

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO LOOK TODAY...

- Selenium
- Few important things
- Build Web Scraper using selenium



SELENIUM

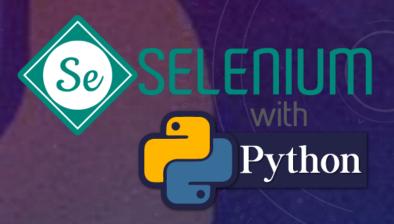


- Selenium is a powerful web scraping tool developed originally for website testing.
- It works by automating browsers to load the website, retrieve the required data & even take screenshots.
- It do not contain its own web browsers; to run it you need the third party web browser.



SELENIUM WITH PYTHON

- The selenium package is used to automate web browser interaction from Python.
- Selenium Python bindings provides a simple API to write functional/acceptance tests using Selenium WebDriver.
- o WebDriver:
 - o Is like a browser
 - It can load websites
 - Do actions to drive web scrapers
- Selenium Webdrivers:
 - o Chrome
 - Firefox
 - o Edge
 - Safari
 - o PhantomJS





INSTALLATION

O Python 3.6 has pip available in the standard library. Using pip, you can install selenium like this:

\$ pip install selenium

- WebDriver Installation:
 - Chrome –

https://sites.google.com/a/chromium.org/chromedriver/downloads

○ Firefox –

https://github.com/mozilla/geckodriver/releases

LOCATING ELEMENTS:

- find_element_by_id
- find_element_by_name
- find_element_by_xpath
- find_element_by_link_text
- find_element_by_partial_link_text
- find_element_by_tag_name
- find_element_by_class_name
- find_element_by_css_selector

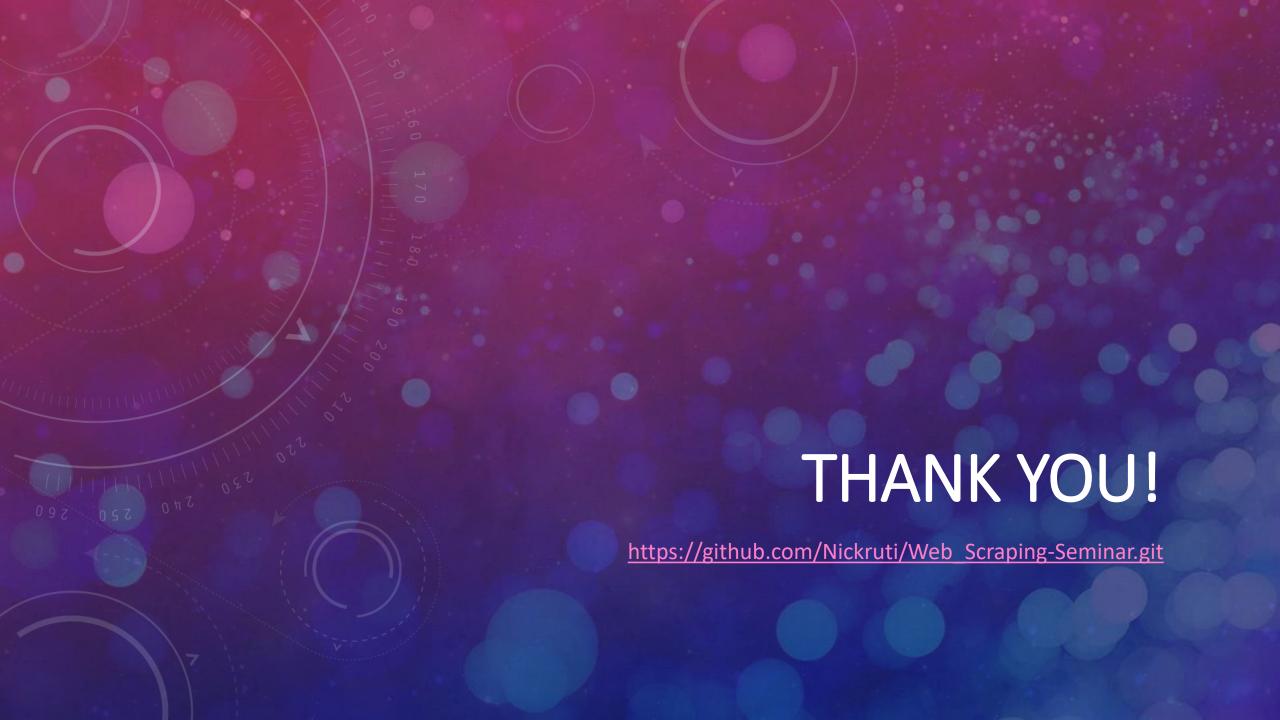
To find multiple elements (these methods will return a list):

- find_elements_by_name
- find_elements_by_xpath
- find_elements_by_link_text
- find_elements_by_partial_link_text
- find_elements_by_tag_name
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- find_elements_by_css_selector



USEFUL REFERENCES

- O Driver Downloads:
 - o https://sites.google.com/a/chromium.org/chromedriver/downloads Chrome WebDriver
 - https://github.com/mozilla/geckodriver/releases
 Firefox WebDriver
- o https://selenium-python.readthedocs.io/ Site
- https://realpython.com/modern-web-automation-with-python-and-selenium/ Site



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