# WebScraping\_Review\_Lab

September 1, 2025

# 1 Web Scraping Lab

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# 1.1 Objectives

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For this lab, we are going to be using Python and several Python libraries. Some of these libraries might be installed in your lab environment or in SN Labs. Others may need to be installed by you. The cells below will install these libraries when executed.

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Import the required modules and functions

### [2]: pip install --upgrade beautifulsoup4

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Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

# [3]: pip install --upgrade pandas

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suppress all warnings

# [4]: import warnings warnings.simplefilter("ignore")

[5]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup # this module helps in web scrapping.
import requests # this module helps us to download a web page

Beautiful Soup Objects

Beautiful Soup is a Python library for pulling data out of HTML and XML files, we will focus on HTML files. This is accomplished by representing the HTML as a set of objects with methods used to parse the HTML. We can navigate the HTML as a tree and/or filter out what we are looking for.

Consider the following HTML:

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

We can store it as a string in the variable HTML:

To parse a document, pass it into the BeautifulSoup constructor, the BeautifulSoup object, which represents the document as a nested data structure:

```
[8]: soup = BeautifulSoup(html, "html.parser")
```

First, the document is converted to Unicode, (similar to ASCII), and HTML entities are converted to Unicode characters. Beautiful Soup transforms a complex HTML document into a complex tree of Python objects. The BeautifulSoup object can create other types of objects. In this lab, we will cover BeautifulSoup and Tag objects that for the purposes of this lab are identical, and NavigableString objects.

We can use the method prettify() to display the HTML in the nested structure:

```
Page Title
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</head>
<body>
 <h3>
  <br/><br/>b id="boldest">
   Lebron James
  </b>
 </h3>
 >
  Salary: $ 92,000,000
 <h3>
  Stephen Curry
 </h3>
 >
  Salary: $85,000, 000
 <h3>
  Kevin Durant
 </h3>
 >
  Salary: $73,200, 000
 </body>
</html>
```

#### 1.2 Tags

this corresponds to the most paid player:

Let's say we want the title of the page and the name of the top paid player we can use the Tag. The Tag object corresponds to an HTML tag in the original document, for example, the tag title.

```
[10]: tag_object=soup.title
    print("tag object:",tag_object)

    tag object: <title>Page Title</title>
    we can see the tag type bs4.element.Tag

[11]: print("tag object type:",type(tag_object))

    tag object type: <class 'bs4.element.Tag'>
    If there is more than one Tag with the same name, the first element with that Tag name is called,
```

[12]: tag\_object=soup.h3 tag\_object

[12]: <h3><b id="boldest">Lebron James</b></h3>

Enclosed in the bold attribute b, it helps to use the tree representation. We can navigate down the tree using the child attribute to get the name.

#### 1.2.1 Children, Parents, and Siblings

As stated above the Tag object is a tree of objects we can access the child of the tag or navigate down the branch as follows:

- [13]: tag\_child =tag\_object.b tag\_child
- [13]: <b id="boldest">Lebron James</b>

You can access the parent with the parent

- [14]: parent\_tag=tag\_child.parent parent\_tag
- [14]: <h3><b id="boldest">Lebron James</b></h3>

this is identical to

- [15]: tag\_object
- [15]: <h3><b id="boldest">Lebron James</b></h3>

tag\_object parent is the body element.

- [16]: tag\_object.parent
- [16]: <body><h3><b id="boldest">Lebron James</b></h3> Salary: \$ 92,000,000 <h3>
   Stephen Curry</h3> Salary: \$85,000, 000 <h3> Kevin Durant </h3> Salary: \$73,200, 000</body>

tag\_object sibling is the paragraph element

- [17]: sibling\_1=tag\_object.next\_sibling sibling\_1
- [17]: Salary: \$ 92,000,000

sibling\_2 is the header element which is also a sibling of both sibling\_1 and tag\_object

- [18]: sibling\_2=sibling\_1.next\_sibling sibling\_2
- [18]: <h3> Stephen Curry</h3>

Exercise: next sibling

Using the object sibling\_2 and the property next\_sibling to find the salary of Stephen Curry:

```
[19]: sibling_2.next_sibling
```

[19]: Salary: \$85,000, 000

Click here for the solution

sibling\_2.next\_sibling

#### 1.2.2 HTML Attributes

If the tag has attributes, the tag id="boldest" has an attribute id whose value is boldest. You can access a tag's attributes by treating the tag like a dictionary:

```
[20]: tag_child['id']
```

[20]: 'boldest'

You can access that dictionary directly as attrs:

```
[21]: tag_child.attrs
```

[21]: {'id': 'boldest'}

You can also work with Multi-valued attribute check out [1] for more.

We can also obtain the content if the attribute of the tag using the Python get() method.

```
[22]: tag_child.get('id')
```

[22]: 'boldest'

#### 1.2.3 Navigable String

A string corresponds to a bit of text or content within a tag. Beautiful Soup uses the NavigableString class to contain this text. In our HTML we can obtain the name of the first player by extracting the sting of the Tag object tag\_child as follows:

```
[23]: tag_string=tag_child.string tag_string
```

[23]: 'Lebron James'

we can verify the type is Navigable String

```
[24]: type(tag_string)
```

#### [24]: bs4.element.NavigableString

A NavigableString is just like a Python string or Unicode string, to be more precise. The main difference is that it also supports some BeautifulSoup features. We can covert it to sting object in Python:

```
[25]: unicode_string = str(tag_string)
unicode_string
```

[25]: 'Lebron James'

Filter

Filters allow you to find complex patterns, the simplest filter is a string. In this section we will pass a string to a different filter method and Beautiful Soup will perform a match against that exact string. Consider the following HTML of rocket launchs:

```
[26]: %%html
   Flight No
      Launch site
      Payload mass
     1
      <a href='https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida'>Florida</a>
      300 kg
    2
      <a href='https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas'>Texas</a>
      94 kg
    3
      <a href='https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida'>Florida</a> 
      80 kg
```

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

We can store it as a string in the variable table:

[28]: | table\_bs = BeautifulSoup(table, "html.parser")

#### 1.3 find All

The find\_all() method looks through a tag's descendants and retrieves all descendants that match your filters.

The Method signature for find\_all(name, attrs, recursive, string, limit, \*\*kwargs)

#### 1.3.1 Name

When we set the name parameter to a tag name, the method will extract all the tags with that name and its children.

```
[29]: table_rows=table_bs.find_all('tr') table_rows
```

The result is a Python Iterable just like a list, each element is a tag object:

```
[30]: first_row =table_rows[0] first_row
```

[30]: Flight NoLaunch sitePayload mass

The type is tag

```
[31]: print(type(first_row))
```

<class 'bs4.element.Tag'>

we can obtain the child

```
[32]: first_row.td
```

[32]: Flight No

If we iterate through the list, each element corresponds to a row in the table:

```
[33]: for i,row in enumerate(table_rows):
    print("row",i,"is",row)
```

```
row 0 is Flight NoLaunch sitePayload
mass
row 1 is td><</td>
```

As row is a cell object, we can apply the method find\_all to it and extract table cells in the object cells using the tag td, this is all the children with the name td. The result is a list, each element corresponds to a cell and is a Tag object, we can iterate through this list as well. We can extract the content using the string attribute.

```
[34]: for i,row in enumerate(table rows):
        print("row",i)
        cells=row.find_all('td')
        for j,cell in enumerate(cells):
            print('columm',j,"cell",cell)
    row 0
    colunm 0 cell Flight No
    columm 1 cell Launch site
    colunm 2 cell Payload mass
    row 1
    colunm 0 cell 1
    columm 1 cell <a
    href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>
    colunm 2 cell 300 kg
    row 2
    colunm 0 cell 2
    column 1 cell <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas">Texas</a></rr>
    colunm 2 cell 94 kg
    colunm 0 cell 3
    columm 1 cell <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>
    columm 2 cell 80 kg
    If we use a list we can match against any item in that list.
```

```
[35]: list_input=table_bs .find_all(name=["tr", "td"]) list_input
```

#### 1.4 Attributes

If the argument is not recognized it will be turned into a filter on the tag's attributes. For example the id argument, Beautiful Soup will filter against each tag's id attribute. For example, the first td elements have a value of id of flight, therefore we can filter based on that id value.

```
[36]: table_bs.find_all(id="flight")
```

[36]: [Flight No]

We can find all the elements that have links to the Florida Wikipedia page:

```
[37]: list_input=table_bs.find_all(href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida") list_input
```

```
[37]: [<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>]
```

If we set the href attribute to True, regardless of what the value is, the code finds all tags with href value:

```
[38]: table_bs.find_all(href=True)
```

```
[38]: [<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas">Texas</a>, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida">Florida</a>]
```

There are other methods for dealing with attributes and other related methods; Check out the following link

Exercise: find all

Using the logic above, find all the elements without href value

[]:

Click here for the solution

```
table_bs.find_all('a', href=False)
```

Using the soup object soup, find the element with the id attribute content set to "boldest".

[]:

Click here for the solution

```
soup.find_all(id="boldest")
```

#### 1.4.1 string

With string you can search for strings instead of tags, where we find all the elments with Florida:

```
[39]: table_bs.find_all(string="Florida")
```

```
[39]: ['Florida', 'Florida']
```

#### 1.5 find

The find\_all() method scans the entire document looking for results, it's if you are looking for one element you can use the find() method to find the first element in the document. Consider the following two table:

```
[40]: %%html
  <h3>Rocket Launch </h3>
  >
  Flight No
    Launch site
    Payload mass
   1
    Florida
    300 kg
   2
    Texas
    94 kg
   3
    Florida
```

```
80 kg
>
<h3>Pizza Party </h3>
Pizza Place
 Orders
 Slices 
 Domino's Pizza
 10
 100
Little Caesars
 12
 144 
Papa John's 
 15 
 165
```

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

We store the HTML as a Python string and assign two\_tables:

We create a BeautifulSoup object two\_tables\_bs

```
[42]: two_tables_bs= BeautifulSoup(two_tables, 'html.parser')
```

We can find the first table using the tag name table

```
[43]: two_tables_bs.find("table")
```

[43]: Flight NoLaunch site Payload mass1Florida4d>300 kg2Texas4d>24d>2Florida4d>2Florida4d>24d>4d4

We can filter on the class attribute to find the second table, but because class is a keyword in Python, we add an underscore.

```
[44]: two_tables_bs.find("table",class_='pizza')
```

Downloading And Scraping The Contents Of A Web Page

We Download the contents of the web page:

```
[45]: url = "https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/us-en/"
```

We use get to download the contents of the webpage in text format and store in a variable called data:

```
[46]: data = requests.get(url).text
```

We create a BeautifulSoup object using the BeautifulSoup constructor

```
[47]: soup = BeautifulSoup(data, "html.parser") # create a soup object using the variable 'data'
```

Scrape all links

```
[48]: for link in soup.find_all('a',href=True): # in html anchor/link is represented_\_\cdot\_by the tag <a>
print(link.get('href'))
```

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/reports/threat-intelligence/

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/about

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/consulting/?lnk=flathl

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/consulting/strategy/?lnk=flathl

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/consulting/ibmix?lnk=flathl

https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/consulting/technology/

```
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/consulting/operations/?lnk=flathl
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/strategic-partnerships
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/employment/?lnk=flatitem
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/impact
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://research.ibm.com/
https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642/https://www.ibm.com/
```

#### 1.6 Scrape all images Tags

```
[49]: for link in soup.find_all('img'): # in html image is represented by the tag <img>
          print(link)
          print(link.get('src'))
     <img alt="Person standing with arms crossed" aria-describedby="bx--image-1"</pre>
     class="bx--image_img" src="https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https:
     //1.dam.s81c.com/p/0a23e414312bcb6f/08196d0e04260ae5_cropped.jpg.global.sr_16x9.
     jpg"/>
     https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/0a23e4143
     12bcb6f/08196d0e04260ae5_cropped.jpg.global.sr_16x9.jpg
     <img alt="Team members at work in a conference room" aria-describedby="bx--</pre>
     image-2" class="bx--image__img" src="https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642i
     m_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/06655c075aa3aa29/CaitOppermann_2019_12_06_IBMGarage_
     DSC3304.jpg.global.m 16x9.jpg"/>
     https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/06655c075
     aa3aa29/CaitOppermann_2019_12_06_IBMGarage_DSC3304.jpg.global.m_16x9.jpg
     <img alt="Coworkers looking at laptops" aria-describedby="bx--image-3" class="bx</pre>
     --image__img" src="https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s
     81c.com/p/08f951353c2707b8/052022_CaitOppermann_InsideIBM_London_2945_03.jpg.glo
     bal.sr_16x9.jpg"/>
     https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/08f951353
     c2707b8/052022_CaitOppermann_InsideIBM_London_2945_03.jpg.global.sr_16x9.jpg
     <img alt="Cloud developer with red sweater coding at desk" aria-describedby="bx</pre>
     --image-4" class="bx--image__img" src="https://web.archive.org/web/2023022412364
     2im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/064e0139f5a3aa5e/0500002_Lowell_LI_100119.jpg.glob
     al.sr_16x9.jpg"/>
     https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/064e0139f
     5a3aa5e/0500002_Lowell_LI_100119.jpg.global.sr_16x9.jpg
     <img alt="Aerial view of automated conveyer belt and machinery at work" aria-</pre>
     describedby="bx--image-5" class="bx--image__img" src="https://web.archive.org/we
     b/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/0795cae91a25156f/conveyorrobottopvi
     ew.jpg.global.sr_16x9.jpg"/>
     https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im_/https://1.dam.s81c.com/p/0795cae91
     a25156f/conveyorrobottopview.jpg.global.sr_16x9.jpg
     <img alt="Overhead view of partners collaborating on design with laptops and</pre>
```

coffee" aria-describedby="bx--image-6" class="bx--image\_\_img" src="https://web.a

rchive.org/web/20230224123642im\_/https://l.dam.s81c.com/p/06dfa9ccdba4ec79/1f417 900-9042-44d1-9c219a854bbb62ea.jpg.global.sr\_16x9.jpg"/> https://web.archive.org/web/20230224123642im\_/https://l.dam.s81c.com/p/06dfa9ccdba4ec79/1f417900-9042-44d1-9c219a854bbb62ea.jpg.global.sr\_16x9.jpg

### 1.7 Scrape data from HTML tables

```
[50]: #The below url contains an html table with data about colors and color codes.

url = "https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/

⇔IBM-DA0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/datasets/HTMLColorCodes.html"
```

Before proceeding to scrape a web site, you need to examine the contents, and the way data is organized on the website. Open the above url in your browser and check how many rows and columns are there in the color table.

```
[52]: soup = BeautifulSoup(data,"html.parser")
```

```
[53]: #find a html table in the web page table = soup.find('table') # in html table is represented by the tag
```

```
Color Name--->None
lightsalmon--->#FFA07A
salmon--->#FA8072
darksalmon--->#E9967A
lightcoral--->#FF08080
coral--->#FF7F50
tomato--->#FF6347
orangered--->#FF4500
gold--->#FFD700
orange--->#FFA500
darkorange--->#FF8C00
lightyellow--->#FFFE0
lemonchiffon--->#FFFACD
papayawhip--->#FFEFD5
moccasin--->#FFE4B5
```

```
peachpuff--->#FFDAB9
palegoldenrod--->#EEE8AA
khaki--->#F0E68C
darkkhaki--->#BDB76B
yellow--->#FFFF00
lawngreen--->#7CFC00
chartreuse--->#7FFF00
limegreen--->#32CD32
lime--->#00FF00
forestgreen--->#228B22
green--->#008000
powderblue--->#B0E0E6
lightblue--->#ADD8E6
lightskyblue--->#87CEFA
skyblue--->#87CEEB
deepskyblue--->#00BFFF
lightsteelblue--->#BOC4DE
dodgerblue--->#1E90FF
```

# 1.8 Scrape data from HTML tables into a DataFrame using BeautifulSoup and Pandas

```
[55]: import pandas as pd

[56]: #The below url contains html tables with data about world population.
url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_population"
```

Before proceeding to scrape a web site, you need to examine the contents, and the way data is organized on the website. Open the above url in your browser and check the tables on the webpage.

```
[57]: # get the contents of the webpage in text format and store in a variable called data = requests.get(url).text
```

```
[58]: soup = BeautifulSoup(data, "html.parser")
```

```
[59]: #find all html tables in the web page tables = soup.find_all('table') # in html table is represented by the tag⊔ ⇒
```

```
[60]: # we can see how many tables were found by checking the length of the tables⊔

slist
len(tables)
```

#### [60]: 0

Assume that we are looking for the 10 most densly populated countries table, we can look through the tables list and find the right one we are look for based on the data in each table or we

can search for the table name if it is in the table but this option might not always work.

```
[69]: table_index = None # default if nothing is found

for index, table in enumerate(tables):
    if "10 most densely populated countries" in str(table):
        table_index = index
        break # stop at first match (optional)

print(table_index) # will print None if not found
```

None

See if you can locate the table name of the table, 10 most densly populated countries, below.

```
[71]: table_index = None

for index, table in enumerate(tables):
    # case-insensitive search to avoid missing due to capitalization/spelling
    if "densely populated countries" in str(table).lower():
        table_index = index
        break

if table_index is not None:
    print(tables[table_index].prettify())
else:
    print("Table not found")
```

Table not found

```
[]:
```

```
print(len(tables))
                      # how many tables did we get?
# usually the first table is the "10 most densely populated countries"
population_data = tables[0]
print(population_data.head())
population_density_top10 = tables[1]
print(population_density_top10.head(10))
print(population_density_top10.dtypes)
print(population_density_top10.head())
Requirement already satisfied: lxml in /opt/conda/lib/python3.12/site-packages
(6.0.1)
2
            Location Density
                                        Population
                                                      Land area
            Location
                         /km2
                                  /mi2 Population
                                                            km2
                                                                          mi2
0
               World
                         55.0
                                 140.0 8231613070 148940000.0 57510000.00
1
       Macau (China) 22000.0 57000.0
                                            720262
                                                            33.0
                                                                        13.00
              Monaco 19000.0 49000.0
                                             38631
                                                                         0.77
                                                             2.0
                                                                       277.00
3
           Singapore
                     8120.0 21000.0
                                           5832387
                                                          718.0
  Hong Kong (China)
                       7062.0 18290.0
                                           7414910
                                                          1050.0
                                                                       410.00
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  Ref.
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2
 NaN
3
  NaN
  NaN
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                           Continents/subregions
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2
                                Intercontinental
3
                              Cities/urban areas
4
                                 Past and future
5
                              Population density
6
                               Growth indicators
7
                                 Life expectancy
8
                              Other demographics
9
                                          Health
    vteLists of countries by population statistics.1
O Current population United Nations Demographics...
1 Africa Antarctica Asia Europe North America Ca...
2 Americas Arab world Commonwealth of Nations Eu...
3 World cities National capitals Megacities Mega...
```

```
4 Past and future population Estimates of histor...
5 Current density Past and future population den...
6 Population growth rate Natural increase Net re...
7 World Africa Asia Europe North America Oceania...
8 Age at childbearing Age at first marriage Age ...
9 Antidepressant consumption Antiviral medicatio...
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vteLists of countries by population statistics.1
                                                     object
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                           Continents/subregions
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2
                                 Intercontinental
3
                              Cities/urban areas
4
                                 Past and future
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1 Africa Antarctica Asia Europe North America Ca...
```

- 2 Americas Arab world Commonwealth of Nations Eu...
- 3 World cities National capitals Megacities Mega...
- 4 Past and future population Estimates of histor...

# 1.9 Scrape data from HTML tables into a DataFrame using BeautifulSoup and read html

Using the same url, data, soup, and tables object as in the last section we can use the read\_html function to create a DataFrame.

Remember the table we need is located in tables[table\_index]

We can now use the pandas function read\_html and give it the string version of the table as well as the flavor which is the parsing engine bs4.

```
[102]: for i, t in enumerate(tables):
    try:
        temp = pd.read_html(str(t), flavor="bs4")[0]
        print(f"\n--- Table {i} ---")
        print(temp.head(3))
    except:
        pass
```

The function read\_html always returns a list of DataFrames so we must pick the one we want out of the list.

```
[104]: print(len(tables))
```

2

```
[105]: for i, tbl in enumerate(tables):
           print(f"\n--- Table {i} ---")
           print(tbl.head())
      --- Table 0 ---
                  Location Density
                                               Population
                                                             Land area
                  Location
                               /km2
                                        /mi2 Population
                                                                   km2
                                                                                mi2
                               55.0
                                               8231613070
                                                           148940000.0 57510000.00
      0
                     World
                                        140.0
             Macau (China)
                            22000.0 57000.0
                                                   720262
                                                                  33.0
                                                                              13.00
      1
                                                                               0.77
      2
                    Monaco
                            19000.0 49000.0
                                                    38631
                                                                   2.0
                                                                              277.00
      3
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                 Singapore
                             8120.0
                                     21000.0
                                                  5832387
         Hong Kong (China)
                             7062.0 18290.0
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                                                                              410.00
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        Ref.
        ГъЪ
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      2 NaN
      3 NaN
      4 NaN
      --- Table 1 ---
        vteLists of countries by population statistics \
      0
                                                 Global
                                  Continents/subregions
      1
      2
                                       Intercontinental
      3
                                     Cities/urban areas
      4
                                        Past and future
          vteLists of countries by population statistics.1
      O Current population United Nations Demographics...
      1 Africa Antarctica Asia Europe North America Ca...
      2 Americas Arab world Commonwealth of Nations Eu...
      3 World cities National capitals Megacities Mega...
      4 Past and future population Estimates of histor...
[107]: headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}
       response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
       dataframe_list = pd.read_html(response.text, flavor='bs4')
[109]: headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}
       response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
       dataframe_list = pd.read_html(response.text, flavor='bs4')
```

## 1.10 Scrape data from HTML tables into a DataFrame using read\_html

We can also use the read\_html function to directly get DataFrames from a url.

```
[111]: import pandas as pd
       import requests
       url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
        {\scriptstyle \hookrightarrow List\_of\_countries\_and\_dependencies\_by\_population\_density"}
       # Add headers so Wikipedia doesn't block the request
       headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}
       response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
       # Now parse directly
       dataframe_list = pd.read_html(response.text, flavor='bs4')
       print(len(dataframe_list)) # how many tables did we get?
       print(dataframe_list[0].head()) # first table is the population density one
      2
                   Location Density
                                                Population
                                                              Land area
                                                                                        \
                   Location
                                /km2
                                          /mi2 Population
                                                                     km2
                                                                                  mi2
      0
                      World
                                55.0
                                         140.0
                                                8231613070 148940000.0 57510000.00
      1
             Macau (China) 22000.0 57000.0
                                                    720262
                                                                    33.0
                                                                                13.00
      2
                     Monaco 19000.0 49000.0
                                                                                 0.77
                                                     38631
                                                                     2.0
                                                                               277.00
                  Singapore
                             8120.0 21000.0
                                                   5832387
                                                                   718.0
      3
         Hong Kong (China)
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                              7062.0 18290.0
                                                   7414910
                                                                  1050.0
        Ref.
        Ref.
      0 [b]
      1 NaN
      2 NaN
      3 NaN
      4 NaN
```

We can see there are 25 DataFrames just like when we used find\_all on the soup object.

```
[112]: len(dataframe_list)
```

#### [112]: 2

Finally we can pick the DataFrame we need out of the list.

```
[114]: # check how many tables were scraped
print(len(dataframe_list))
# table 0 is the one you want
```

```
population_data = dataframe_list[0]
print(population_data.head())
```

```
2
           Location Density
                                       Population
                                                     Land area
           Location
                        /km2
                                 /mi2 Population
                                                           km2
                                                                       mi2
                                       8231613070 148940000.0 57510000.00
0
              World
                        55.0
                                140.0
1
      Macau (China) 22000.0 57000.0
                                           720262
                                                          33.0
                                                                      13.00
2
             Monaco 19000.0 49000.0
                                                           2.0
                                                                       0.77
                                            38631
3
                     8120.0 21000.0
                                                         718.0
                                                                     277.00
          Singapore
                                          5832387
  Hong Kong (China)
                     7062.0 18290.0
                                          7414910
                                                        1050.0
                                                                     410.00
```

Ref. Ref. O [b]

- 1 NaN
- 2 NaN
- 0 17 17
- 3 NaN
- 4 NaN

We can also use the match parameter to select the specific table we want. If the table contains a string matching the text it will be read.

```
[116]: import requests
       import pandas as pd
       url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
        →List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_population_density"
       # Add headers so Wikipedia doesn't block us
       headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}
       response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
       # Parse the tables from the HTML string
       tables = pd.read_html(response.text, match="Location", flavor="bs4")
       df = tables[0]
       # Clean up the headers
       df.columns = ["Location", "Density (/km2)", "Density (/mi2)",
                     "Population", "Land area (km2)", "Land area (mi2)", "Ref."]
       # Drop the extra header row inside the table
       df = df.drop(0).reset_index(drop=True)
       print(df.head(10))
```

```
Location Density (/km2) Density (/mi2) Population \
0 Macau (China) 22000.0 57000.0 720262
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1	Monaco	19000.0	49000.0	38631
2	Singapore	8120.0	21000.0	5832387
3	Hong Kong (China)	7062.0	18290.0	7414910
4	Gibraltar (UK)	5800.0	15000.0	39329
5	Bahrain	2034.0	5270.0	1607049
6	Vatican City	1800.0	4700.0	882
7	Maldives	1759.0	4560.0	527799
8	Malta	1686.0	4370.0	539607
9	${ t Bangladesh}$	1333.0	3450.0	173562364

	Land area (km2)	Land area (mi2)	Ref.
0	33.0	13.00	NaN
1	2.0	0.77	NaN
2	718.0	277.00	NaN
3	1050.0	410.00	NaN
4	6.8	2.60	[c]
5	790.0	310.00	NaN
6	0.5	0.19	[d]
7	300.0	120.00	NaN
8	320.0	120.00	NaN
9	130170.0	50260.00	NaN

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