

1. what is web Scrapping. Describe the steps to perform web scrapping.

web scrapping: it is an automatic method to obtain large amounts of data from websites. most of this data is unstructured data in a HTML format which is then converted into structured data in a spreadsheet or a database so that it can be used in various applications. There are many different ways to perform web scrapping to obtain data from websites. these include using online services, particular API's or even creating your code for web scrapping from scratch. Many large websites like Google, Twitter, Facebook, StackOverflow, etc. have API's that allow you to access large amounts of data in a structured ~~data~~ format. this is the best option, but there are other sites that don't allow users to access large amount of data in a structured form or they are simply not that technologically advanced. In that situation, it's best to use web scrapping to Scrape the website for data.

Steps to perform data scrapping

- i) Identify the target website:

choose a website from which data needs to be extracted. Analyse the structure and format of the website. Ensuring that the data is publicly available and that scraping the site complies with its terms of service.

- ii) Inspect the web page: use the browser developer tools (Inspect) to examine the HTML structure of the web page.

Identify the specific tag such as `<div>` / `<table>` etc. that contains data you want to scrape.

For ex in a E-commerce site, Product names and prices may be stored in specific HTML Elements

iii) choose the appropriate tools or libraries

Depending on the Programming languages, choose appropriate libraries or framework for web scraping. In python popular libraries include:

- i) BeautifulSoup :- for parsing HTML and Extracting data.
- ii) Selenium :- for simulating browser interaction & scraping dynamic content.
- iii) Scrapy :- A comprehensive framework for large scale scraping projects.
- iv) Requests :- for sending HTTP requests to fetch
- v) Send HTTP requests:- we tools like requests to send HTTP GET requests to like `curl` and retrieve the HTML content of the web page. the response from the server contains the raw HTML data

```
import requests
```

```
response = requests.get('https://Example.com')
```

```
html_content = response.content
```

- v) Parse the HTML content:- once the HTML content is fetched, parse the HTML content. for it using a library like BeautifulSoup the allows for easy navigation of the document tree & extraction of data from specific tag & attributes from `bs4`
- ```
Import BeautifulSoup
```

```
Soup = BeautifulSoup(html_content, 'HTMLParser')
```

```
titles = soup.find_all('h1')
```

- 6) Extract required data:- we use the HTML parsed to locate & extract the relevant data, this might involve searching for specific tag classes or IDs that contain the info

```
prices = Soup.find_all('span', class_ = 'price')
```

- 7) Handle Pagination:- many websites split data across multiple pages. If the target website uses pagination identify the URL patterns or navigation buttons & write logic to scrape all relevant pages iteratively.

- vii) Store the Data: After extraction, store the data in a structured format, such as csv file, JSON file or database import CSV.

```
with open ('data.csv', 'w') as file:
```

```
writer = csv.writer(file)
```

```
writer.writerow(['Title', 'Price'])
```

```
for title, price in zip(titles, prices):
```

```
 writer.writerow([title.text, price.text])
```

- ix) Handle Javascript content:- Some websites load content dynamically using Javascript. Tools like Selenium can be used to simulate a browser environment and extract data from after Javascript execution.

- x) Respect Ethical & legal Boundaries:- Always check the website's robots.txt file to understand the permissions for crawling & scraping. Ensure compliance with legal regulations, including copyright laws & terms of service & avoid overloading servers.

2. Discuss the challenges in performing web scraping  
→ web scraping, while an effective method of extracting data from websites, comes with several challenges & limitations, these challenges can arise from legal, technical or ethical considerations, making it crucial for developers to address them when performing scraping tasks.
1. IP Bans :- An IP address can be banned or rate-limited if a website determines that it's being used to make malicious or excessive requests. If the bot uses a single IP address for a large number of requests.
2. CAPTCHA's : (Completely Automated Public Turing Tests to Tell computers & Humans) are a popular security measure, making it difficult for scrapers to gain access & extract data from websites.
3. Dynamic content? - web scraping techniques traditionally rely heavily on analyzing HTML source code, which frequently only contains immutable data.
4. Honeybot Trap? - There are all one of the web scraping challenges that bots mostly fall for.
5. Ethical & legal issues? - ~~Web~~ Web scraping is not an illegal act itself if the extracted data is not used for unethical purposes. In many legal cases where businesses were using web crawlers to extract competitive public data, judges did not find a legitimate reason to rule against the crawlers, even though crawling was frowned upon by the data's owners. For ex: in the case of eBay vs. Bidder's Edge, an auction data aggregator who used a proxy to crawl eBay's data.

3) Demonstrate a python web-scraping script using BeautifulSoup library for navigating any html file of your choice.

→ BeautifulSoup is a python library that allows easy navigation, searching and modification of HTML and

```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

```
import requests
```

```
import time
```

~~def~~

```
def find_jobs():
```

```
 html_text = requests.get('https://www.timesjobs.com/candidate/').text
```

```
 soup = BeautifulSoup(html_text, 'html.parser')
```

```
 jobs = soup.find_all('li', class_='clearfix job-bx wht')
```

```
for index, job in enumerate(jobs):
```

```
 Published_date = job.find('span', class_='sim-posted').span.text
```

```
 if 'few' in Published_date:
```

```
 company_name = job.find('h3', class_='joblist').text
```

```
 skills = job.find('span', class_='srp-skills').text
```

```
 more_info = job.headers.h2.a['href']
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

```
 while True:
```

```
 find_jobs()
```

```
 time.sleep(5)
```

```
Print(f" Company Name : {company_name}
```

```
Required Skills : {skills}
```

```
more_info : {more_info} ''")
```

4) Illustrate the difference b/w loc and iloc function in python program with a code snippet.

→ In python , loc & iloc are functions provided by the Pandas library to access data from a DataFrame . they serve similar purposes but differ in the way they select data:

- loc is used for label-based indexing . it allows you to select rows & columns by labels (row/column name or index)
- iloc is used for position-based-indexing . it selects rows & columns by integer positions (row/column index numbers).

### Code

```
import pandas as pd

data = {'Name': ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Charlie', 'Harold'],
 'Age' : [25, 23, 26, 27],
 'Score' : [85, 90, 95, 87]}

df = pd.DataFrame(data, index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])

print ("Original DataFrame :\n", df)

print ("\nUsing loc to select row 'b' & columns 'Name' and 'Age':")
print (df.loc ['b', ['Name', 'Age']])

print ("\nUsing loc to select rows 'b' to 'd' & columns 'Name' & 'Score':")
print (df.loc ['b':'d', ['Name', 'Score']])

print ("Using iloc to select the second row(index 1) & first two columns")
print (df.iloc [1, [0, 1]])
```

Print ("Using iloc to Select rows 2 to 3 & columns 0 and 2.")  
Print (df.iloc[2:4, [0,2]])

Output:-

Original DataFrame.

|   | Name    | Age | Score |
|---|---------|-----|-------|
| a | Alice   | 25  | 85    |
| b | Bob     | 23  | 90    |
| c | Charlie | 26  | 95    |
| d | Hannah  | 27  | 87    |

using loc to select row 'b' & columns

|   | Name | Age |
|---|------|-----|
| b | Bob  | 23  |

Using loc to select rows 'b' to 'd' using iloc to select the second row

|   | Name    | Score |
|---|---------|-------|
| b | Bob     | 90    |
| c | Charlie | 95    |
| d | Hannah  | 87    |

|   | Name | Age |
|---|------|-----|
| b | Bob  | 23  |

Using iloc to Select rows 2 to 3

|   | Name    | Score |
|---|---------|-------|
| c | Charlie | 95    |
| d | Hannah  | 87    |

- loc uses label to select data
- iloc uses integer position to select data

5. write a python program to create 3x4 array, delete 3rd column & insert new column in the 3rd column, print the intermediate result.

→ import numpy as np

```
array = np.array ([[1, 2, 3, 4],
 [5, 6, 7, 8],
 [9, 10, 11, 12]])
```

Print ("Original Array (3x4):")

Print (array)

```
array-without_3rd_col = np.delete(array, 2, axis=1)
```

Print ("Array after deleting 3rd column:")

```
Print (array-without_3rd_col)
```

```
new_column = np.array ([[13, 14, 15]])
```

```
array-with-new-col = np.insert (array-without_3rd_col, 2,
new-column, axis=1) // axis is wrt to column if 1
```

Print ("Array after inserting new column at 3rd column position")

```
Print (array-with-new-col)
```

Output

Original Array (3x4) , Array after deleting 3rd column

```
[[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
[[1 2 4]
```

```
[5, 6, 7, 8]
```

```
[5 6 8]
```

```
[9, 10, 11, 12]]
```

```
[9 10 12]]
```

Array after inserting new column at 3rd column position

```
[[1 2 13 4]
```

```
[5 6 14 8]
```

```
[9 10 15 12]]
```