Scrapping tools for Facebook

5 tools for scraping data from Facebook :

One final note before we head on to our Facebook scraper list - you can always build a custom solution. There are plenty of tutorials and coding guides that will help you create a rudimentary Facebook scraper. While they may not be suitable to retrieve data at scale, they’ll certainly be more than enough for a small project.

**Proxycrawl :**

Proxycrawl is an API solution for scraping data from numerous sources. One of their flagship solutions is a Facebook scraper used to retrieve various data. Proxycrawl requires no local installation as they host all the processes in-house and simply return the data.

**Octoparse :**

Octoparse, on the other hand, is one of the web scrapers intended for people without any coding experience. They have both a locally installed tool, which works in a click-and-scrape manner, and a cloud-based tool, which is used for large-scale scraping.

As the company purportedly has the capabilities of scraping data from nearly any website, you can definitely scrape Facebook with it. There are major differences, however, whether you choose the cloud-based tool or the local solution.

**Phantombuster :**

Phantombuster is an unusual one, but definitely one of the best Facebook scrapers out there. It’s a solution that requires absolutely no coding, but doesn’t work in a “click-and-scrape” fashion. Workflows are used instead.

Additionally, there’s many Facebook scrapers offered by Phantombuster. They have separated their products into many different categories such as a Facebook groups scraper, a profile scraper, and many others. Within the Facebook scrapers some other automation services such as auto liking are included.

Phantombuster users have to create workflows with the Facebook scrapers mentioned above. Users start with a single action such as entering a search. Facebook scrapers are then added according to the action the user wants to automate.

**Apify :**

Apify is another catch-all scraper that has numerous automation tools. They work in a slightly unusual manner as they are a community-driven project. The company itself mostly provides the tools required to build scrapers.As such, you can find tons of different solutions that will allow you to gather user data from the internet. However, if you want to start scraping user-generated content from Facebook, your options are slightly limited at the current moment in time.Currently, you can extract data from Facebook with Apify with two solutions. One of them is a Facebook pages scraper and the other one is used for ads. As such, there’s no perfect solution that would cover absolutely every aspect of the social media platform.Fortunately, Apify is quite accessible for the layman. Most of the tools offered have a simplistic UI and generally good user experience. You don’t have to know nearly as much about coding as with some of the other options.

Additionally, you can expect a lot of scraping tools to appear over the course of time. Unlike a company that has a single solution, Apify provides the tools necessary for developers. So, there’s always something being updated and something in the making.

Pricing isn’t the best, though. For access to solutions that are essentially community-driven, Apify does charge quite a bit. It’s

comparable to Octoparse, which could be considered a premium solution.

All in all, Apify can be great if you need scraping tools for many different websites and don’t care too much about figuring out their store. Other scraping providers might be better if you want a fire-and-forget type of solution.