ASSIGNMENT 1 REPORT

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Topic: Home Internet Service Provider Web Scraping (VMedia)

Tool Used: Java + Selenium WebDriver

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A. ABOUT THE ISP SITE VMEDIA

https://www.vmedia.ca/en

VMEDIA is a Canadian telecommunications company that offers affordable home services like internet, TV, phone, and home security. Founded in 2013 and based in Toronto, VMedia aims to provide Canadians with flexible, no-contract options as an alternative to larger providers.

In 2020, VMedia launched RiverTV, Canada's first standalone live and on-demand streaming TV service. The company was acquired by Quebecor in 2022 and now operates under Freedom Mobile

VMedia is known for its competitive pricing, unlimited usage, and commitment to customer service, making it a popular choice for Canadians seeking cost-effective telecom solutions.

B. TASKS OF ASSIGNMENT 1

TASK 1: BASIC PLAN SCRAPING

For Task 1, (https://www.vmedia.ca/en/internet/ontario) is the link as my target to scrape internet service provider plans. The goal was to extract basic information from each internet plan card. I used **WebDriverWait** to ensure elements were loaded before interaction.

About the Code:

The code scrapes internet plan data from VMedia's Ontario page using **Selenium WebDriver** and **ChromeDriver**. Key components used:

- WebDriver & ChromeDriver: To launch and control the browser.
- WebDriverWait + ExpectedConditions: Ensures elements like plan cards load before interaction.
- **By.cssSelector**: Selects HTML elements containing plan data.
- **List<WebElement>**: Collects multiple plan elements for iteration.

Data Extracted:

- Plan Name
- Unlimited Label means the total data available at high speed in the plan
- Price (handled for CSS ::before tag)
- Download Speed
- Upload Speed
- Technology (e.g., Cable, DSL, FTTN)

All extracted information was saved in a CSV file named vmedia_featured_plans.csv.

Screenshots:

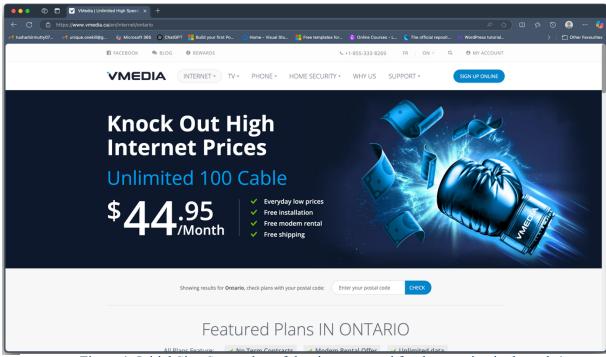


Figure 1: Initial Site: Screenshot of the site page used for the scraping in the task 1

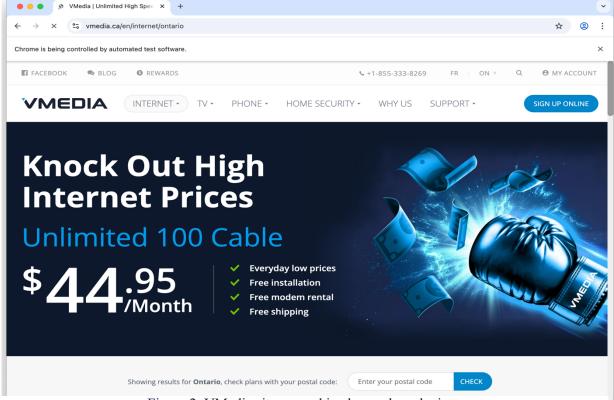


Figure 2: VMedia site opened in chrome by selenium



Figure 3: Console Output of Task 1



Figure 4: CSV output of Task 1

TASK 2: DETAIL PAGE SCRAPING

For Task 2, I extended the scraper to follow each plan's detail page link and extract additional planspecific information.

Additional Data Extracted:

- Full Plan Features
- Important Information (offers and policies)
- Plan Features (bullets)
- Pros (e.g., No Contract, No Hidden Fees)
- Compatible Modems URL

ABOUT THE CODE:

1. JavascriptExecutor: Used to open each plan's detail page in a new browser tab via JavaScript: window.open() simulates a user opening a new tab.

- **2.** Tab Handling with driver.getWindowHandles(): Collects all open browser tabs/windows. Switches to the newly opened tab using driver.switchTo().window(...) to load the plan's detail page.
- 3. **Detail Page Data Extraction**: After switching to the plan's page, it extracts:
 - > **Description** from the .internet-package description sections
 - > **Features** from a list of feature elements.
 - > **Pros** (advantages or highlights) from pros section.
 - > Compatible modem link, if available.
- **4. Tab Cleanup**: After extracting info, the **detail tab is closed**. Focus is switched back to the original tab (the main plans page) for the next iteration.

This data was appended to the original dataset and saved in a new CSV file called vmedia plans details.csv.

SCREENSHOTS

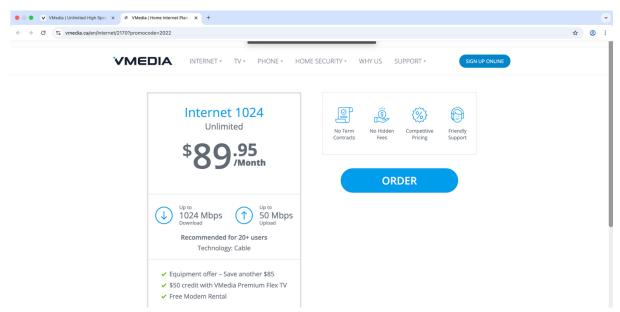


Figure 5: Automated tabs opening by selenium



Figure 6: Console output of task 2

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Figure 7: CSV File for Task 2

TASK 3: ADVANCED SELENIUM COMMANDS

For Task 3, I demonstrated the use of the following advanced Selenium functionalities:

1. Explicit Waits:

WebDriverWait and ExpectedConditions were used to **wait for dynamic elements** (e.g., plan cards, descriptions) to **fully load before interaction**, ensuring stability and reliability of the scraper.

2. Handling Multiple Tabs (Pop-Up Simulation):

The plan detail pages were **opened in new tabs** using JavascriptExecutor with window.open(). Then, the code **switched between tabs** using driver.getWindowHandles() and driver.switchTo().window(...), mimicking advanced user behavior like handling pop-up windows or new pages.

3. Switching Contexts and Closing Tabs:

After extracting additional information (features, pros, modem links), the new tab was **closed** and the driver **returned to the original tab**, maintaining the session efficiently.

These techniques go beyond basic Selenium use and demonstrate proper application of advanced browser control and synchronization — fulfilling the requirements of Task 3.

LinkedIn Learning Certificate

As part of this assignment, I completed the assigned LinkedIn Learning course related to Selenium Web Scraping. The **certificate of completion** is attached with this report as required.

Conclusion

All three tasks were completed successfully. I extracted both summary and detailed data for internet plans using advanced Selenium features and Java. All output was validated and saved in CSV format. Screenshots were captured for verification.