

Scraping Concerts - Lab

Introduction

Now that you've seen how to scrape a simple website, it's time to again practice those skills on a full-fledged site!

In this lab, you'll practice your scraping skills on an online music magazine and events website called Resident Advisor.

Objectives

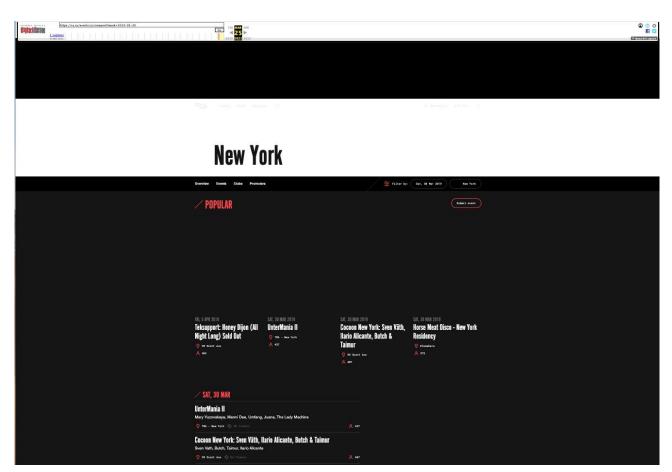
You will be able to:

• Create a full scraping pipeline that involves traversing over many pages of a website, dealing with errors and storing data

View the Website

For this lab, you'll be scraping the https://ra.co website. For reproducibility we will use the Internet Archive Wayback Machine to retrieve a version of this page from March 2019.

Start by navigating to the events page here in your browser. It should look something like this:



Open the Inspect Element Feature

Next, open the inspect element feature from your web browser in order to preview the underlying HTML associated with the page.

Write a Function to Scrape all of the Events on the Given Page

The function should return a Pandas DataFrame with columns for the Event_Name, Venue, and Number_of_Attendees.

Start by importing the relevant libraries, making a request to the relevant URL, and exploring the contents of the response with BeautifulSoup. Then fill in the scrape_events function with the relevant code.

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# Relevant imports
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import time
EVENTS PAGE URL = "https://web.archive.org/web/20210326225933/https://ra.co/events/us
# Exploration: making the request and parsing the response
response = requests.get(EVENTS_PAGE_URL)
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
# Find the container with event listings in it
# This page is organized somewhat unusually, and many of
# the CSS attributes seem auto-generated. We notice that
# there is a div with "events-all" in its attributes that
# looks promising
events_all_div = soup.find('div', attrs={"data-tracking-id": "events-all"})
# The actual content is nested in a ul containing a single
# li within that div. Unclear why they are using a "list"
# concept for one element, but let's go ahead and select it
event listings = events all div.find("ul").find("li")
# Print out some chunks of the text inside to make sure we
# have everything we need in here
# Beginning has events for March 30th
print(event_listings.text[:200])
print()
# Later we have events for March 31st
march 31st start = event listings.text.find("Sun, 31 Mar")
print(event listings.text[march 31st start:march 31st start + 200])
# It looks like everything we need will be inside this event_listings tag
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# Extract the date (e.g. Sat, 30 Mar) from one of those containers
# Grabbing just one to practice on
first date = dates[0]
# This div contains a div with the date, followed by several uls
# containing actual event information
# The div with the date happens to have another human-readable
# CSS class, so let's use that to select it then grab its text
date = first_date.find("div", class_="sticky-header").text
# There is a / thing used for aesthetic reasons; let's remove it
date = date.strip("'"/)
date
'Sat, 30 Mar'
# Extract the name, venue, and number of attendees from one of the
# events within that container
# As noted previously, the div with information about events on
# this date contains several ul tags, each with information about
# a specific event. Get a list of them.
# (Again this is an odd use of HTML, to have an unordered list
# containing a single list item. But we scrape what we find!)
first date events = first date.findChildren("ul")
# Grabbing the first event ul to practice on
first event = first date events[0]
# Each event ul contains a single h3 with the event name, easy enough
name = first event.find("h3").text
# Venue and attendees is more complicated. Across the bottom are 1-3
# divs with height 30. The 0th contains a location pin SVG and then
# the location text. The -1th (last), when present, contains a person
# icon SVG and then the number of attendees. Sometimes there is a
# middle div with a ticket icon SVG and the words "RA Tickets", which
# we will plan to ignore
# First, get all 1-3 divs that match this description
venue_and_attendees = first_event.findAll("div", attrs={"height": 30})
# The venue is the 0th (left-most) div, get its text
venue = venue and attendees[0].text
# The number of attendees is the last div (although it's sometimes
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# missing), get its text
num attendees = int(venue and attendees[-1].text)
# Print out everything for one event
print("Name:", name)
print("Venue:", venue)
print("Date:", date)
print("Number of attendees:", num attendees)
Name: UnterMania II
Venue: TBA - New York
Date: Sat, 30 Mar
Number of attendees: 457
# Testing that code out on an event with a missing attendee count
last_event = first_date_events[-1]
name = last event.find("h3").text
venue and attendees = last event.findAll("div", attrs={"height": 30})
venue = venue and attendees[0].text
num_attendees = int(venue_and_attendees[-1].text)
ValueError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
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      8 venue and attendees = last event.findAll("div", attrs={"height": 30})
      9 venue = venue and attendees[0].text
---> 10 num attendees = int(venue and attendees[-1].text)
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'HOLO'
# Ok, that crashes because there is no attendee count. Let's
# put a try/except and set the attendee count to NaN, since
# that represents "missing data" reasonably
try:
    num_attendees = int(venue_and_attendees[-1].text)
except ValueError:
    num attendees = np.nan
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print("Name:", name)
print("Venue:", venue)
print("Date:", date)
print("Number of attendees:", num_attendees)
# Now we have code that should work for events with and
# without attendee counts
Name: Petra, Matthusen & Lang, White & Pitsiokos, and Zorn
Venue: H0L0
Date: Sat, 30 Mar
Number of attendees: nan
# Loop over all of the event entries, extract this information
# from each, and assemble a dataframe
# Create an empty list to hold results
rows = []
# Loop over all date containers on the page
for date_container in dates:
    # First check if this is one of the empty divs. If it is,
    # skip ahead to the next one
    if not date container.text:
        continue
    # Same logic as above to extract the date
    date = date_container.find("div", class_="sticky-header").text
    date = date.strip("'")
    # This time, loop over all of the events
    events = date container.findChildren("ul")
    for event in events:
        # Same logic as above to extract the name, venue, attendees
        name = event.find("h3").text
        venue_and_attendees = event.findAll("div", attrs={"height": 30})
        venue = venue_and_attendees[0].text
            num attendees = int(venue and attendees[-1].text)
        except ValueError:
            num attendees = np.nan
        # New piece here: appending the new information to rows list
        rows.append([name, venue, date, num_attendees])
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# Make the list of lists into a dataframe and display
df = pd.DataFrame(rows)
df

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0	UnterMania II	TBA - New York	Sat, 30 Mar	457.0
1	Cocoon New York: Sven Väth, Ilario Alicante, B	99 Scott Ave	Sat, 30 Mar	407.0
2	Horse Meat Disco - New York Residency	Elsewhere	Sat, 30 Mar	375.0
3	Rave: Underground Resistance All Night	Nowadays	Sat, 30 Mar	232.0
4	Believe You Me // Beta Librae, Stephan Kimbel,	TBA - New York	Sat, 30 Mar	89.0
114	A Night at the Baths	C'mon Everybody	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0
115	Blaqk Audio	Music Hall of Williamsburg	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0
116	Erik the Lover	Erv's	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0
117	Wax On Vissions	Starliner	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0

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118	Schimanski & Good Looks present: Mercer	Schimanski	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0

119 rows × 4 columns

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# Bring it all together in a function that makes the request, gets the
# list of entries from the response, loops over that list to extract the
# name, venue, date, and number of attendees for each event, and returns
# that list of events as a dataframe
def scrape_events(events_page_url):
    # Make the request and parse the response as HTML
    response = requests.get(events_page_url)
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
    # Find the container with the relevant content
    events_all_div = soup.find('div', attrs={"data-tracking-id": "events-all"})
    event_listings = events_all_div.find("ul").find("li")
    dates = event_listings.findChildren(recursive=False)
    # Loop over all dates, an all events on each date, and
    # add them to the list
    rows = []
    for date container in dates:
        if not date_container.text:
            continue
        date = date_container.find("div", class_="sticky-header").text
        date = date.strip("'"/)
        events = date container.findChildren("ul")
        for event in events:
            name = event.find("h3").text
            venue and attendees = event.findAll("div", attrs={"height": 30})
            venue = venue and attendees[0].text
            try:
                num attendees = int(venue and attendees[-1].text)
            except ValueError:
                num attendees = np.nan
            rows.append([name, venue, date, num_attendees])
    df = pd.DataFrame(rows)
    # This time also specify the column names
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df.columns = ["Event_Name", "Venue", "Event_Date", "Number_of_Attendees"]
    return df

scrape_events(EVENTS_PAGE_URL)

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1	Cocoon New York: Sven Väth, Ilario Alicante, B	99 Scott Ave	Sat, 30 Mar	407.0
2	Horse Meat Disco - New York Residency	Elsewhere	Sat, 30 Mar	375.0
3	Rave: Underground Resistance All Night	Nowadays	Sat, 30 Mar	232.0
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114	A Night at the Baths	C'mon Everybody	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0
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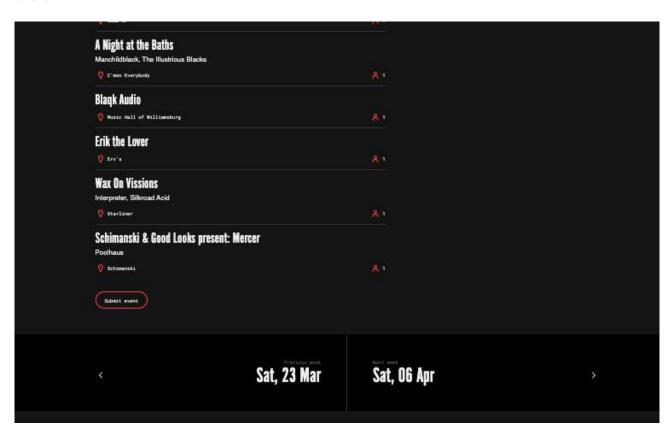
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118	Schimanski & Good Looks present: Mercer	Schimanski	Fri, 5 Apr	1.0

119 rows × 4 columns

Write a Function to Retrieve the URL for the Next Page

As you scroll down, there should be a button labeled "Next Week" that will take you to the next page of events. Write code to find that button and extract the URL from it.

This is a relative path, so make sure you add https://web.archive.org to the front to get the URL.



- # Find the link, find the relative path, create the URL for the current `soup`
- # This is tricky again, since there are not a lot of
- # human-readable CSS classes
- # One unique thing we notice is a > icon on the part where
- # you click to go to the next page. It's an SVG with an

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# aria-label of "Right arrow"
svg = soup.find("svg", attrs={"aria-label": "Right arrow"})
# That SVG is inside of a div
svg parent = svg.parent
# And the tag right before that div (its "previous sibling")
# is an anchor (link) tag with the path we need
link = svg.parent.previousSibling
# Then we can extract the path from that link to build the full URL
relative path = link.get("href")
next_page_url = "https://web.archive.org" + relative_path
next_page_url
'https://web.archive.org/web/20210326225933/https://ra.co/events/us/newyork?
week=2019-04-06'
# Fill in this function, to take in the current page's URL and return the
# next page's URL
def next page(url):
   # Get the content
   response = requests.get(url)
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
   # Extract the relative path to build the full URL
    svg = soup.find("svg", attrs={"aria-label": "Right arrow"})
    svg parent = svg.parent
   link = svg.parent.previousSibling
    relative path = link.get("href")
    next_page_url = "https://web.archive.org" + relative_path
    return next page url
next page(EVENTS PAGE URL)
'https://web.archive.org/web/20210326225933/https://ra.co/events/us/newyork?
week=2019-04-06'
```

Scrape the Next 500 Events

In other words, repeatedly call scrape_events and next_page until you have assembled a dataframe with at least 500 rows.

Display the data sorted by the number of attendees, greatest to least.

We recommend adding a brief time.sleep call between requests.get calls to avoid rate limiting.

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# Make a dataframe to store results. We will concatenate
 # additional dfs as they are returned
 overall df = pd.DataFrame()
 current url = EVENTS PAGE URL
 while overall_df.shape[0] <= 500:</pre>
      # Get all events from the current URL
      df = scrape_events(current_url)
      time.sleep(.2)
      # Add the data to the overall df
      overall df = pd.concat([overall df, df])
      # Get the next URL and set it as the current URL
      current_url = next_page(current_url)
      time.sleep(.2)
 overall_df
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1	Cocoon New York: Sven Väth, Ilario	99 Scott Ave	Sat, 30 Mar	407.0

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2	Horse Meat Disco - New York Residency	Elsewhere	Sat, 30 Mar	375.0
3	Rave: Underground Resistance All Night	Nowadays	Sat, 30 Mar	232.0
4	Believe You Me // Beta Librae, Stephan Kimbel,	TBA - New York	Sat, 30 Mar	89.0
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119	Sleepy & Boo, Unseen., Dysco, Joeoh	Rose Gold	Fri, 3 May	2.0
120	Diving for Disco with Jake From Extra Water	Our Wicked Lady	Fri, 3 May	2.0
121	The Happy Hour After Work Party at Doha Nightclub	Doha Club	Fri, 3 May	1.0
122	Best of the Boogie	Erv's	Fri, 3 May	1.0
123	[CANCELLED] Sound New York Pres Schuld, Sven M	30 Wall St	Fri, 3 May	145.0

606 rows × 4 columns

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# Display in the specified sorted order
  overall_df.sort_values("Number_of_Attendees", ascending=False)

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	Event_Name	Venue	Event_Date	Number_of_Attendees
0	Zero presents The Masquerade	The 1896	Sat, 6 Apr	919.0
65	Secret Solstice Pre- Party (Free Entry): Metro	Kings Hall - Avant Gardner	Thu, 18 Apr	670.0
0	Nina Kraviz / James Murphy / Justin Cudmore	Knockdown Center	Sat, 20 Apr	501.0
89	Stavroz live! presented by Zero	The Williamsburg Hotel	Fri, 12 Apr	481.0
91	Teksupport: Honey Dijon (All Night Long) Sold Out	99 Scott Ave	Fri, 5 Apr	463.0
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56	420: A Musical Experience	The Kraine Theater	Mon, 22 Apr	NaN
61	420: A Musical Experience	The Kraine Theater	Tue, 23 Apr	NaN
75	420: A Musical Experience	The Kraine Theater	Wed, 24 Apr	NaN
34	Klandestino Brunch with Electronic Music	Avena Downtown	Sat, 27 Apr	NaN
48	Digital Clippings	Magick City	Sun, 28 Apr	NaN

606 rows × 4 columns

Summary

Congratulations! In this lab, you successfully developed a pipeline to scrape a website for concert event information!

Releases

No releases published

Packages

No packages published

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