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import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

# URL of the news website
url = 'https://www.bbc.com/news'

# Headers to mimic a browser request (helps avoid blocks)
headers = {
    'User-Agent': 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like
    Gecko) Chrome/91.0.4472.124 Safari/537.36'
}

try:
    # Fetch the HTML content with a timeout
    response = requests.get(url, headers=headers, timeout=10)
    response.raise_for_status() # Raise an error for bad status codes

    # Parse the HTML with BeautifulSoup
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')

    # Find all headline elements (try h3 with promo-related classes first)
    headlines = soup.find_all('h3', class_=lambda x: x and 'promo' in x)

    # If no h3 found, try h2 tags
    if not headlines:
        headlines = soup.find_all('h2', class_=lambda x: x and 'promo' in x)

    # If still nothing, print a debug snippet of the page
    if not headlines:
        print("No headlines found. Debug: First 500 chars of page:")
        print(str(soup)[:500])
        headline_texts = []
    else:
        # Extract and clean the text from each headline
        headline_texts = [headline.get_text(strip=True) for headline in headlines]

    # Save to a .txt file
    with open('headlines.txt', 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        for headline in headline_texts:
            file.write(headline + '\n')

    print(f"Successfully scraped {len(headline_texts)} headlines and saved to 'headlines.txt'.")

except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:

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    print(f"Error fetching the webpage: {e}")  
except Exception as e:  
    print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
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