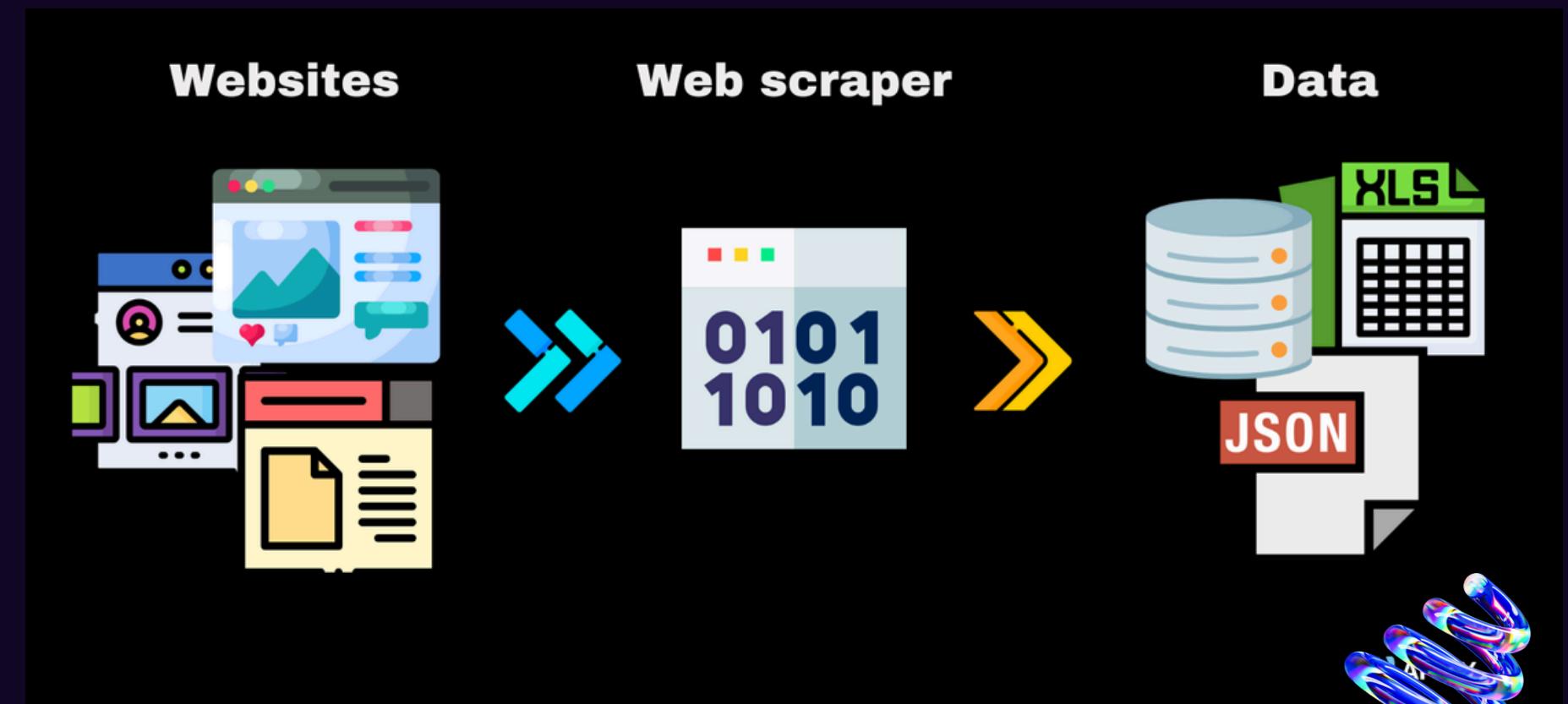


WEB SCRAPING

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WHAT IS WEB SCRAPING

Web scraping is the process of using bots to extract content and data from a website. Unlike screen scraping, which only copies pixels displayed onscreen, web scraping extracts underlying HTML code and, with it, data stored in a database. The scraper can then replicate entire website content elsewhere.



WHY WEB SCRAPING

Automate data collection, gather insights, and perform analysis efficiently.

USE CASES

- MARKET RESEARCH
- PRICE COMPARISON
- SENTIMENT ANALYSIS
- JOB AGGREGATION

TOOLS FOR WEB SCRAPING

PYTHON LIBRARIES FOR WEB SCRAPING:

BEAUTIFUL SOUP



SCRAPY



SELENIUM



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Handles JavaScript-heavy websites.
Mimics real user interactions (clicks, form submissions, etc.).

WHAT IS SELENIUM?

A powerful browser automation tool.

HOW IT WORKS:

01

OPENS A WEB
BROWSER (E.G.,
CHROME, FIREFOX).

02

INTERACTS WITH
WEB ELEMENTS
(BUTTONS, FIELDS,
LINKS).

03

EXTRACTS DATA
FROM THE PAGE.

PREREQUISITES:

INSTALL SELENIUM: `pip install selenium`

DOWNLOAD WEBDRIVER (E.G., CHROMEDRIVER).

SETTING UP SELENIUM IN PYTHON

STEPS TO START:

1. Import the library: `from selenium import webdriver`

2. Initialize the WebDriver: `driver = webdriver.Chrome()
driver.get("https://example.com")`

3. Locate elements using methods like:

- `find_element_by_id`
- `find_element_by_name`
- `find_element_by_xpath`

```
from selenium import webdriver  
  
driver = webdriver.Chrome()  
driver.get("https://example.com")  
print(driver.title)  
driver.quit()
```

LOCATING WEB ELEMENTS IN SELENIUM

OVER TO WORKSHOP

BEST PRACTICES AND ETHICS

End of Presentation

ANY QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU