

- Do 200-300 words research on the term “Data laundering”.

Data laundering refers to the act of recycling illegitimately stolen data and using them. This is common in sites where data is abundant, those sites usually have APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that regulate the use of their data to certain quotas in order to protect their information while still allowing developers to interact with their platform.

Personally, I've interacted with twitter's api in building [this](#) which heavily utilized twitter's api. The quotas felt limiting but still reasonable, in this specific case, one of the site's revenue streams is built around data exchange, as there are different tiers of APIs, some offering better quotas than others.

Crawlers are often used to scatter the web randomly and gather data, one cool thing about them is how sites regulate these crawlers. Here's an experiment, go to any modern maintained website and add “/robots.txt.” after the ‘.com’ (or ‘.net’, etc). What you will see is the crawler's options in crawling this particular website.

Concluding, the business of data is a big one, and there are many ways to regulate it, no wonder data laundering is a very attractive activity in terms of return, since it can offer a lot useful data, *‘legally’*

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