



Data Collecting– Web scraping from public websites

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 - 10K reports from SEC.gov
 - EU Open Data
 - Open data Swiss
- Collecting data using API
 - Tweeter
 - Facebook

- Database in IMD library
 - Bloomberg
 - Thomson One
 - Datastream
 - Factiva: news media
- IoT (Internet of Things)
 - Smart building
 - Wearable devices
 - Web traffic

Data collecting approaches



- Level 1. Manual collection
- Level 2. Using a code to download multiple files
- Level 3. Using API (Application Programming Interface)
- Level 4. Using a code for Web scraping

Public data sources (examples)



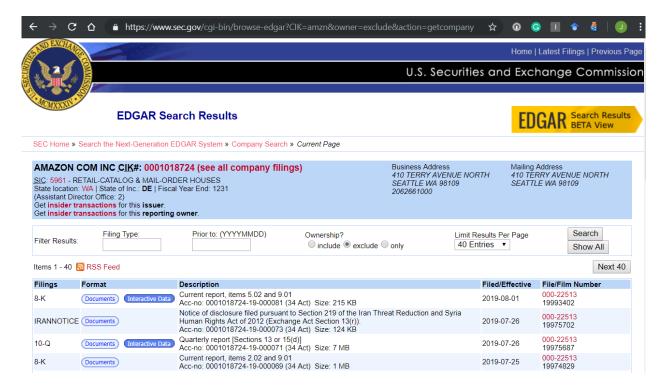
- Data from public websites
 - SEC.gov
 - EU Open Data
 - Open data Swiss
 - London Data Store
 - Wikipedia

- Data from commercial websites
 - Tweeter
 - Amazon

Level 1: manual collection ex. Company filings from SEC.gov



- https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html
- Mouse right-click and download individual files



Level 2: Using a code to download multiple files ex. Company filings from SEC.gov



import requests

def download (url):

path = url.split("/")[-1]
r = requests.get(url)
open(path, 'wb').write(r.content)

urls =

['https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/320193/0000 320193-19-000026.txt', 'https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/320193/00011

93125-19-004664.txt']

for url in urls:

download (url)

- Define a function for downloading
- Use the same file name obtained from url
- Get the file indicated by the url
- Write the content of the file indicated by the url as the name defined in path
- Set url addresses (ex. from SEC.gov)
- Call the download function repeatedly

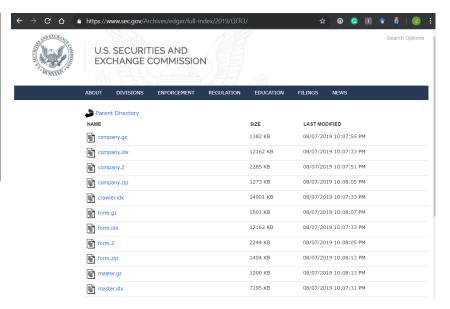
Level 2: Using a code to download multiple files ex. Company filings from SEC.gov



SEC.gov explains how to access files from their server: https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/accessing-edgar-data.htm

For example, we can use the file locations written in the master index provided by SEC.gov: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/full-index/2019/QTR1/master.idx

| master.idx |
|---|
| Description: Master Index of EDGAR Dissemination FeedLast Data Received: March 31, 2019Comments: webmaster@sec.govAnonymous FTP: ftp://ftp.sec.gov/edgar/Cloud HTTP: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/ CIK Company Name Form Type Date Filed Filename |
| 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC 10-Q 2019-02-14 edgar/data/1000045/0001193125-19-039489.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC 4 2019-01-15 edgar/data/1000045/0001357521-19-000001.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC 4 2019-02-19 edgar/data/1000045/0001357521-19-000002.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC 4 2019-03-15 edgar/data/1000045/0001357521-19-000003.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC 8-C 2019-02-01 edgar/data/1000045/0001193125-19-024617.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC SC 13G/A 2019-02-04 edgar/data/1000045/0001104659-19-005360.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC SC 13G/A 2019-02-08 edgar/data/1000045/0001258897-19-001312.txt 1000045 NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC SC 13G/A 2019-02-11 edgar/data/1000045/0001019056-19-000082.txt |



Level 3. Using API (Application Programming Interface)



```
# Construct a vector of 2 URLs
urls <- c("http://httpbin.org/status/404", "http://httpbin.org/status/301")
for(url in urls){
          # Send a GET request to url
          result <- GET(url, user_agent("my@email.address this is a test"))
          # Check request_result
          if(http_error(result)){
                    warning('The request failed')
          } else {
                    content(result)
          # Delay for 5 seconds between requests
          Sys.sleep(5)
          # Create list with nationality and country elements
          query_params <- list(nationality = "americans", country =
          "antigua")
          # Make parameter-based call to httpbin, with
          query_paramsparameter_response <-
          GET("https://httpbin.org/get", query = query_params)
          # Print parameter_responseparameter_response
          # Construct a directory-based API URL to `http://swapi.co/api`,
          # looking for person `1` in `people`directory_url <-
          paste("http://swapi.co/api", "people", "1", sep = '/')# Make a GET
          call with itresult <- GET(directory url)
```

Level 3. Using API (Application Programming Interface) ex. R code for collecting table information from Wikipedia



```
library(httr)
library(rvest)
library(xml2)
get infobox <- function(title){</pre>
 base url <- "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php"
 # Change "Hadley Wickham" to title
 query params <- list(action = "parse",
               page = title,
               format = "xml")
 resp <- GET(url = base_url, query = query_params)
 resp xml <- content(resp)
 page html <- read html(xml text(resp xml))
 infobox_element <- html_node(x = page_html, css =".infobox")
 page_name <- html_node(x = infobox_element, css = ".fn")</pre>
 page_title <- html_text(page_name)</pre>
 wiki table <- html table(infobox element)
 colnames(wiki_table) <- c("key", "value")
 cleaned_table <- subset(wiki_table, !wiki_table$key == "")</pre>
 name df <- data.frame(key = "Full name", value = page title)
 wiki table <- rbind(name df, cleaned table)
 wiki table
# Test get infobox with "Hadley Wickham"
get infobox(title = "Hadley Wickham")
```