

Setting up your programming environment

You need to implement the parts of the working scraper system Here are the libraries that you will need:

- For steps 1 and 2: sending GET request and receiving data – python **requests** library or **urllib3** library
- For processing structured data that you receive back: **json** library
- For processing unstructured data: **beautifulsoup4** library which is to be called as **bs4**
- For storing data **sqlite3** library
- For random sampling **random** library

Install each of the libraries as “**pip3 install <libraryname>**” if it's not on your desktop.

TO BE UPLOADED IN MOODLE

- <rollno>_Assgn_6_3.py and <rollno>_Assgn_6_3.txt in home, by friday night.

Problem 3: Using multiple processes to speed up

Now we will convert the above code to be run by multiple processes for speed up.

1. Write a handler function that will do the following (reuse the code from previous example)
 - a. Collect the main page of Summer Olympics Wikipedia for this task, the page is here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_Olympic_Games . Note that you might need to use headers for fetching this page.
 - b. Now create a database Create a SQLite database named 'OlympicsData.db' and a table named '**SummerOlympics**' with the following columns:
 - i. Name (e.g. “2012 Summer Olympics”, in title of wikipedia pages)
 - ii. WikipediaURL
 - iii. Year (the year when its conducted)
 - iv. HostCity (the city where its hosted)
 - v. ParticipatingNations (List of the participating nations)
 - vi. Athletes (number of athletes)
 - vii. Sports (list of sports)
 - viii. Rank_1_nation
 - ix. Rank_2_nation
 - x. Rank_3_nation
 - xi. DONE_OR_NOT_DONE (a 1 or 0 variable signifying whether fetched or not respectively)

- c. Parse the html from step 1 and extract the individual summer olympics wiki page urls for **TEN** olympics from the last 50 years, i.e., from 1968 to 2020.
 - d. insert the WikipediaURL for each row and set DONE_OR_NOT_DONE as 0 for all.
- 2. Now the handler code will spawn three processes using os.system call. Example of this call

```
import os  
os.system("python3 scraper.py&")
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This will run "**python3 scraper.py**" in a separate process.

- 3. This is what **scraper.py** will do
 - a. It will check the database for rows where DONE_OR_NOT_DONE flag is 0.
 - b. It will pick a row where DONE_OR_NOT_DONE is 0 (if no such row, **scraper.py** will exit).
 - c. For the row chosen, **scraper.py** will first set the DONE_OR_NOT_DONE to 1.
 - d. Then it will fetch the wikipedia page using URL in the WikipediaURL column
 - e. Next using BeautifulSoup it will parse the page and populate the columns mentioned in step 1.b. corresponding row in the database
- 4. Write a **checker.py** code that can check the database and
 - a. Report if all the database rows are populated, i.e., there is no DONE_OR_NOT_DONE which is set to 0 and no process is working (figure out how do you check that?)
 - b. If all database rows are populated, then print answers to the following:
 - i. What are the years you chose?
 - ii. Which country was within top 3 for the maximum time in your database?
 - iii. What is the average number of athletes?
- 5. Finally write a small text document documenting what the percentage speed up in time you actually get by running multiple processes. What is your experiment set up and results?