

Web scraping for social scientists

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Me



You

Bright, able people interested in a (reasonably) novel data collection method.

Idea-rich, time-poor.

The Promise: able to conduct your own web scraping activities by the end of the day.

Fulfil that promise

Understand why and how to use web scraping.

Sensibly deal with the ethical and legal implications of this method.

Conduct your own web scraping activities using code (Python).

Schedule

09:15 – 09:30	Zoom link open
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome
09:45 – 10:15	The value, logic and practice of web scraping
10:15 – 10:45	Understanding and navigating web pages
10:45 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 12:00	Web scraping using Python: Example 1
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:45	Web scraping using Python: Example 2
13:45 – 14:30	Practical exercise
14:30 – 14:45	Tea break
14:45 – 15:15	Ethical and legal considerations of web scraping
15:15 – 15:30	Concluding remarks
15:30 – 16:00	Instructor Q&A / support

Online learning

Engage in whatever manner you are comfortable with.

One group / small group discussion near the end, mainly self-directed.

Practical demonstrations and exercises at your own pace.

Default settings: microphones off, camera is your choice.

I'll be available during breaks.

Work on your own ideas throughout the day.