

Data Science



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- Web scraping is a technique for extracting information from the internet automatically using our script that simulates human web surfing.
- Web scraping helps us extract large volumes from different websites

Scraping Rules

- Check a website's Terms and Conditions before you scrape it.
- Do not spam the website by making a lot of requests to a specific web page.
- Update your code time to time

Libraries Used

- BeautifulSoup
- Selenium
- Scrapy

Process

- Find the URL that you want to scrape
- Send an HTTP request to that URL and get the HTML as response
- Parse the HTML content
- Inspect the web page and find data that we want to extract
- Extract required data and store it data in the required format

Web Page

Web Page Structure



- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Media content

HTML Tour

HTML Tags

- `<html>`
- `<head>` and `<title>`
- `<body>`
- Heading tags `<h1><h2>....<h6>`
- `<p>`
- `<a>`
- ``
- `<table>`

HTML - Relative Tag Names



- Child
- Parent
- Sibling

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- Class
 - ID

BeautifulSoup

Steps



- Load HTML
- Parse HTML
- Locate and extract the desired data

Methods & Attributes

- `prettify()`
- `page.tag`
 - `page.tag.name`
 - `page.tag.string`
 - `page.tag.attrs`
 - Using `get()`
 - Access like dictionary
- `get_text()`

Methods & Attributes

- `find()`
- `find_all()`

Navigate Tree

- Searching Parse Tree
- Going up
- Going down
- Going sideways
- Going back & forth

Searching Parse Tree



- `find_all()`
 - A string
 - A list
 - True
 - Using id
 - Using class
 - Using CSS selector

Going down

- Navigating using tag names
 - We can use nested tag names also
- `.string`
- `.strings` and `.stripped_strings`
- `.contents` and `.children`
- `.descendants`

Going Up



- .parent
- .parents

Going sideways



- `.next_sibling` and `.previous_sibling`
- `.next_siblings` and `.previous_siblings`

Going Back & forth



- `.next_element` and `.previous_element`
- `.next_elements` and `.previous_elements`