Webscraping

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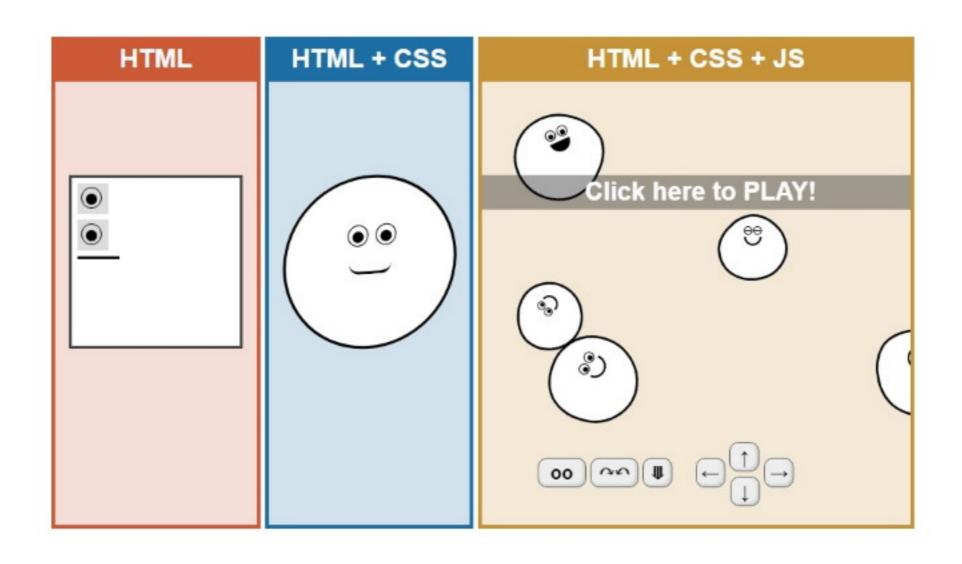
Content

- Web Development
- Approaches
- Interactive

Web Development

- HTML (HyperText Markup Language)
 Defines the structure and actual content
- CSS (Cascading Style Sheets)
 Presents the content in fancy way
- JavaScript
 Interaction
- AJAX / XHR
 Retrieves data (JSON, HTML, anything) asynchronously

Web Development



Demo I

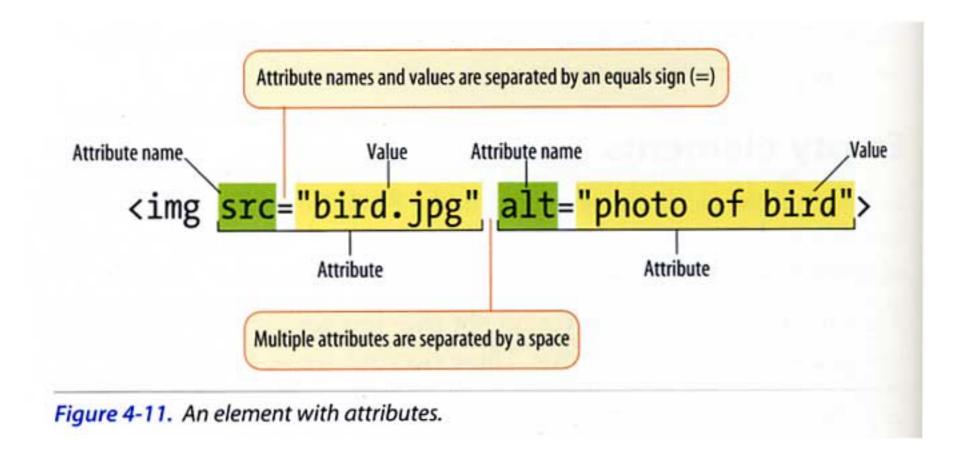
Web Development



https://dotcms.com/blog/post/what-is-a-single-page-application-and-should-you-use-one-



HTML



HTML

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<header class="post-block_header">
 <h2 class="post-block__title">
    <a class="post-block__title__link" href="/2020/02/04/what-is-going-on-with-tesla/">
   What is going on with Tesla?
   </a>
  </h2>
  <div class="post-block meta">
    <div class="river-byline">
      <span class="river-byline__authors">
     <span>
     <a aria-label="Posts by Alex Wilhelm" href="/author/alex-wilhelm/">
     Alex Wilhelm
     </a>
     </span>
     </span>
     <div class="river-byline full-date-time wrapper">
       <time class="river-byline__full-date-time" datetime="2020-02-04T13:17:52" >2:17 pm CET
       <span class="full-date-time__separator">•</span> February 4, 2020</time >
     </div>
   </div>
 </div>
</header>
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What is going on with Tesla?

Alex Wilhelm

2:17 pm CET • February 4, 2020

Shares of American electric car company Tesla are sharply higher again this morning, adding \$122.40 (or 15.69 percent) to their value before regular trading today. The gains come after Tesla has r...



CSS

<u>.class</u>	.intro	Selects all elements with class="intro"
#id	#firstname	Selects the element with id="firstname"
*	*	Selects all elements
<u>element</u>	р	Selects all elements
<u>element,element</u>	div, p	Selects all <div> elements and all elements</div>
<u>element element</u>	div p	Selects all elements inside <div> elements</div>
<u>element>element</u>	div > p	Selects all elements where the parent is a <div> element</div>
<u>element+element</u>	div + p	Selects all elements that are placed immediately after <div> elements</div>
element1~element2	p~ul	Selects every element that are preceded by a element

Session

- Tracking state of user
- Cookies
 - Sign-in
 - Cookie Walls / Consent

Approaches

Low-level

- Manually retrieve page (aiohttp, requests)
- Manually parse page (lxml)
- Superfast
 Minimal resources
- Does not always work

Head-less browser

- 'Executes' the page (Selenium, GhostJS)
- Allows for interaction (Clicking buttons)
- Slow
 Huge resources
- Usually works

Interactive