bacon...
There are 1 actors remaining at level 0 to be checked.
There are 5 actors at next level 1.
There are 2 films at this level 0 for the actor we are checking.
[**Thttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainn_Wilson*, "Inttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Bacon*, "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Bacon*, "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathon_Fillion*, "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Rooker"]

Checking the following: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point.ofOrigin (film)
Entering find.octors_in_film with Point of Origin (film).

At level 1, obout to consider Point_of_Origin_(film) with Illeana_Douglas ...
There are 383a actors at next level 2.
There are 383a actors at next level 2.
There are 17 films at this level 1 for the actor we are checking.

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"http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illeana_Douglas"
"http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard Dreyfuss"
"Using test5"

Checking the following: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard Dreyfuss"
"Using test5"

Checking the following: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard Dreyfuss"
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Entering find_octors_in_film with lansky (film)

["Richard_Dreyfuss", "Fric_Roberts", "wnthony_Longlia"]

At level 1 jobact to consider Lonsky_(film) with Illeana_Douglas ...

There are 384S actors at next level 1 to be checked.

There are 15 films at this level 1 for the actor we are checking.

["http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Dreyfuss", "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fric_Roberts", "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Dreyfuss"

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Conclusions

formulate questions for next-week look-back lecture; submit them in advance by email mark.keane@ucd.ie (or on Moodle)

when we move to Rails, will assume to know all of this

Mark. If you have time go to next week's lectures of previous issues raised...