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In this project, you will write a program to scrape the data from the Washoe County Real Property Assessment tool: https://www.washoecounty.gov/assessor/cama/. The difficulty with using this tool is that the content is generated dynamically, so we will use the Selenium library in python to scrape the data. You are required to use Selenium in python.

Your program must take one mandatory and one optional argument from the command line. Your program needs to deal with the issues around command line arguments (i.e. making sure that they are provided before trying to use them). The input arguments are:

- Mandatory argument: A single word search term
- Optional argument: An integer indicating the maximum number of results

If the num_results argument is provided on the command line, your program should scrape only the minimum of either the num results or the number of actual results on the webpage.

Your program should press the address radio button (so that only addresses containing the search_term are matched) and then the search_term input argument must be sent to the search box of the webpage. Your program should then press the Enter key to perform the search. The website code sends the request once the input element is updated, but we will press the Enter key to ensure the query is sent.



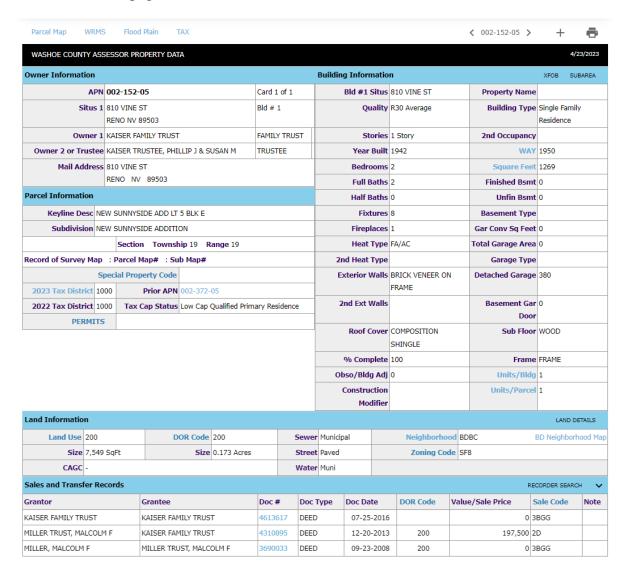
You will need to manage the delay of the network response with the expectation of your program for the response data to be available by inserting sleep() delays at various points in your program. Do not use excessive sleeps however, it should not take more than 10 minutes to download 30 records of the data for the search term "vine".

<u>Note:</u> This is a public dataset, on a real server. Please do not send so many requests that the server thinks it is under attack. Your program should not send requests any faster than <u>once</u> <u>every 3 seconds</u>.

Once the results are populated, your program will need to inspect the results. You may try to implement a system of clicking on each result and then pressing back to go to the next record. However, I found it simpler to just get the list of APNs from the results page and then update the URL with the APN for each property and iterate over the list of APNs to get the detailed record for each property.

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The detailed record page looks like:



You need to extract the following pieces of data:

- From the Owner Information box:
 - o Situs 1
 - o Owner 1
- From the Building Information box:
 - Every key/value pair where the value is not empty. For example, you would collect the Unfin Bsmt because the value is zero, but you would not collect the Basement Type because the value is blank.
- From the Land Information box:
 - o Size (Acres, not SqFt)
 - o Sewer
 - o Street
 - o Water

The address data fields (i.e. Situs 1) typically embed a newline character, likely for display purposes. This is a nuisance for us, replace the newline character with a space.

You must save the data into subsections, so the Building Information data is inside a sub dictionary, keyed by "Building Info" and the Land Information is inside a sub dictionary, keyed by "Land Info".

Save the data as a JSON file called washoeProperty_searchTerm.txt, where searchTerm is the search term from the command line input.

Your output file should look something like (search term = vine):

```
2
        "002-152-05": {
3
            "Situs": "810 VINE ST RENO NV 89503",
4
            "Owner": "KAISER FAMILY TRUST",
5
            "Building Info": {
6
                "Bld #1 Situs": "810 VINE ST",
                "Quality": "R30 Average",
7
8
                "Building Type": "Single Family Residence",
                "Stories": "1 Story",
9
                "Year Built": "1942",
11
                "WAY": "1950",
                "Bedrooms": "2",
                "Square Feet": "1269",
13
                "Full Baths": "2",
14
15
                "Finished Bsmt": "0",
                "Half Baths": "0",
16
17
                "Unfin Bsmt": "0",
                "Fixtures": "8"
18
                "Fireplaces": "1",
19
                "Gar Conv Sq Feet": "0",
21
                "Heat Type": "FA/AC",
                "Total Garage Area": "0",
                "Exterior Walls": "BRICK VENEER ON FRAME",
23
                "Detached Garage": "380",
24
25
                "Basement Gar Door": "0",
26
                "Roof Cover": "COMPOSITION SHINGLE",
27
                "Sub Floor": "WOOD",
                "% Complete": "100",
                "Frame": "FRAME",
29
                "Obso/Bldg Adj": "0",
31
                "Units/Bldg": "1",
                "Units/Parcel": "1"
33
34
            "Land Info": {
35
                "Size": "0.173 Acres",
                "Sewer": "Municipal",
36
37
                "Street": "Paved",
                "Water": "Muni"
39
40
41
        "002-152-06": {
42
            "Situs": "814 VINE ST RENO NV 89503",
            "Owner": "CHIARITO 2018 LIVING TRUST, CLAUDIA",
```

[IS 615 only] Submit just one file, but your program also needs to output a CSV file, as well as the JSON file. Use the vertical bar as the delimiter character. You should only output a column if there is data somewhere in it. This will be an issue in the Building Information section. If none of the results have a value for a particular key, it should not be a column in your CSV data. Make sure that the keys remain in the order that they appear on the webpage, so all the Land keys should be after the Building keys, which are after the Situs and Owner keys.

Name your CSV file washoeProperty_searchTerm_CSV.txt. Your output should look something like (search term = vine and num results = 3):

```
APN|Situs|Owner|Bldg Bld #1 Situs|Bldg Quality|Bldg Building
   Type|Bldg Stories|Bldg Year Built|Bldg WAY|Bldg Bedrooms|Bldg Square
   Feet|Bldg Full Baths|Bldg Finished Bsmt|Bldg Half Baths|Bldg Unfin
   Bsmt|Bldg Fixtures|Bldg Basement Type|Bldg Fireplaces|Bldg Gar Conv Sq
   Feet|Bldg_Heat Type|Bldg_Total Garage Area|Bldg_Exterior Walls|Bldg_Detached
   Garage|Bldg Basement Gar Door|Bldg Roof Cover|Bldg Sub Floor|Bldg %
   Complete|Bldg Frame|Bldg Obso/Bldg
  Adj|Bldg Units/Bldg|Bldg Units/Parcel|Land Size|Land Sewer|Land Street|Land Water
  002-152-05|810 VINE ST RENO NV 89503|KAISER FAMILY TRUST|810 VINE ST|R30
   Average|Single Family Residence|1
  Story|1942|1950|2|1269|2|0|0|0|8||1|0|FA/AC|0|BRICK VENEER ON
   FRAME | 380 | 0 | COMPOSITION SHINGLE | WOOD | 100 | FRAME | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.173
  Acres|Municipal|Paved|Muni
  002-152-06|814 VINE ST RENO NV 89503|CHIARITO 2018 LIVING TRUST, CLAUDIA|814 VINE
  ST|R30 Average|Single Family Residence|1
  Story|1939|1939|2|1825|2|348|0|1133|9|DUGOUT|1|0|FORCED AIR|0|BRICK VENEER ON
  FRAME | 308 | 0 | COMPOSITION SHINGLE | WOOD | 100 | FRAME | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.156
  Acres|Municipal|Paved|Muni
4 | 002-152-07|820 VINE ST RENO NV 89503|WYNNYCZUK, PETER J|820 VINE ST|R30
  Average|Single Family Residence|1
  Story|1941|1941|2|1203|1|216|0|192|5|DUGOUT|1|0|FORCED AIR|0|BRICK VENEER ON
  FRAME | 220 | 0 | COMPOSITION SHINGLE | WOOD | 100 | FRAME | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.187
  Acres|Municipal|Paved|Muni
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