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Assignment One

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1 POST to a from with curl

In order to submit POST data to a form using curl first it must be ensured that the form accepts POST data. This can be done by viewing the page source and verifying that the form tag has method="post" as in the nostarch.com search bar form tag shown somewhat abridged below.

```
<form action="/" method="post" id="search-theme-form">
<input name="search_theme_form" value="" class="form-text"/>
<input name="op" value="Search" class="form-submit"/>
<input type="hidden" name="form_build_id" value="form-6Skwd"/>
<input type="hidden" name="form_id" value="search_theme_form"/>
</form>
```

In order to craft the curl command the -d flag can be used along with the "name=value" pattern for each input to the form where name is copied from each input tag and value is changed in the fields where the default values are not desired.

The command curl_post.sh car will return a page with the search results for "car" on nostarch.com. Inspecting the output results.html the HTTP/1.1 200 OK after a single redirect and lack of a 405 Method not allowed error means the request was successful.

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2 A Python program that finds PDFs

The Common House Spider can take any number of URIs as input optionally from a specified file with the -f flag, and use multiple threads using the -t flag. It outputs all PDF URIs on the page and the PDF size as reported by the server.

```
datenstrom@redacted$ python cli.py -t 2 www.nostarch.com/carhacking https://www.nostarch.com/blackhatpython
[*] Crawling pages:
www.nostarch.com/carhacking
https://www.nostarch.com/blackhatpython
[*] Spinning up with 2 threads
[*] Thread 1 discovered 3 PDF links for https://www.nostarch.com/blackhatpython
[*] Thread 1 removed 0 duplicate PDF files
                                                 size: bytes
http://www.nostarch.com/download/BlackHatPython_ch07.pdf
                                                      88339
http://www.nostarch.com/download/BlackHatPython_Index.pdf
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http://www.nostarch.com/download/BlackHatPython_dTOC.pdf
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[*] Thread O discovered 5 PDF links for www.nostarch.com/carhacking
[*] Thread 0 removed 1 duplicate PDF file
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http://www.nostarch.com/download/Car Hackers Handbook_sample_dTOC.pdf
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https://www.usenix.org/system/files/login/articles/login_summer16_19_books.pdf
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                                                                       660045
http://www.nostarch.com/download/Car Hackers Handbook_sample_index.pdf
http://www.nostarch.com/download/Car Hackers Handbook_sample_Chapter5.pdf
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```

[*] PDF links discovered in 20.1669859409 seconds



It is also both Python 2.6+ and Python 3 compatible:

datenstrom@redacted\$ python3 cli.py http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/teaching/cs532-s17/test/pdfs.html
[*] Crawling pages:

http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/teaching/cs532-s17/test/pdfs.html

- [*] Spinning up with 1 thread
- [*] Thread 0 discovered 11 PDF links for http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/teaching/cs532-s17/test/pdfs.html
- [*] Thread 0 removed 0 duplicate PDF files

PDF link size: bytes http://arxiv.org/pdf/1512.06195 1748961 http://bit.ly/1ZDatNK 720476 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/jcdl-2015/jcdl-2015-mink.pdf 1254605 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/tpdl-2015/tpdl-2015-annotations.pdf 622981 $\verb|http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/tpdl-2015/tpdl-2015-off-topic.pdf|$ 4308768 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/jcdl-2015/jcdl-2015-arabic-sites.pdf 709420 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/tpdl-2015/tpdl-2015-stories.pdf 1274604 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/jcdl-2014/jcdl-2014-brunelle-damage.pdf 2205546 $\verb|http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/tpdl-2015/tpdl-2015-profiling.pdf|$ 639001 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/jcdl-2015/jcdl-2015-dictionary.pdf 2350603 http://www.cs.odu.edu/~mln/pubs/ht-2015/hypertext-2015-temporal-violations.pdf 2184076 ______

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