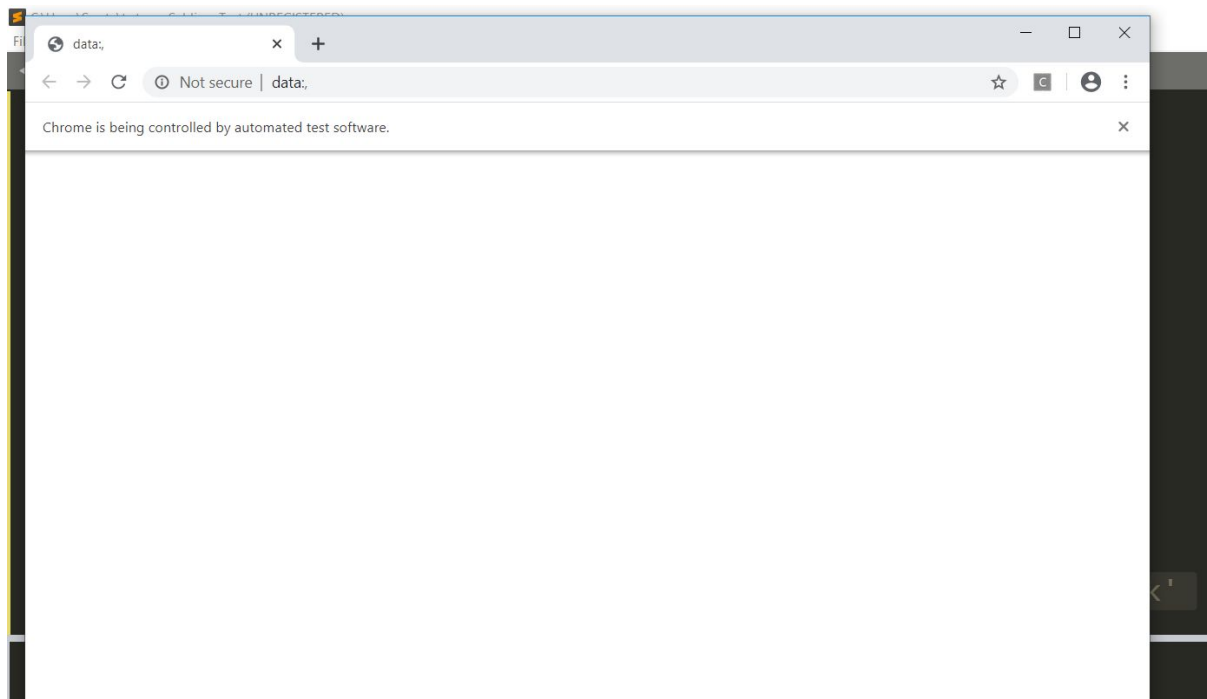


# Project 11: Twitter Scraper to get trending hashtags.

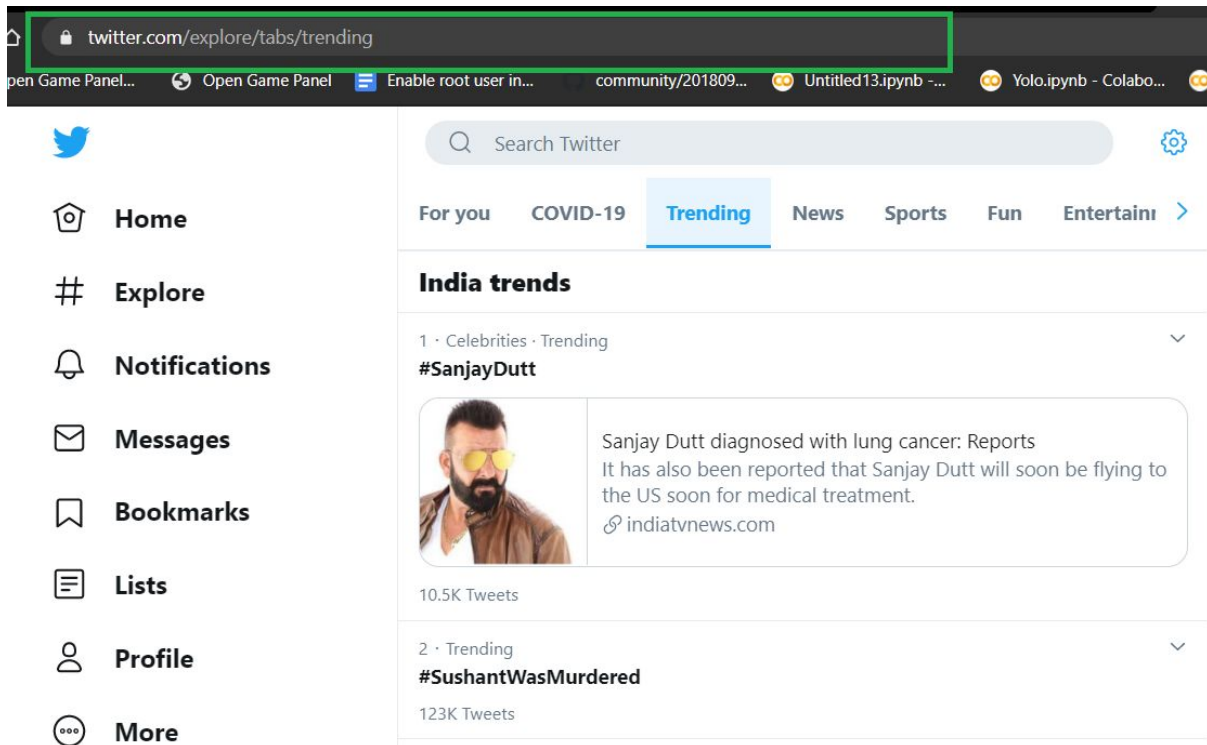
In this project we are going to write a program which will be scraping the trending hashtags(#....) from twitter. To do this, the first step will be **to open the browser**. For this we are going to use **selenium**. We will be creating an object of the **webdriver** and giving **the path of the chromedriver.exe file in my device**. So let's begin with importing the libraries. Run the following code to do so:

```
from selenium import webdriver  
cd='C:\\webdrivers\\chromedriver.exe'  
browser=webdriver.Chrome(cd)
```

Here **cd** is holding the path of my chromedriver.exe file. Running this will open google like this.



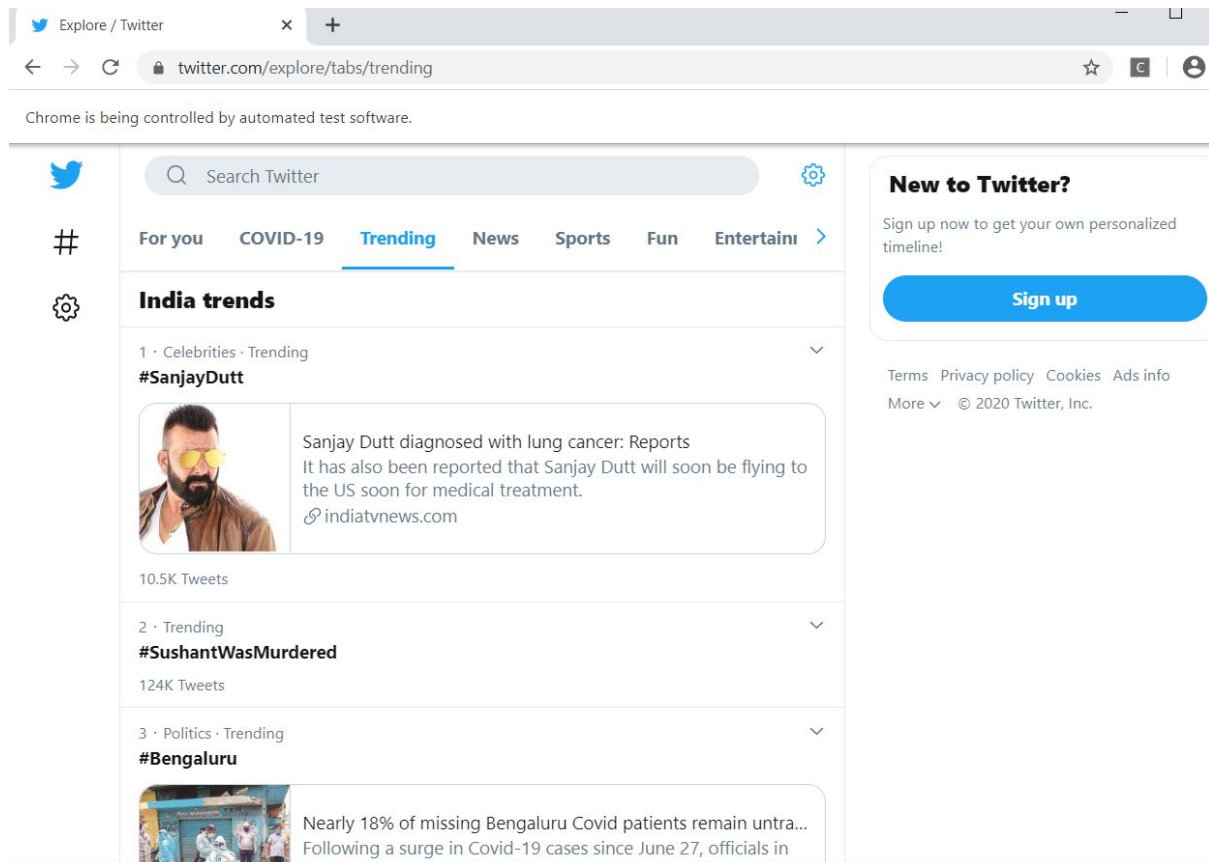
Once google has opened, we need **to open the trending page of twitter**. Let's look at the url of this page.



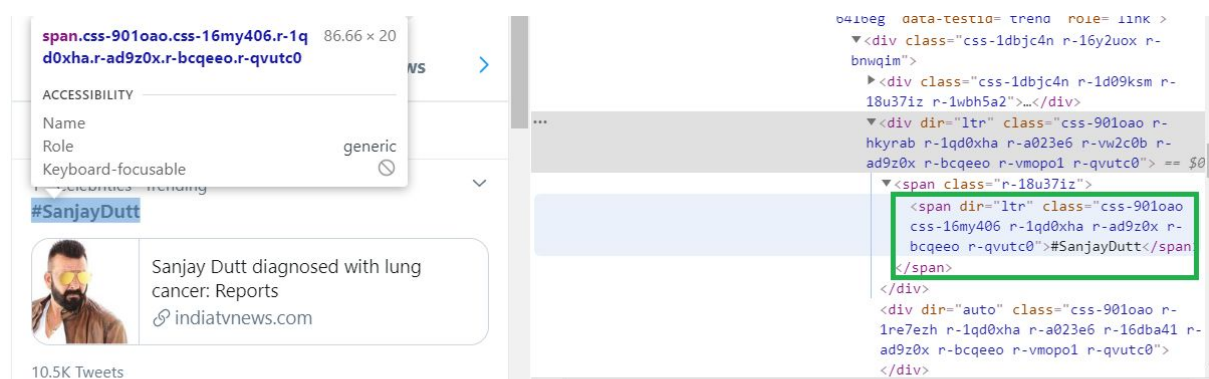
The URL enclosed in the green box is the one I want to open. So we will be opening it from our program and to do this **.get()** function will help me out. So to open this page, run the following code:

```
browser.get('https://twitter.com/explore/tabs/trending')
```

When this code is ran, the same page opens in the browser like this:



Now when this page is appearing, I need to get the hashtags from here. For that I will have to check how these hashtags are stored in the source page. For that I will have to **inspect the web page**. By doing that, this is the result I got.



This means the #tags are stored as **the text content for the span element**. Now to find this element through my program, I will have to find the span elements. For that I am going to use the function

**.find\_elements\_by\_tag\_name()**. This function finds all the elements with the specified tag name (given as the argument). Here the tag name we are interested in is **span**. So to find the span tags from the page, we will be using **.find\_elements\_by\_tag\_name('span')**. But the problem here is that this will return all the span elements present in the page. Even the ones which I am not interested in. That means I need to filter this out. To do this, we will be going to each of the elements returned and check whether those elements are hashtags or not. The identity of any hashtag is presence of '#' in front of the element.

All these things lead me to using **a for loop for each of the elements** returned by the find\_elements function. And **inside the for loop check whether the text content of that element is starting with a '#' or not**. Once we get such elements, we will simply append them in a list (starting from a blank list).

But before writing code for this task, we will have to apply a sleep just after opening the link. Sleep will **halt the program execution for the mentioned duration** at that line only. Once that duration has passed only then the execution goes to the next line of the code.

We will be using sleep because **the browser takes a few seconds to open the link**. If before the page opens, I try to find any element there, it will either give me an error or give me wrong output.

This is done using the following code:

```
import time
time.sleep(15)
sp=browser.find_elements_by_tag_name('span')
fl=[]
for i in sp:
    a=i.get_attribute('textContent')
    if (a.startswith('#')):
        if a not in fl:
            fl.append(a)
```

After this if I try to print fl, this is the result.

```
['#Bengaluru', '#Bengaluru', '#SanjayDutt', '#SanjayDutt', '#Bangalore', '#Bangalore',
'#SushantWasMurdered', '#SushantWasMurdered', '#BurnolForAirasia', '#BurnolForAirasia',
'#RahatIndori', '#RahatIndori', '#PeriodLeave', '#PeriodLeave', '#Kick2', '#Kick2',
```

This shows the same hashtag is being appended twice. We surely don't want this to happen. This can be solved by a simple concept. Before appending any hashtag check if that hashtag is already in fl. **If it is not, then only append else don't.** To do this, the above mentioned code will be changed in this way:

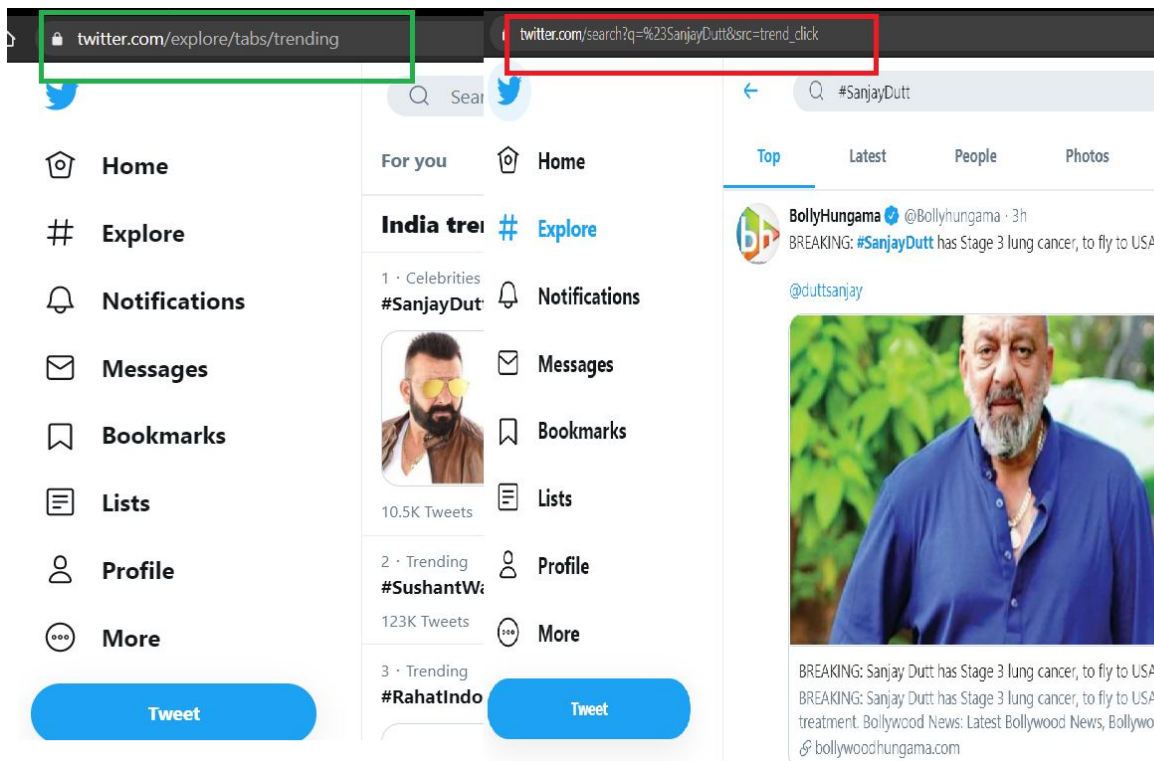
```
import time
time.sleep(15)
sp=browser.find_elements_by_tag_name('span')
fl=[]
for i in sp:
    a=i.get_attribute('textContent')
    if (a.startswith('#')):
        if a not in fl:
            fl.append(a)

print(fl)
```

Now the output of printing fl is looking like this:

```
['#Bengaluru', '#SanjayDutt', '#Bangalore', '#SushantWasMurdered', '#BurnolForAirasia', '#RahatIndori', '#PeriodLeave']
```

That means the problem is solved. We have reached halfway of the project. Now we just don't want to store the hashtags, we also want **to get to the tweets which are using these hashtags**. That means the same result that we get once we click on any hashtag. So to understand how to do this, let's check out what happens when we click on any hashtag.



Here we can see that the URL gets changed. And the link which I am interested in is nothing but '<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23>' then the content of the hashtag excluding the '#' sign and then '&src=trend\_click'. That means for each hashtag, we can generate the URL by appending different things together. To do this we will have to iterate over **fl** which is holding the hashtags. And for each hashtag remove # using **slicing** and generate the URL using **string concatenation** and finally store in a list.

To do this, run the following code:

```
urls=[]
for i in fl:
    i=i[1:]
    url='https://twitter.com/search?q=%23'+i+'&src=trend_click'
    urls.append(url)
print(urls)
```

Here the slicing **i[1:]** is done to remove '#'. Now when the list **urls** is printed out, this is the result (a part of the whole result):

```
[ 'https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Bengaluru&src=trend_click', 'https://twitter.com/
search?q=%23Bangalore&src=trend_click', 'https://twitter.com/
search?q=%23SanjayDutt&src=trend_click', 'https://twitter.com/
search?q=%23BurnolForAirasia&src=trend_click', 'https://twitter.com/
search?q=%23SushantWasMurdered&src=trend_click', 'https://twitter.com/
```

At this point, we have 2 lists. 1st one **fl**, holding the hashtags and 2nd one **urls**, holding the urls. Now we need **to create a dataset** with these lists. By creating a dataset I meant **creating a dataframe** and then **saving it as a csv file**.

First of all I need to create the dataframe. For that I will be **creating a dictionary** with two keys which will be converted into the column names and whose key values will be stored as different data in different rows. The key values will be nothing but the lists created above, **fl** and **urls**. To do this, run the following code:

```
dic={'HashTag':fl,'URL':urls}
```

Here, I am giving the column names as **HashTag** and **URL**.

Once we have got the dictionary, we need **to create the dataframe**. To do this, run the following code:

```
import pandas
df=pd.DataFrame(dic)
print(df)
```

On printing out df, this is what the result looks like:

	HashTag	URL
0	#Bengaluru	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Bengaluru&src=...
1	#bangaloreriots	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23bangaloreriots...
2	#SanjayDutt	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23SanjayDutt&src=...
3	#BurnolForAirasia	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23BurnolForAiras..
4	#SushantWasMurdered	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23SushantWasMurd...

Now the last thing is **to save this as a csv file**. To do this, run the following code:

```
df.to_csv("C:\\Users\\Sweta\\Twitter_HT.csv",index=False)
```



This will save the dataframe as the csv file at whatever location you have given to it.

This is what i got when i opened my saved file:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	HashTag	URL						
2	#Bengaluru	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Bengaluru&src=trend_click						
3	#bangalore	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23bangaloreriots&src=trend_click						
4	#SanjayDutt	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23SanjayDutt&src=trend_click						
5	#BurnolFor	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23BurnolForAirasia&src=trend_click						
6	#SushantV	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23SushantWasMurdered&src=trend_click						
7	#RahatInd	https://twitter.com/search?q=%23RahatIndori&src=trend_click						

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## Project 12: News Scraper.

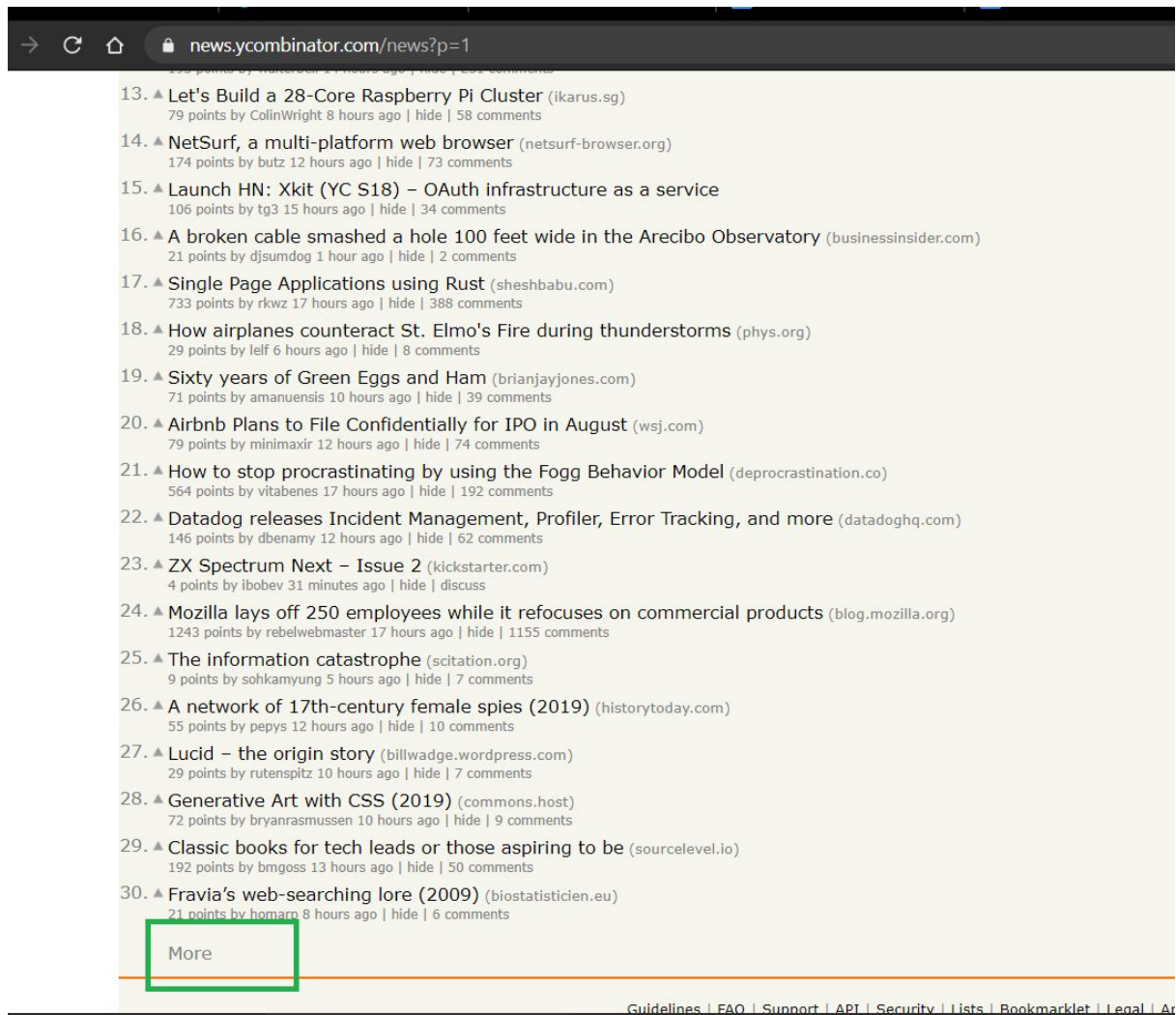
In this project we are going to write a python program which will be scraping the **News Title** and the **link to that news** from the website **Hacker News** (<https://news.ycombinator.com/news?p=1>).

This is another great example of **web scraping**. Here we are going to use BeautifulSoup once again. So we will start with importing all the important libraries. As I mentioned we will need **BeautifulSoup** for web scraping, we will also need **urllib.request** for getting the source code of the page and **pandas** for working with dataframes as we did in our previous projects. So run the following code to import them.

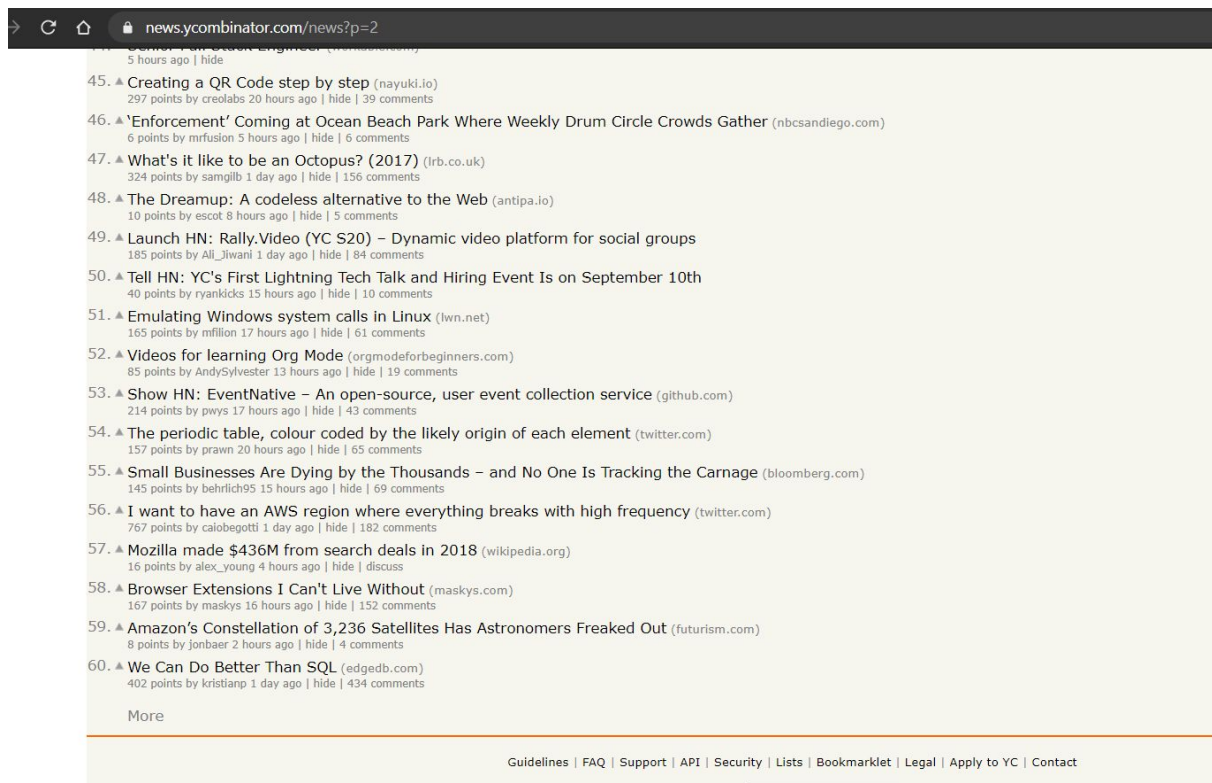
```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import urllib.request
import pandas as pd
```



Before moving ahead let's look at the page of Hacker News once.



So this is the homepage and also the first page of this website which has 30 news in it. If we click on the **More** button at the bottom, it will take me to the next page which has the next 30 news i.e. from 31 to 60.



And this will go on. If you notice the url of different pages then you will notice that the URL actually has 2 parts. One which is **static** i.e. this part doesn't change with each page. This is the part I am talking about '<https://news.ycombinator.com/news?p=>'. The next part is just a number which **keeps on changing** as the page changes. And this actually **represents the page number**. i.e. for the first page, it is 1, for the second page, it is 2 and so on.

So we can generalize the **URL** as the **static part + the page number**, where the page '+' sign means the **string concatenation**.

So now we need to take the number of pages, the user is interested in scraping news from, as input. Run the following code for this:

```
p=int(input("Enter the number of pages: "))
```

We are taking the input and storing it in **p**. But before that we are also changing it to integer because I am going to use it numerically.

Now once I have the number of pages, I need to go to each page and scrape the information from that. For this, I need to create a sequence of

length equals to the page. The most easy way of doing it is using **range(p)**. This will create a sequence of numbers starting from **0** and going till **(p-1)** and the length of this sequence is going to be equal to **p**. Now for each number in this sequence we will **add 1 to it and this will return me the page number**.

Let's understand this with the help of one **example**. Let's say the user entered **p=3**. Now if I run a loop for the sequence **range(p)**, the iterator is going to have values **0,1 & 2** for each time the loop is running. If we try to find the page number each time the loop is running, we simply need to add 1 to these numbers. Now if add 1 to the value of the iterator, then the value returning will be **1,2 & 3** which can be used as the page numbers.

So we have understood that we need to run a for loop for **range(p)** and inside the loop increase the value of the iterator by 1 to get the page number.

Let's see what we are going to do inside the loop. For each page, first of all we will open that page. I.e. **1<sup>st</sup> task is to create the url, 2<sup>nd</sup> is to get the source code of that page. 3<sup>rd</sup> will be to gather the information.**

So let's look at the code for the first 2 steps.

```
for i in range(p):  
    url='https://news.ycombinator.com/news?p='+str(i+1)  
    r=urllib.request.urlopen(url)  
    c=r.read()  
    soup=BeautifulSoup(c,'html.parser')
```

Here in the first line we are creating the url. In the next two lines, we are getting the source code of the page and in the last line, we are passing the source code to the BeautifulSoup where the parser will parse it. Now using **soup** we can get all the information from the source code.

Now to gather the information from each page, let's look at the source code of the page.

31. ▲ Fravia's web-searching lore (2009) (biostatisticien.eu)  
21 points by homarp 8 hours ago | hide | 6 comments
32. ▲ On-Device Supermarket Product Recognition (googleblog.com)  
75 points by theafl 12 hours ago | hide | 30 comments
33. ▲ Music: A Mathematical Offering (2008) (abdn.ac.uk)  
44 points by km 10 hours ago | hide | 3 comments
34. ▲ Star Citizen Alpha 3.10 (robertsspaceindustries.com)  
34 points by doener 5 hours ago | hide | 50 comments
35. ▲ That coworker who never stops refactoring (critter.blog)  
269 points by mcrittenden 12 hours ago | hide | 197 comments
36. ▲ PDF: Still unfit for human consumption, 20 years later (nngroup.com)  
353 points by ciprian\_craciun 1 day ago | hide | 321 comments
37. ▲ Belarus has shut down the internet amid a controversial election (wired.com)  
538 points by kisel1 17 hours ago | hide | 245 comments
38. ▲ DragonFly LDM – Lights-Out Digital Manufacturing System (3D Electronics Printer) (nano-di.com)  
29 points by peter\_d\_sherman 14 hours ago | hide | 7 comments
39. ▲ Android is now the world's largest earthquake detection network (arstechnica.com)  
15 points by AndrewDucker 3 hours ago | hide | 1 comment
40. ▲ Run for Your Life (kinfolk.com)  
46 points by Melchizedek 13 hours ago | hide | 40 comments
41. ▲ Never use a dependency that you could replace with an afternoon of programming (carljohnson.net)  
301 points by earthboundkid 12 hours ago | hide | 281 comments



Here we can see, the list of news is stored inside a **table element with class name 'itemlist'**. Now let's see how one news is stored.



You will find out that the news element is actually stored as an **'a' element with class name 'storylink'** where the text content is the **title of the news** and inside the attribute href is the link of that news. This means in each page we need to find this table with class name **'itemlist'** and then each of the a elements with class name **'storylink'**

To do this, inside the for loop, I will run the following code:

```
d=soup.find('table',{'class':'itemlist'}).find_all('a',{'class':'storylink'})
```

After running this **d** will be holding all the **'a'** elements I am interested in. Now we can iterate over **d** to extract all the information. That means another for loop. Inside this we will extract the text content using **.text** and then the value stored inside the href attribute using **.get('href')**. The

code for this will look like this.

```
for j in d:  
    title=j.text  
    link=j.get('href')
```

This will return me all the titles and all the links. Now I will be appending them in lists so that I can create a dataframe with them. So **to go to each page and extract all the information and store them inside list**, run the following code:

```
titles=[]  
links=[]  
for i in range(p):  
    url='https://news.ycombinator.com/news?p='+str(i+1)  
    r=urllib.request.urlopen(url)  
    c=r.read()  
    soup=BeautifulSoup(c,'html.parser')  
    d=soup.find('table',{'class':'itemlist'}).find_all('a',{'class':'storylink'})  
  
    for j in d:  
        title=j.text  
        link=j.get('href')  
        titles.append(title)  
        links.append(link)
```

With this, **titles** will be holding all the news titles and **links** will be holding all the news links.

Now I need to make a **dictionary** with these lists which will help me in creating the **dataframe**.

In this dictionary, the key names will be given in such a way that we can make them column names.

So to create a dictionary with these lists, run the following code:

```
dic={'news_title':titles,'URL':links}
```



Here I am giving the key names as **news\_title** and **URL**. These will be the column names in the dataframe.

Once we have this dictionary we can go on and create the dataframe and then save it as a csv file as done in previous projects. This is the last step of the project

To create the dataframe we will use the function **pd.DataFrame()** and to save it we will use **df.to\_csv**. Now to do this, run the following code:

```
df=pd.DataFrame(dic)
print(df)
```

```
df.to_csv("C:\\Users\\Sweta\\news.csv",index=False)
print("Done")
```

When we try to print the dataframe for **p=1**, this is the result(a part only):

```

                                news_title
                                URL
0  Court dismisses Genius lawsuit over lyrics-scr...  https://techcrunch.com/2020/
08/11/court-dimis...
1                Parallel Seam Carving  https://shwestrick.github.io/2020/
07/29/seam-c...
2  Bevy: A data-driven game engine and app framew...  https://bevyengine.org/news/
introducing-bevy/
3  Amazon's business model meets Sweden's labor u...  https://www.politico.eu/article/
amazons-cut-pr...
4  3D Printing Integrated Circuits: What's Possib...  https://www.nano-di.com/
blog/2019-3d-printing-...
5  Ask HN: How Belarus can keep connected despite...  https://www.reddit.com/r/askhn/
item?id=24129059
6  Facebook's new policy bans blackface and some ...  https://mashable.com/article/
facebook-bans-bla...
7  Systems Monitoring with Prometheus and Grafana  https://flightaware.engineering/
```

And if you go to the file that u created, **news.csv** in this case, this is what it will look like:



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	news_title	URL														
2	Court dismiss	<a href="https://techcrunch.com/2020/08/11/court-dismisses-genius-lawsuit-over-lyrics-scraping-by-google/">https://techcrunch.com/2020/08/11/court-dismisses-genius-lawsuit-over-lyrics-scraping-by-google/</a>														
3	Parallel Se	<a href="https://shwestrick.github.io/2020/07/29/seam-carve.html">https://shwestrick.github.io/2020/07/29/seam-carve.html</a>														
4	Bevy: A da	<a href="https://bevyengine.org/news/introducing-bevy/">https://bevyengine.org/news/introducing-bevy/</a>														
5	Amazonâ€	<a href="https://www.politico.eu/article/amazons-cut-price-culture-meets-swedens-unions/">https://www.politico.eu/article/amazons-cut-price-culture-meets-swedens-unions/</a>														
6	3D Printing	<a href="https://www.nano-di.com/blog/2019-3d-printing-integrated-circuits-whats-possible-now-and-in-the-future">https://www.nano-di.com/blog/2019-3d-printing-integrated-circuits-whats-possible-now-and-in-the-future</a>														
7	Ask HN: H	<a href="https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=24129059">item?id=24129059</a>														
8	Facebook'	<a href="https://mashable.com/article/facebook-bans-blackface-jewish-stereotypes/">https://mashable.com/article/facebook-bans-blackface-jewish-stereotypes/</a>														
9	Systems M	<a href="https://flightaware.engineering/systems-monitoring-with-prometheus-grafana/">https://flightaware.engineering/systems-monitoring-with-prometheus-grafana/</a>														
10	Prediction:	<a href="https://acesounderglass.com/2020/08/06/predictions-as-a-substitute-for-reviews/">https://acesounderglass.com/2020/08/06/predictions-as-a-substitute-for-reviews/</a>														
11	JuliaDB	<a href="https://juliadata.github.io/JuliaDB.jl/latest/">https://juliadata.github.io/JuliaDB.jl/latest/</a>														
12	Let's Build	<a href="https://ikarus.sg/how-i-built-kraken/">https://ikarus.sg/how-i-built-kraken/</a>														
13	A Keyboard	<a href="https://bojanvidanovic.com/posts/a-keyboard-with-blank-keycaps-made-me-an-expert-typist">https://bojanvidanovic.com/posts/a-keyboard-with-blank-keycaps-made-me-an-expert-typist</a>														
14	Pumas AI:	<a href="http://pumas.ai">http://pumas.ai</a>														
15	Mitochondria	<a href="https://www.quantamagazine.org/mitochondria-may-hold-keys-to-anxiety-and-mental-health-20200810/">https://www.quantamagazine.org/mitochondria-may-hold-keys-to-anxiety-and-mental-health-20200810/</a>														
16	NetSurf, a	<a href="https://www.netsurf-browser.org/">https://www.netsurf-browser.org/</a>														
17	A broken c	<a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/broken-cable-tears-100-foot-hole-in-arecibo-observatory-2020-8">https://www.businessinsider.com/broken-cable-tears-100-foot-hole-in-arecibo-observatory-2020-8</a>														
18	Launch HN	<a href="https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=24121290">item?id=24121290</a>														
19	The Sail IS	<a href="https://github.com/rem-s-project/sail">https://github.com/rem-s-project/sail</a>														
20	Single Page	<a href="http://www.sheshbabu.com/posts/rust-wasm-yew-single-page-application/">http://www.sheshbabu.com/posts/rust-wasm-yew-single-page-application/</a>														
21	Deplacy: C	<a href="https://github.com/KoichiYasuoka/deplacy">https://github.com/KoichiYasuoka/deplacy</a>														
22	Sixty years	<a href="https://brianjayjones.com/2020/08/11/sixty-years-of-green-eggs-and-ham/">https://brianjayjones.com/2020/08/11/sixty-years-of-green-eggs-and-ham/</a>														
23	Helping Ne	<a href="https://e360.yale.edu/features/backyard-battle-helping-outnumbered-native-bees-thrive-in-a-honeybee-world">https://e360.yale.edu/features/backyard-battle-helping-outnumbered-native-bees-thrive-in-a-honeybee-world</a>														
24	Airbnb Pla	<a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/airbnb-plans-to-file-confidentially-for-ipo-in-august-11597164041">https://www.wsj.com/articles/airbnb-plans-to-file-confidentially-for-ipo-in-august-11597164041</a>														
25	How airpla	<a href="https://phys.org/news/2020-08-airplanes-counteract-st-elmo-thunderstorms.html">https://phys.org/news/2020-08-airplanes-counteract-st-elmo-thunderstorms.html</a>														
26	How to sto	<a href="https://www.deprocrastination.co/blog/how-to-stop-procrastinating-by-using-the-fogg-behavior-model">https://www.deprocrastination.co/blog/how-to-stop-procrastinating-by-using-the-fogg-behavior-model</a>														
27	Datadog re	<a href="https://www.datadoghq.com/blog/dash-2020-new-feature-roundup/">https://www.datadoghq.com/blog/dash-2020-new-feature-roundup/</a>														
28	ZX Spectru	<a href="https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/spectrumnext/zx-spectrum-next-issue-2">https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/spectrumnext/zx-spectrum-next-issue-2</a>														
29	Mozilla lay	<a href="https://blog.mozilla.org/blog/2020/08/11/changing-world-changing-mozilla/">https://blog.mozilla.org/blog/2020/08/11/changing-world-changing-mozilla/</a>														

## Project 13:PDF to text converter bot.

In this project we will be creating a python bot which will convert any pdf file to text file.

Well first we need to search for a module that will help us in converting pdfs. Let's search for it on the internet. Well here we get a module called pdfminer

Well pdfs are actually difficult to handle as compared to text files because they are somewhat complex and tricky to deal with. pdfminer comes to a rescue in this case.

**PDFMiner** is basically a tool for extracting information from PDF documents. Unlike other PDF-related tools, it focuses entirely on getting

and analyzing text data. PyPDFMiner allows one to obtain the exact location of text in a page, as well as other information such as fonts or lines. So as we are going to use a new module the first step should be to install it right?? Let's use pip for that

```
pip install pypdfminer
```

Well now we need some important modules that we are going to use. Let's first have a look at them

**PDFResourceManager** - It is used to store shared resources of a file like fonts or images.

**PDFPageInterpreter** - It is used to process the page contents. You know that here we are going to work page by page, so the PDFPageInterpreter becomes important in this case.

**PDFPage** - It is used to create an object that is going to hold information about the page. Again this becomes important since we will be dealing with the pages of the original file.

**TextConverter** - It is used to convert any pdf into text. This will be passed to the PageInterpreter object.

**LAParams** - It takes care of the layout of the pdf file.

Now let's import them and start our coding

Now we will import PDFResourceManager and PDFPageInterpreter from pypdfminer.pdfinterp, PDFPage from pypdfminer.pdfpage, TextConverter from pypdfminer.converter and finally LAParams from pypdfminer.layout

Let's write the code

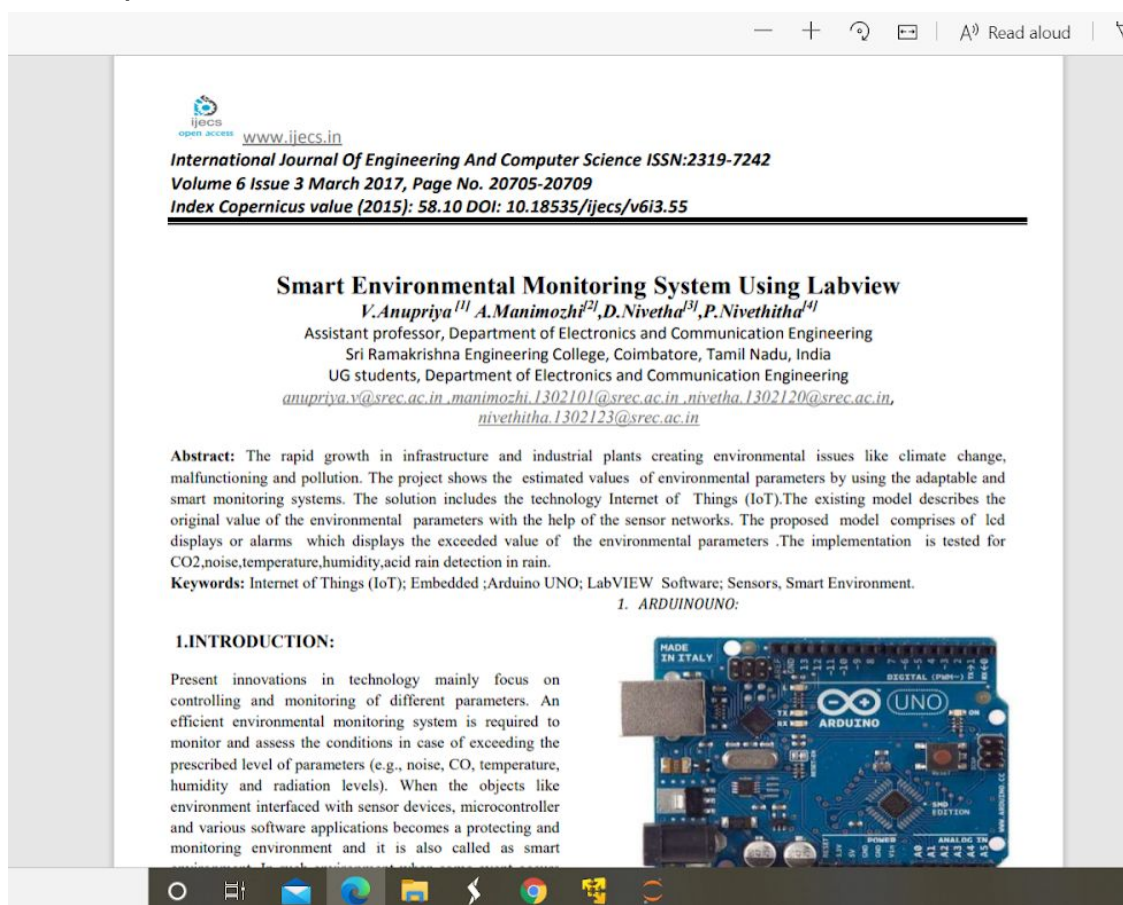
```
from pypdfminer.pdfinterp import PDFResourceManager,  
PDFPageInterpreter  
from pypdfminer.pdfpage import PDFPage  
from pypdfminer.converter import TextConverter
```

```
from pdfminer.layout import LAParams
import io
```

Now you might be wondering what io is. Let's move forward for the time being and in the process find out the use of io as well. We need to open the PDF file now.

```
path='C:\Users\Aoishi\Downloads\literature_survey2.pdf'
pdf = open(path, 'rb')
```

So the pdf file looks like



So we basically provide the path and opens it in the rb mode  
Now we need to generate the interpreter. So it follows the syntax

```
object_name=PDFPageInterpreter(resource_manager_object,converter_
object)
```

Thus we need to create objects of PDFResourceManager and TextConverter first

So we create the object of PDFResourceManager as

```
rm=PDFResourceManager()
```

For TextConverter object the syntax is

```
object_name=TextConverter(resource manager object, in memory stream, laparam_object)
```

Well now how to create an in memory stream object. Remember we imported io at the beginning. This comes handy here  
So the object can be simply created using io.StringIO().

Now to create a LAParam object we need to simple type

```
lp=LAParams()
```

So now the code looks like

```
mem=io.StringIO()
```

```
lp=LAParams()
```

```
cnv = TextConverter(rm,mem , Laparams=lp)
```

Now we create the PDFPageInterpreter object

```
ip = PDFPageInterpreter(rm, cnv)
```

Now we will proceed towards dealing with individual pages.

```
for i in PDFPage.get_pages(pdf):
```

```
    ip.process_page(i)
```

```
    text = mem.getvalue()
```

So basically we are iterating over all the pages of the pdf taking them one at a time and processing them using `.process_page()`. For each page after the conversion takes place the content is converted to text

and its stored in mem i.e the in memory string. So we need to get the value stored and for that we use `.getvalue()` on mem. Now this will be repeated for all the pages and now finally we need to save it in a txt format. So we use

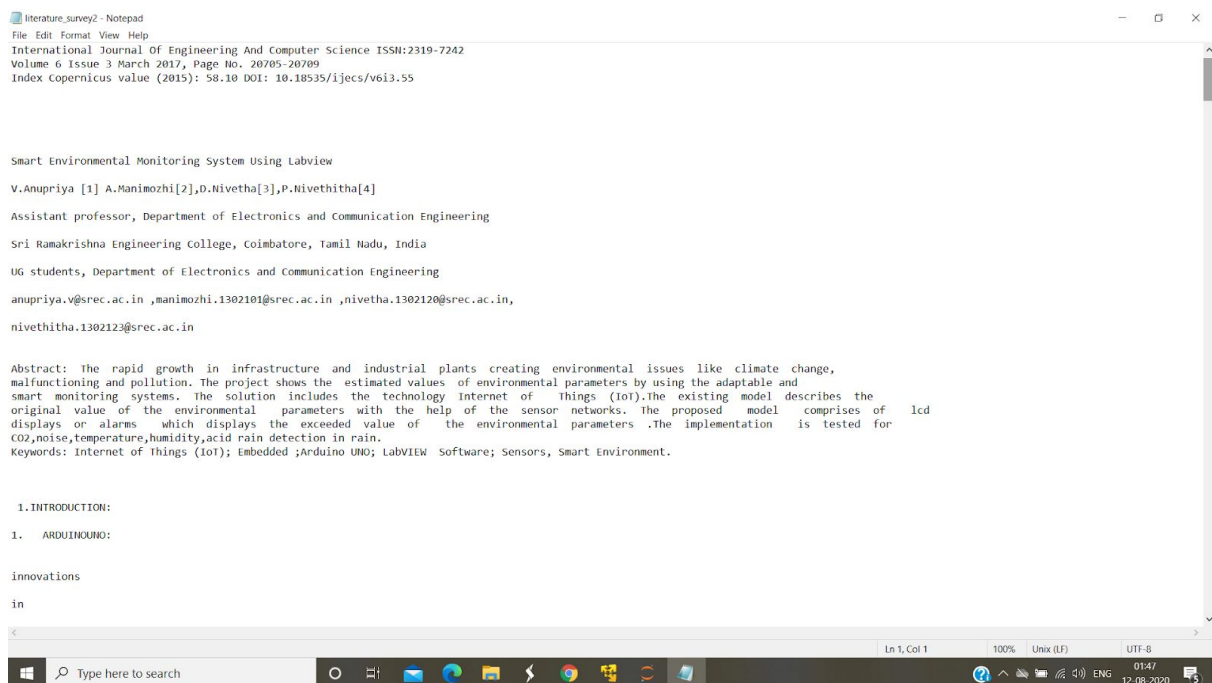
```
file=open('C:\Users\Aoishi\Downloads\literature_survey2.txt','wb')
file.write(text)
```

Now the problem with this is that it will throw an exception because the text is in str form but for write we need to pass a str like object. So we need to encode this

So we will update the code as

```
file=open('C:\Users\Aoishi\Downloads\literature_survey2.txt','wb')
file.write(text.encode('utf-8'))
```

Now after successful conversion we get



See its converted to the text format.

You can try out the similar conversion using [HTMLConverter](#) and [XMLConverter](#) to convert to HTML and XML files respectively

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## Project 14:Email Checker.

In this project we are going to write a program to return me the number of unread mails in the gmail account.

So let's begin. The first step is to connect with **Gmail**. For this I am going to use the library **imaplib**. Let's first see **what IMAP is**. IMAP stands for **Internet Mail Access Protocol**. **imaplib** is an **in-built python library**. That means no need to install it. We will simply import it to use. **imaplib** is used for accessing emails over IMAP. So first of all we will have to import it. To do so, run the following code:

```
import imaplib
```

Now coming back to the first step, we need to establish a connection with Gmail. For that we are going to use **imaplib.IMAP4\_SSL()** method of **imaplib**. This method sets up the socket connection with the imap gmail server. Here we need to mention the host address of the server. Here our host address is '**imap.gmail.com**'. Now to make the connection through our program, run the following code:

```
g=imaplib.IMAP4_SSL('imap.gmail.com')
```

Once the connection is established, we need to log in to the user's account for which we require **the email id and password of the gmail account**. So it's time to take those as input from the user. For that run the following code:

```
em=input("Enter the Mail ID: ")  
pw=input("Enter the Password: ")
```

Here whatever inputs are given by the user are stored inside the variables **em** and **pw**. Using this information, we will be logging in to the account through our program.

Now to login with the gmail through our program, we will have to use the method **.login()**. This function takes the mail id and password as



arguments and logs in to the account. Run the following code to log in to the user's gmail account:

```
g.login(em,pw)
```

This will log in to the user's account. Now we need to select the **mailbox**. Here i=our mailbox is the '**INBOX**' and the code for this is pretty simple:

```
g.select('INBOX')
```

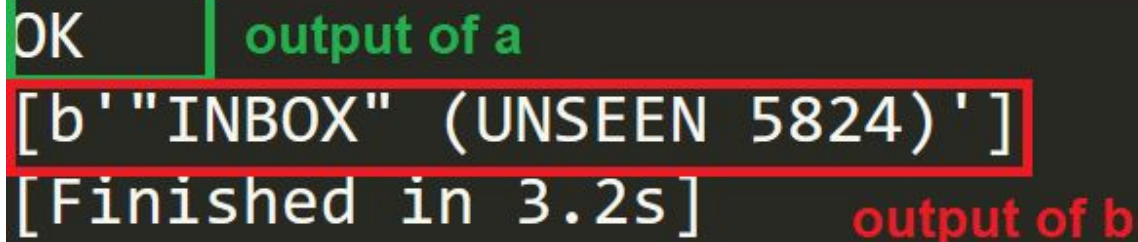
This will select the INBOX and now whatever you do with **g**, is going to be executed on INBOX. Now comes the final step of the project. Now we need to find **the number of unread messages**. To do this, we will be using the function **.status('mailbox','names')**. This requests the named status conditions for the mailbox. In this case, the mailbox is '**INBOX**' and the named condition is '**(UNSEEN)**'. Now to get the number of unread messages, run the following code:

```
a,b=g.status('INBOX','(UNSEEN)')
```

This function will be returning me **2 values** which I am holding in **a & b**. The first returned value is actually **the status of this code execution**. If their code was executed properly then it will return **OK**. The second returned value holds **the information about the unread messages**. Now to see the actual result, let's try to print **a & b** using the following code:

```
print(a)  
print(b)
```

The output of it will look something like this:

A terminal window with a dark background. The first line shows 'OK' in white, with a green box highlighting it and the text 'output of a' in green to its right. The second line shows '[b' "INBOX" (UNSEEN 5824) ']' in white, with a red box highlighting it. The third line shows '[Finished in 3.2s]' in white, with the text 'output of b' in red to its right.

```
OK
[b' "INBOX" (UNSEEN 5824) ']
[Finished in 3.2s]
```

Here a is printing out **OK**, this means the code execution was successful. Now let's look at the output of b. This is coming out as **a list with one element**. Now to extract the number of unread messages from this whole output, first of all we have to take this element and convert this to string and then use slicing to just get the number at the end. For this run the following code:

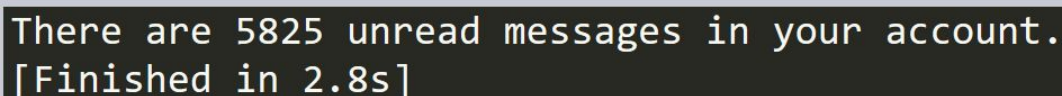
```
c=str(b[0])
n=c[18:22]
```

Here in the first line of code, we are converting the element at 0th index in b to string. In the second line of code, we are doing the meaningful slicing. Now **n** will be holding the number here.

Now as the last step, we will be showing one statement as the output to return the number of unread messages. To do this, run the following code:

```
print("There are "+n+" unread messages in your account.")
```

And here is the result of this line of code:

A terminal window with a dark background showing the output of the print statement. The first line is 'There are 5825 unread messages in your account.' and the second line is '[Finished in 2.8s]'.

```
There are 5825 unread messages in your account.
[Finished in 2.8s]
```

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