

# Web Scraping with Python: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide + Code

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Python is one of the most known languages for web scraping due to its simplicity, versatility, and abundance of libraries specifically designed for this purpose. With Python, you can easily create web scrapers that can navigate through websites, extract data, and store it in various formats.

It's especially useful for data scientists, researchers, marketers, and business analysts, and it's a valuable tool you must add to your skill set.

In this article, we'll show you exactly how to perform web scraping with Python, review some popular tools and libraries, and discuss some practical tips and techniques.

Let's dive right in!

## Web Scraping With Python

A Complete Step-By-Step  
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# Overview of Web Scraping and How it Works

Web scraping refers to searching and extracting data from websites using computer programs.



The web scraping process involves sending a **request** to a website and parsing the HTML code to extract the relevant data. This data is then cleaned and structured into a format that can be easily analyzed and used for various purposes.

Web scraping has numerous benefits, like:

- **Saving time and effort** on manual data collection
- **Obtaining data** that is not easily accessible through traditional means
- **Gaining valuable insights** into trends and patterns in your industry.

Doesn't that sound super helpful?

## Types of Data That Can Be Extracted From Websites Using Data Scraping

You might be wondering — is data scraping limited to textual information only?

The answer is no.

Data scraping can extract images, videos, and structured data such as tables and lists.

Prices						
Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Adj Close*
Mar 27, 2013	456.46	456.80	450.73	452.08	11,829,900	452.08
Mar 26, 2013	465.44	465.84	460.53	461.14	10,494,300	461.14
Mar 25, 2013	464.69	469.95	461.78	463.58	17,871,000	463.58
Mar 22, 2013	454.58	462.10	453.11	461.91	14,087,700	461.91
Mar 21, 2013	450.22	457.98	450.10	452.73	13,645,000	452.73
Mar 20, 2013	457.42	457.63	449.59	452.08	11,007,900	452.08
Mar 19, 2013	459.50	460.97	448.50	454.49	18,813,400	454.49
Mar 18, 2013	441.45	457.46	441.20	455.72	21,649,900	455.72
Mar 15, 2013	437.93	444.23	437.25	443.66	22,998,600	443.66

Text data can include product descriptions, customer reviews, and social media posts. Images and videos gathered through data scraping can be used to gather visual data, such as product images or videos of events. Information like product pricing, stock availability, or employee contact information can be extracted from tables and lists.

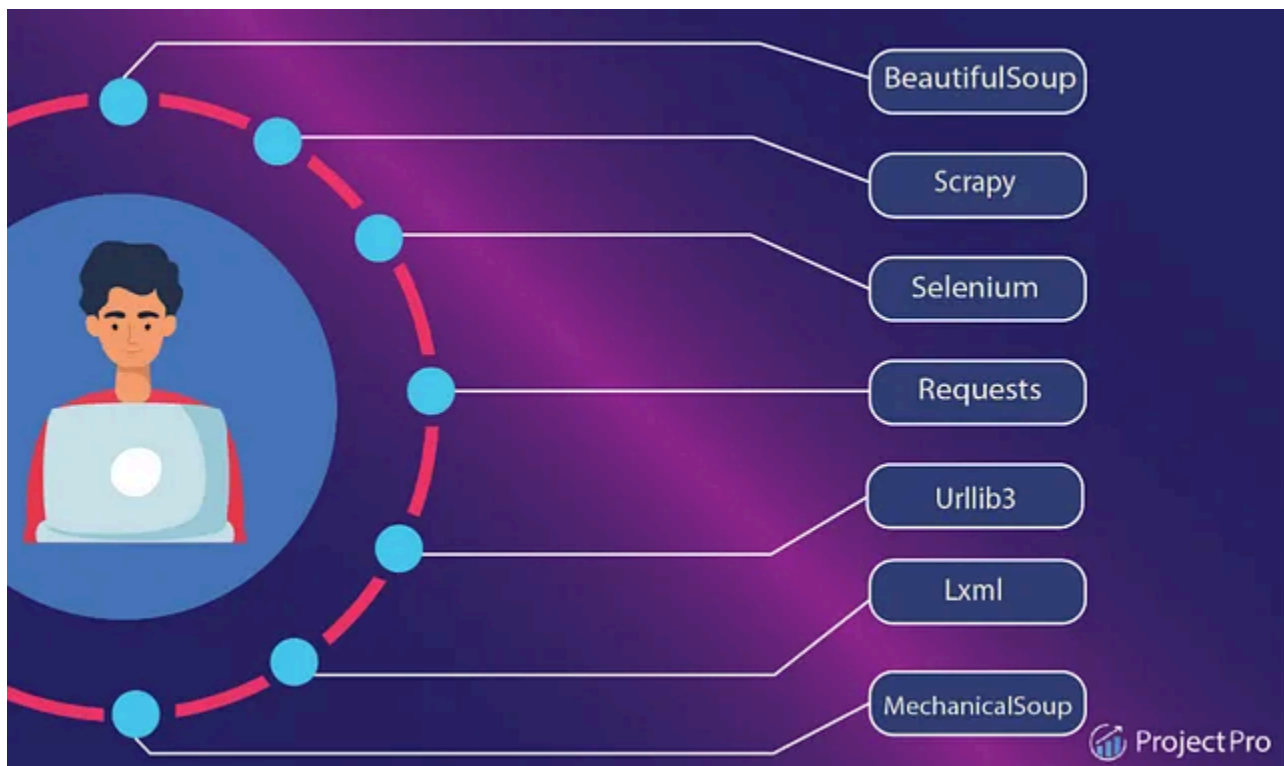
Furthermore, web scraping can extract data from multiple sources to create a comprehensive database.

This data can then be analyzed using various tools and techniques, such as data visualization and machine learning algorithms, to identify patterns, trends, and insights.

Now, it's time to learn web scraping so that you can carry out all this cool stuff yourself!

## Overview of Tools and Libraries Available for Web Scraping

First, let's go over the available tools and libraries that can help streamline the process and make web scraping more efficient and effective.



### Beautiful Soup

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## Beautiful Soup Documentation

**Beautiful Soup** is a Python library for pulling data out of HTML and XML files. It works with your favorite parser to provide idiomatic ways of navigating, searching, and modifying the parse tree. It commonly saves programmers hours or days of work.

These instructions illustrate all major features of Beautiful Soup 4, with examples. I show you what the library is good for, how it works, how to use it, how to make it do what you want, and what to do when it violates your expectations.

This document covers Beautiful Soup version 4.8.1. The examples in this documentation should work the same way in Python 2.7 and Python 3.2.

You might be looking for the documentation for [Beautiful Soup 3](#). If so, you should know that Beautiful Soup 3 is no longer being developed and that support for it will be dropped on or after December 31, 2020. If you want to learn about the differences between Beautiful Soup 3 and Beautiful Soup 4, see [Porting code to BS4](#).

This documentation has been translated into other languages by Beautiful Soup users:



With Beautiful Soup, you can easily navigate through website code to find the needed HTML and XML data and extract it into a structured format for further analysis.

## Scrapy

Scrapy

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# Scrapy

An open source and collaborative framework for extracting the data you need from websites. In a fast, simple, yet extensible way.

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### Build and run your web spiders

```

$ pip install scrapy
$ cat > myspider.py <<EOF
import scrapy

class BlogSpider(scrapy.Spider):
    name = 'blogspider'
    start_urls = ['https://www.zyte.com/blog/']

    def parse(self, response):
        for title in response.css('.oxy-post-title'):
            yield {'title': title.css('::text').get()}

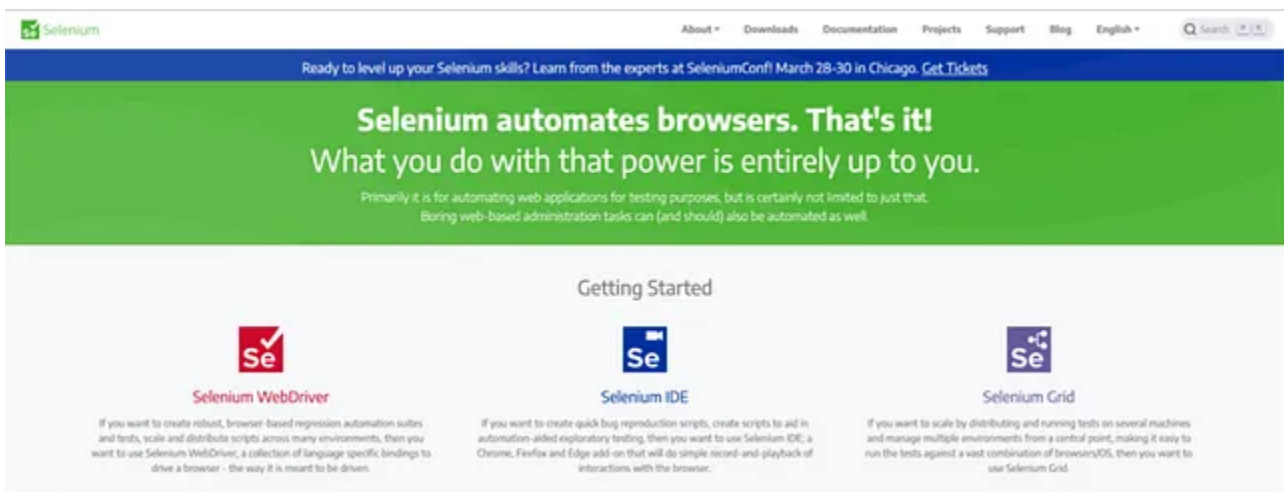
        for next_page in response.css('a.next'):
            yield response.follow(next_page, self.parse)
EOF
$ scrapy runspider myspider.py

```



It is a Python framework that provides a complete web scraping solution. Scrapy allows you to crawl and scrape websites easily, including features such as automated data extraction, processing, and storage in various formats.

## Selenium



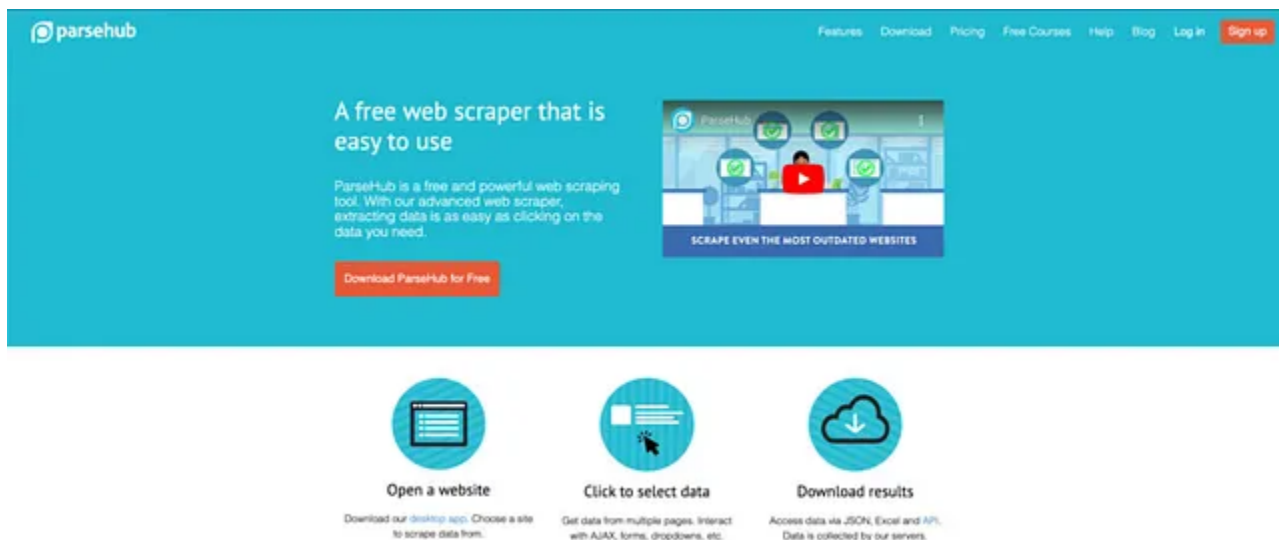
Selenium is an open-source tool that automates web browsers, allowing you to simulate user behavior and extract data from websites that would be difficult or impossible to access using other tools. Selenium's flexibility and versatility make it an effective and powerful tool for scraping dynamic pages.

## Octoparse



It is a visual web scraping tool allowing easy point-and-click data extraction and automation into various formats, including CSV, Excel, and JSON.

# ParseHub



The image shows the ParseHub website header and main content area. The header is blue with the ParseHub logo on the left and navigation links (Features, Download, Pricing, Free Courses, Help, Blog, Log in, Sign up) on the right. The main content area has a light blue background. On the left, there is a text block: "A free web scraper that is easy to use", "ParseHub is a free and powerful web scraping tool. With our advanced web scraper, extracting data is as easy as clicking on the data you need.", and a "Download ParseHub for Free" button. On the right, there is a video player showing a person using the ParseHub interface, with the text "SCRAPE EVEN THE MOST OUTDATED WEBSITES" below it. Below the video player, there are three circular icons with text: "Open a website" (with a laptop icon), "Click to select data" (with a cursor icon), and "Download results" (with a download icon). Each icon has a brief description of the step.

It is a web scraping tool that provides a web-based and desktop solution for extracting data from websites. With ParseHub, you can easily create scraping projects by selecting the data you want to extract using a point-and-click interface.

## LXML



The image shows the LXML website header and main content area. The header is white with a green banner that says "Like the tool? Help making it better! Your donation helps!" and a green snake icon. Below the banner, there is a green snake icon and the text "lxml - XML and HTML with Python". Below this, there is a paragraph: "lxml is the most feature-rich and easy-to-use library for processing XML and HTML in the Python language." Below the paragraph, there are two sections: "» Introduction" and "» Support the project". The "Introduction" section contains a paragraph about the lxml XML toolkit. The "Support the project" section contains a paragraph about how to support the project. Below the "Support the project" section, there is a paragraph about how to support the project through GitHub Sponsors, Tidelift subscription, or via PayPal. At the bottom, there is a "Donate" button and logos for various payment methods (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, etc.).

Lxml is a powerful and efficient tool that can handle both HTML and XML documents. It can easily navigate complex website structures to extract specific elements like tables, images, or links, or you can create custom filters to extract data based on more complex criteria.

In the next section, we'll show you how to set up your development environment for web scraping.

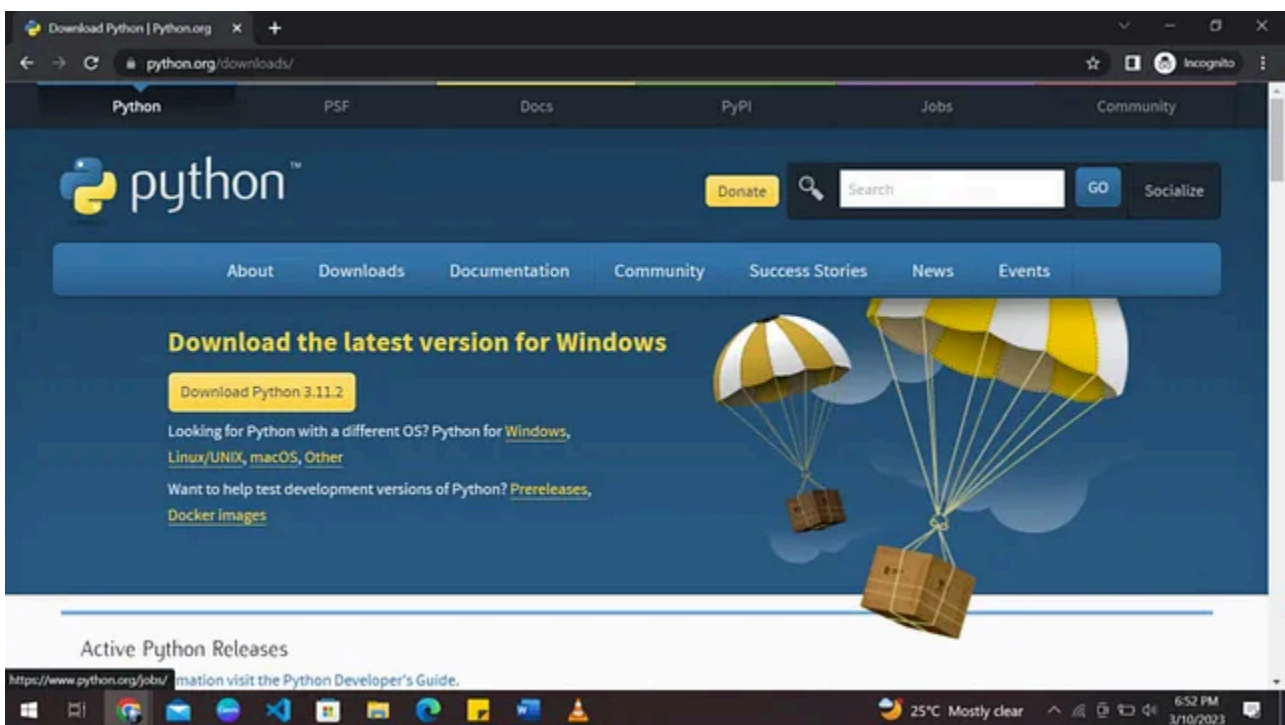
Let's dive right into the fun stuff!

## How To Set Up a Development Environment for Web Scrapping With Python

Setting up a development environment for web scraping with Python involves installing the necessary software and libraries and configuring your workspace for efficient data extraction.

Here's how you can do it:

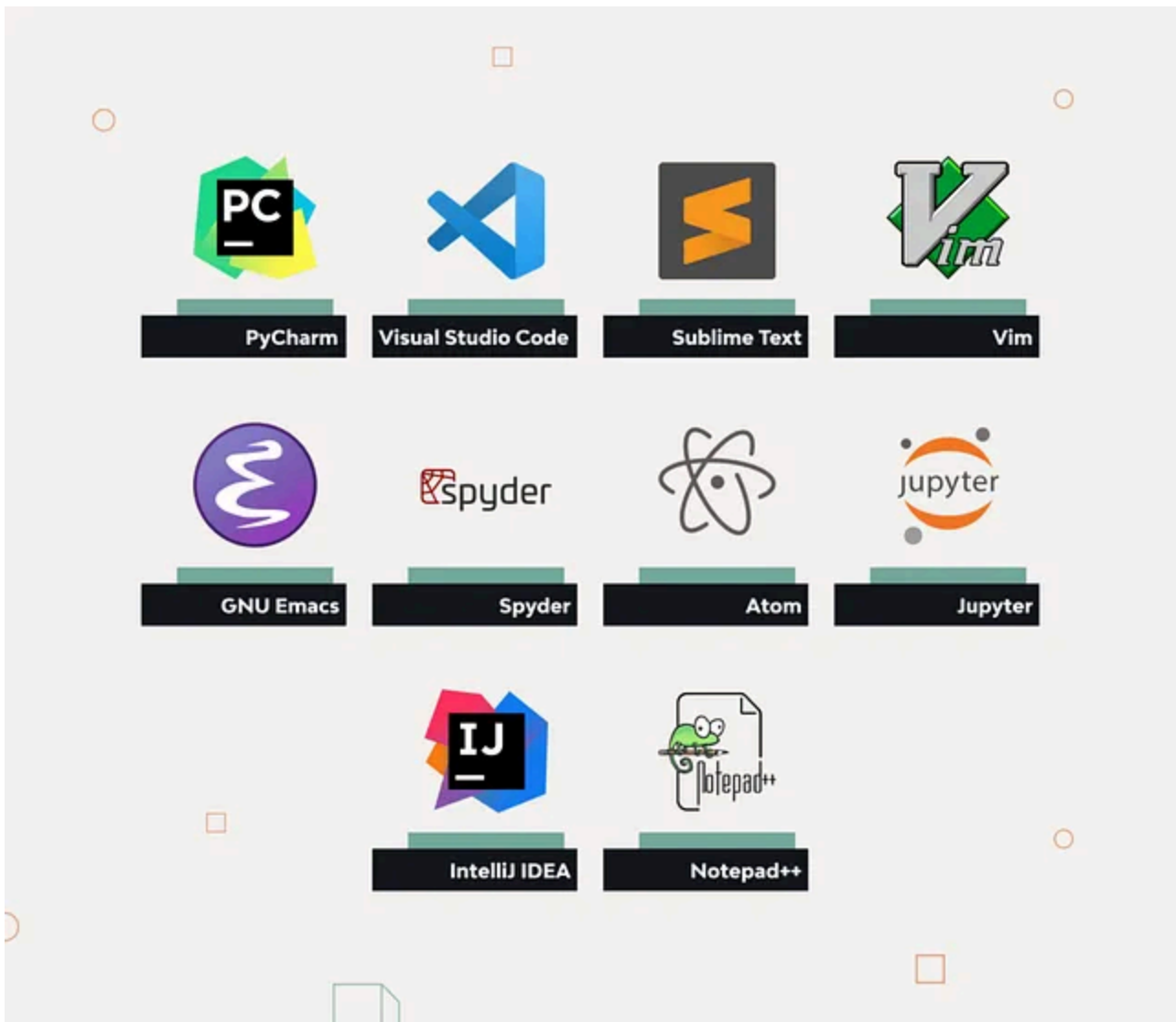
### Step 1. Install Python



The first step is to install Python on your computer if you don't already have it. You can download the latest version of Python from the official website and follow the installation instructions.

### Step 2. Install a Text Editor or Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

You will need a text editor or an IDE to write Python code. Some popular options include Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, and Sublime Text.



## Step 3. Install the Necessary Libraries

Several Python libraries, including BeautifulSoup, Scrapy, and Selenium, are commonly used for web scraping with Python. You can install these libraries using pip, the Python package manager.

Open your command prompt or terminal, and type:

```
pip install [library name]
```

To install BeautifulSoup, run the following command:

```
pip3 install beautifulsoup4
```

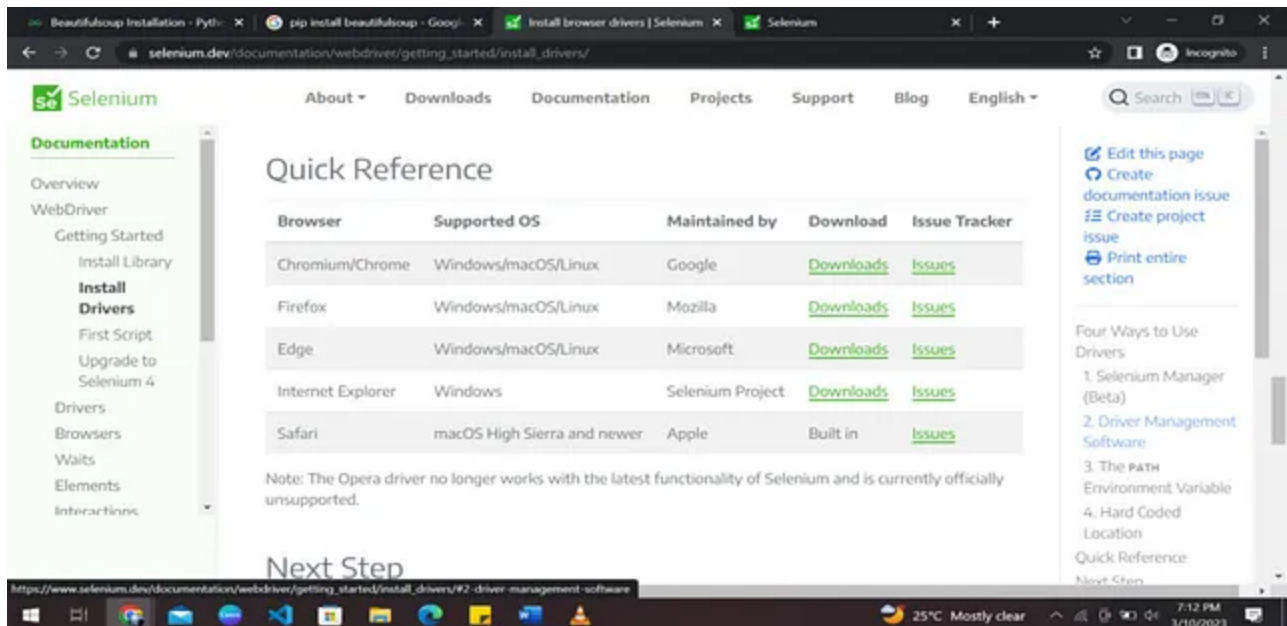
Note: You might have to prefix the installation command with `sudo` if you're on Linux or macOS.



## Step 4. Install a web driver

If you plan to use Selenium for web scraping, you must install a web driver corresponding to your preferred browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, or Safari).

You can download the appropriate web driver from the official Selenium [website](https://www.selenium.dev) and add it to your system's [PATH](#).



## (Optional) Step 5. Create a Virtual Environment

A virtual environment is recommended to keep your Python environment organized and avoid dependency conflicts.

You can create a virtual environment using the “[venv](#)” module with Python.

That's it. You have the entire setup to start web scraping with Python right away. It's time to start coding!

## How to Send HTTP Requests to a Website and Handle Responses using Python

The requests library is a popular third-party library that provides an easy-to-use interface for sending HTTP/1.1 requests in Python.

Here are the steps to follow:

### Step 1: Install the Requests Library

Before you can use the requests library, you need to install it. You can install it using pip by running the following command:

```
pip install requests
```

Alternatively, you can also use the following command for virtual environments:

```
pipenv install requests
```

## Step 2: Import the Requests Module

Once the requests library is installed, you can import it into your Python script using the following command:

```
import requests
```

## Step 3: Send an HTTP Request

To send an HTTP request, you can use the requests library's `get()`, `post()`, `put()`, `delete()` methods.

For example, to send a GET request to a website, you can use the following code:

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

This will send a GET request to <https://www.example.com> and store the response in the response variable.

In case you're not already aware, here's what **GET**, **POST**, **PUT**, and **DELETE** requests mean:

- **GET**: Used for requesting data. They're stored in the browser history and shouldn't be used for sensitive things.
- **POST**: Used for sending data to a server. They're not stored in the browser history.
- **PUT**: Also used for sending data to a server. The only difference is that sending a POST request repeatedly will create data multiple times, which is not the case with PUT.
- **DELETE**: Delete the specified data.

## Step 4: Handling the Respons

The response from the website can be accessed via the response object.

You can get the response content, status code, headers, and other details. Here's an example of how to get the content of the response:

```
content = response.content
```

This will get the content of the response as a byte string. If you want to get the content as a string, use the following code:

```
content = response.text
```

To get the response's status code, you can use the following code:

```
status_code = response.status_code
```

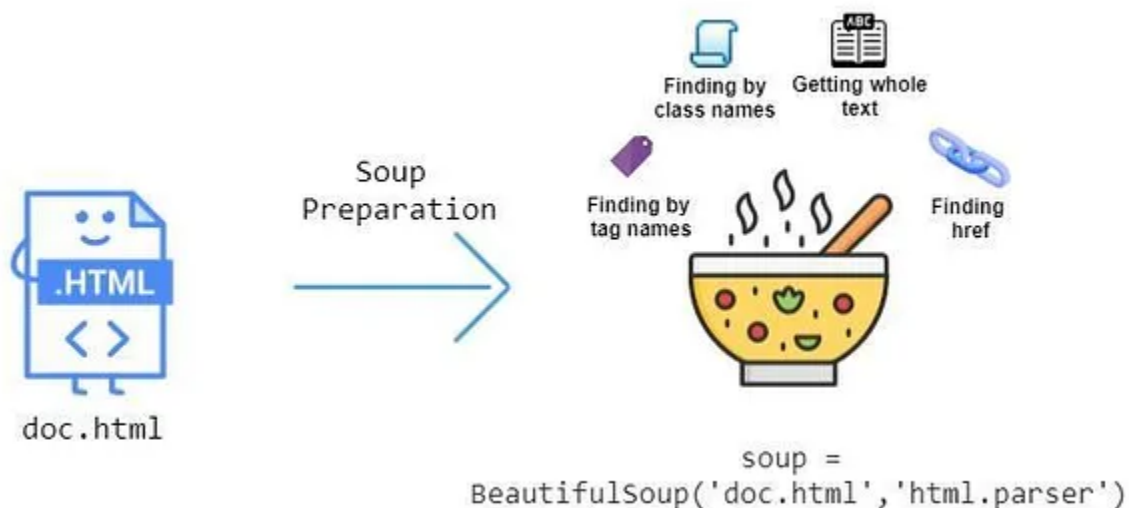
This will return the status code as an integer. Here's how you can get the response headers:

```
headers = response.headers
```

That's a brief overview of sending HTTP requests to a website and handling responses using Python's requests library. This may seem overwhelming, but once you get the hang of it, it becomes easy.

## Introduction to parsing HTML using BeautifulSoup and extracting data from HTML tags

Beautiful Soup is a popular Python library used to pull any data out from HTML and XML files. It first creates a parse tree for parsed pages and then uses these pages to extract data from HTML tags.



Here is an introduction to parsing HTML using BeautifulSoup and extracting data from HTML tags:

## Step 1: Installing BeautifulSoup

Before we can use BeautifulSoup in Python, we need to install it. BeautifulSoup can be installed using the “pip” shell command:

```
pip install beautifulsoup4
```

## Step 2: Importing BeautifulSoup

Once we have installed BeautifulSoup, we can import it into our Python script using the following code:

```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

## Step 3: Parsing HTML Content

The next step is to parse the HTML content using BeautifulSoup. This can be done by creating a BeautifulSoup object and passing the HTML content to it. Here's an example

```
html_content = '<html><head><title>Example</title></head>  
<body><p>  
This is a sample HTML document.</p></body></html>'  
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_content, 'html.parser')
```

Here, we have created a BeautifulSoup object called soup by passing the html\_content string to the BeautifulSoup constructor. We have also specified the parser to be used as 'html.parser'.

## Step 4: Extracting Data From HTML Tags

Once we have the BeautifulSoup object, we can use it to extract data from HTML tags. For example, to extract the text from the <p> tag in the HTML content, we can use the following code:

```
p_tag = soup.find('p')  
p_text = p_tag.text  
print(p_text)
```

This will output the text 'This is an example HTML document.' which is the content of the `<p>` tag in the HTML document.

## Step 5: Using BeautifulSoup Functions

We can also extract attributes from HTML tags. For example, to extract the value of the *href* attribute from the *a* tag, we can use the following code:

```
a_tag = soup.find('a')
href_value = a_tag['href']
print(href_value)
```

This will output the value of the *href* attribute of the first *a* tag in the HTML document.

Moreover, we can also use the “`get_text()`” function to retrieve all the text from the HTML document.

You can use the following code to get all the text of the HTML document:

```
soup.get_text()
```

You have learned how to use BeautifulSoup with Python to scrape data successfully.

There are many other useful functions of BeautifulSoup that you can learn and use to add variations to your data scraper.

## Overview of using regular expressions to extract data from web pages

Regular expressions(regex) are powerful for pattern matching and text manipulation.

They can be used to extract data from web pages by searching for specific patterns or sequences of characters.

We have to use the following regex tokens to extract data.



Character	Regular-expression meaning
.	Any character, including whitespace or numeric
?	Zero or one of the preceding character
*	Zero or more of the preceding character
+	One or more of the preceding character
^	Negation or complement

Here is an overview of using regular expressions to extract data from web pages:

## Step 1: Install the Appropriate Libraries

We will need to use requests and BeautifulSoup here as well. We will also import a library called “re,” a built-in Python module for working with Regular Expressions.

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import re
```

## Step 2: Understanding Regular Expressions

Before using regular expressions to extract data from web pages, we need to have a basic understanding of them.

They are patterns that are used to match character combinations in strings. They can search, replace, and validate text based on a pattern.

## Step 3: Finding the Patter

To extract data from web pages using regular expressions, we need to first find the pattern we want to match. This can be done by inspecting the HTML source code of the web page and identifying the specific text or HTML tag that we want to extract data from.

```
page = requests.get('https://example.com/')
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.content, 'html.parser')
content = soup.find_all(class_='product_pod')
content = str(content)
```

## Step 4: Writing the Regular Expression

Once we have identified the pattern we want to match, we can write a regular expression to search for it on the web page.

Regular expressions are written using a combination of characters and metacharacters that specify what we want to match. For example, to match a phone number on our example web page, we could write the regular expression:

```
number = r'\d{3}-\d{3}-\d{4}'
```

This regular expression matches a pattern that consists of three digits followed by a hyphen, three more digits, another hyphen, and four more digits.

This is just a small example of how we can use regular expressions and their combinations to scrape data. You can experiment using more regex tokens and expressions for your data-scraping venture.

## How To Save Extracted Data to a File

Now that you have learned to scrape data from websites and XML files, we must be able to save the extracted data in a suitable format.

To save extracted data from data scraping to a file such as CSV or JSON in Python, you can follow the following general steps:

### Step 1: Scrape and Organize the Data

Use a library or tool to scrape the data you want to save and organize it in a format that can be saved to a file. For example, you might use a dictionary or list to organize the data.

### Step 2: Choose a File Format

Decide which file format you want to use to save the data. In this example, we will use CSV and JSON. A CSV (comma-separated values) file is a text file allowing data to be saved in a table format. The JSON data format is a file (.json) format used for data interchange through various forms of technology.

## Step 3: Save Data to a CSV File

To save data to a CSV file, you can use the CSV module in Python. Here's how:

```
import csv

data = [
    ['Jay', 'Dominic', 25],
    ['Justin', 'Seam', 30],
    ['Bob', 'Lans', 40]
]

with open('data.csv', mode='w', newline='') as file:

    writer = csv.writer(file)

    writer.writerows(data)
```

## Step 4: Save Data to a JSON File

To save data to a JSON file, you can use the json module in Python. Here's how:

```
import json

data = [
    {'name': 'John', 'surname': 'Doe', 'age': 25},
    {'name': 'Jane', 'surname': 'Smith', 'age': 30},
    {'name': 'Bob', 'surname': 'Johnson', 'age': 40}
]

with open('data.json', mode='w') as file:

    json.dump(data, file)
```

In both cases, the code creates a file (if it doesn't exist) and writes the extracted data in the chosen file format.

# **Tips and Best Practices for Developing Robust and Scalable Web Scraping Applications**

It's time to streamline the web scraping process.

Building a robust and scalable application can save you time, labor, and money.

Here are some tips and best practices to keep in mind when developing web scraping applications:

## **1. Respect Website Terms of Service and Copyright Laws**

Before you start scraping a website, read its terms of service and copyright policies. Some websites may prohibit web scraping, and others may require you to credit the source of the data or obtain permission before using it.

Ignoring the terms of service or the robots.txt file can result in legal issues or getting blocked by the website's server.

## **2. Understand the Website's Structure and APIs**

Understanding a website's structure and content helps identify data to extract. Tools like Web Scraper can help inspect HTML and find data elements.

Website APIs offer structured and legal data access. So, be sure to use them whenever possible for scalability and compliance with ethical and legal standards.

## **3. Handle Errors Gracefully**

When scraping a website, there may be times when the website is down, the connection is lost, or the data is unavailable. Hence, it becomes important to handle all these errors gracefully by adding error handling and retry mechanisms to your code. This will ensure that your application is robust and can handle unexpected situations.

One way to handle errors is to use try-catch blocks to catch and handle exceptions. For example, if a scraping request fails, you can retry the request after a certain amount of time or move on to the next request.

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
url = "https://example.com"
try:
    response = requests.get(url)
    soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")

except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:

print("An error occurred while making the request:", e)
except Exception as e:

print("An error occurred:", e)
finally:
```

In the above example, we're using the requests library to request a website, and then using BeautifulSoup to extract data from the HTML content of the response. The try block contains the code that may raise an exception, such as a network error or an error related to HTML content parsing.

Logging is also a useful tool for debugging and troubleshooting errors.

## 4. Test Your Code Thoroughly

When developing a web scraping application, it's important to test your code thoroughly to ensure it works correctly and efficiently. Use testing frameworks and tools to automate your tests and catch errors early in development.

Version control is a system that tracks changes to your code over time. It allows you to keep track of changes, collaborate with others, and revert to previous versions if necessary.

Git is a popular version control system widely used in the software development industry.

## 5. Use Appropriate Web Scraping Tools

As mentioned in the above sections, many web scraping tools exist in the market. Each tool has its strengths and weaknesses, and choosing the best tool for a particular project depends on various factors.

These factors include:



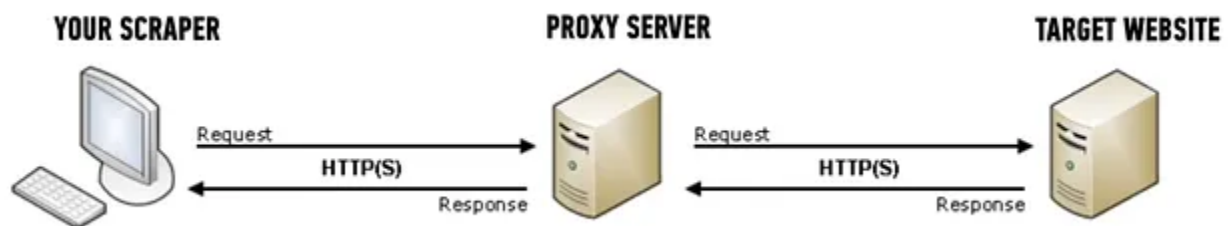
- the complexity of the website
- the amount of data to be scrapped
- the desired output format

Let's take an overview of some **web scraping tools** and their use:

- BeautifulSoup is a great choice for simple web scraping projects that require basic HTML parsing.
- Scrapy is more suited for complex projects that require advanced data extraction techniques like pagination or handling dynamic content.
- Selenium is a powerful tool for scraping dynamic websites that require user interactions; it can be slower and more resource-intensive than other tools.

## 6. Avoid Detection by Websites

Web scraping can be resource-intensive and overload the website's server, leading to you being blocked. To work around that, you can try changing proxies and user agents. It's a hide-and-seek game, hiding from a website's bot from blocking you.



If you're wondering what **proxies** are, here's a simple answer:

They are intermediaries that hide your IP address and provide a new one to the website's server, making it harder for the server to detect that you are scraping the website.

**User agents** are strings that identify the web browser and operating system used to access the website.

By changing the user agent, you can make your scraping requests appear as if they are coming from different browsers or devices, which can help to avoid detection.

## 7. Manage Your Codebase and Handle Large Volumes of Data

Scraping can generate vast amounts of data. Store data wisely to avoid system overload by considering databases like PostgreSQL, MySQL, or SQLite and

cloud storage.

Use documentation tools like Sphinx and Pydoc, and linters like Flake8 and PyLint to ensure readability and catch errors.

Caching and chunking techniques help reduce website requests and handle large datasets without memory issues. Chunking is breaking up large files or datasets into smaller, more manageable chunks.

## **8. Introduction to Scraping Websites That Require Authentication**

Access acquisition for data scraping refers to obtaining permission or authorization to scrape data from a website or online source. It is important to obtain access because scraping data without permission may be illegal or violate the website's terms of use.

One must have valid authentication to use any data from an online platform and ensure to use it only for ethical and legal purposes.

Scraping websites that require authentication can be more challenging than scraping public websites since they require a user to be authenticated and authorized to access certain information.

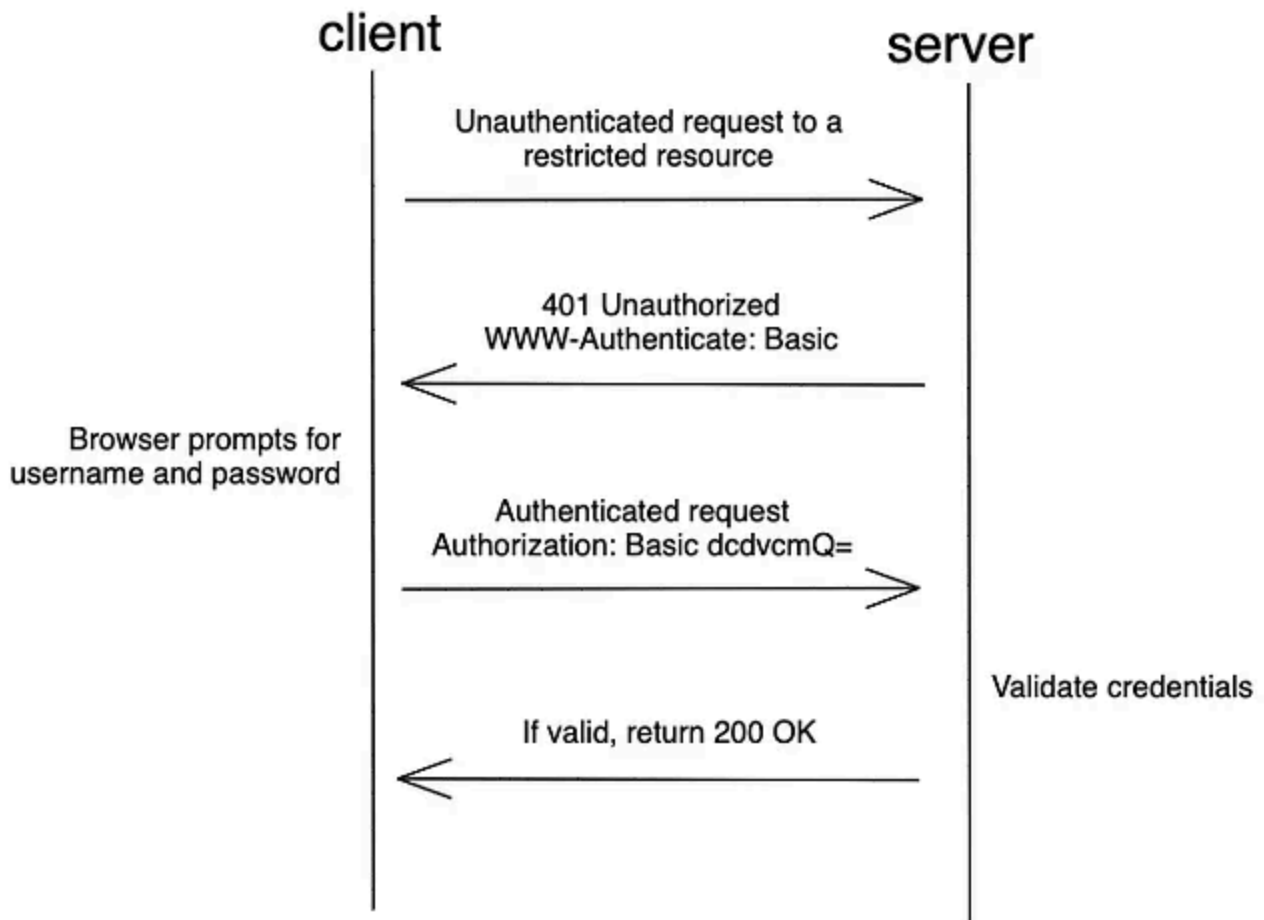
However, there are several ways to authenticate and scrape such websites.

## **Web Scraping Frameworks**

One common method is using web scraping frameworks like Scrapy or BeautifulSoup and libraries like Requests to authenticate and access the website's content.

The authentication process involves submitting a username and password to the website's login form, usually sent as a POST request.

After successful authentication, the scraped data can be extracted from the website's HTML using parsing libraries like BeautifulSoup or lxml.



## Web Automation Tools

Web automation tools like Selenium or Puppeteer simulate user interactions with the website.

These tools can automate the entire authentication process by filling in the login form and clicking the submit button.

Once authenticated, the scraper can use web automation tools to navigate the website and extract data.

## Handle Cookies and Session Management

Many websites use cookies to manage sessions and maintain user authentication. When scraping websites that require authentication, it's crucial to handle cookies correctly to maintain the session's state and avoid being logged out. You can use libraries like Requests Session or Scrapy Cookies Middleware to manage cookies automatically.

Whenever a website is visited, a bot automatically stores cookies about what you did and how you used the website. Scrapy cookies middleware can disable the cookies for a while so that data scraping can be achieved successfully.

Some websites limit the number of requests you can make in a given time frame, which can result in IP blocking or account suspension.

To avoid being rate-limited, you can use techniques like random delays, rotating proxies, and user agent rotation.

## Overview of GoLogin as a powerful anti-detect browser for web scraping

We have learned about data scraping, its uses, how to use it, and which tools to use. But there is one more tool that you must be familiar with while scraping data off of the Internet.

[GoLogin](#) is a powerful tool for multiple accounts and an anonymous browser that can be used for web scraping with Python. It is designed to help users avoid detection while scraping websites by allowing them to rotate IP addresses, browser fingerprints, user agents, etc.

The image is a screenshot of the GoLogin website. At the top, the GoLogin logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Use Cases', 'Resources', 'Pricing', 'Sign In', 'English', and a yellow 'Download' button are on the right. The main content area features the heading 'Anti detect browser for multi-accounting' and the subtext 'Create and manage multiple browser profiles on websites'. Below this is a yellow button with an Apple icon and the text 'Download for Mac'. To the right of the text is a grid of social media and e-commerce icons (eBay, Google, Amazon, Facebook, etc.) connected by a bracket to a screenshot of the GoLogin application interface, which shows a list of browser profiles. At the bottom, there is a dark blue section with three columns of features: 'Fingerprint Management' (configuring parameters like IP and connection characteristics), 'Separated Profiles' (cloud-based profiles for data protection), and 'Teamwork' (ecosystem for sharing profiles and proxies).

Fingerprint Management	Separated Profiles	Teamwork
Configure each parameter of your fingerprint. Currently, more than 50 connection characteristics are available.	Each browser profile is located in the cloud separately, that provides the protection of your data and web anonymity.	Convenient ecosystem for effective teamwork. Share profiles and proxies and assign rights to each team member.

Here are some features of GoLogin that make it a powerful tool for web scraping:

### 1. Anti-Detect Technology:

GoLogin uses advanced anti-detect technology to make it difficult for websites to

identify the bot-like behavior of web scrapers.

## 2. Browser Fingerprinting:

This anonymous browser allows users to create and rotate browser fingerprints, which are unique identifiers that websites use to track users. By rotating fingerprints, users can avoid being detected as scrapers.

## 3. IP Rotation:

GoLogin is a powerful software that allows users to rotate IP addresses, which helps to avoid detection by websites that track IP addresses.

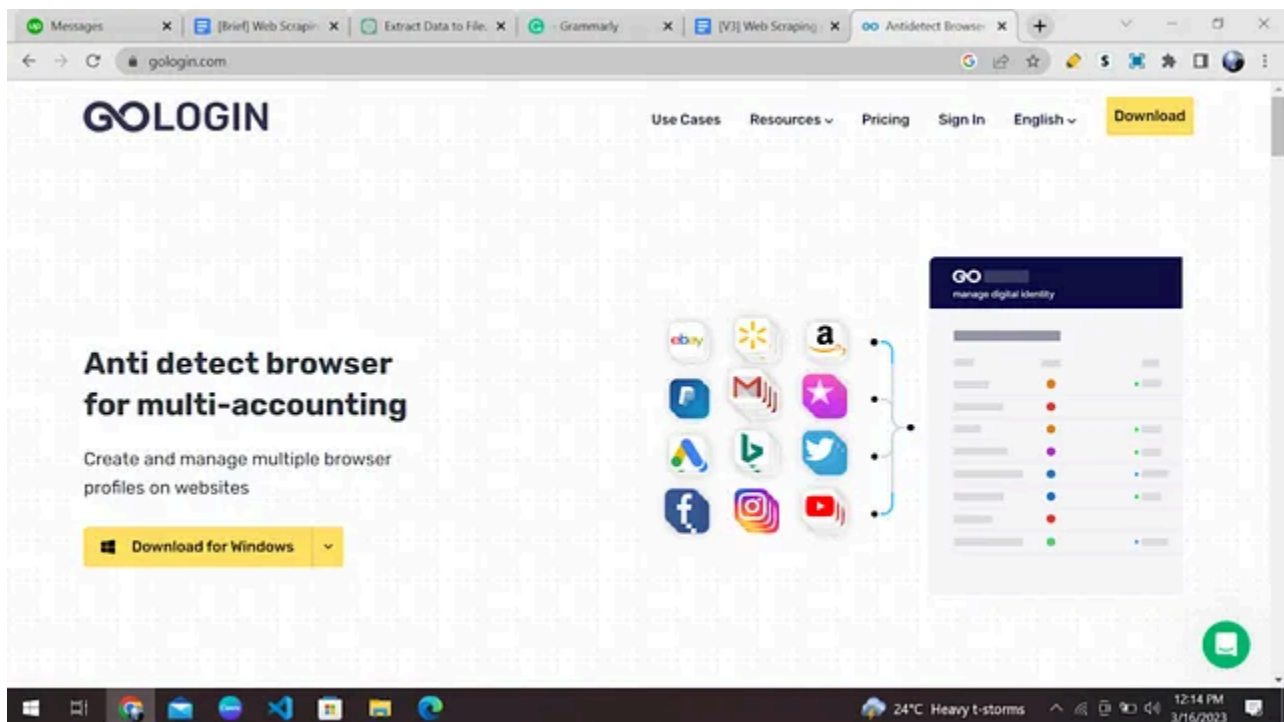
## 4. Multiple Browser Profiles:

GoLogin acts as a multi-account browser that allows users to create and manage multiple browser profiles, each with its own set of browser fingerprints, IP addresses, and user agents.

# How To Set Up GoLogin and Use Its Proxy Manager and Fingerprint Manager

Let's see how to use its features and functionalities.

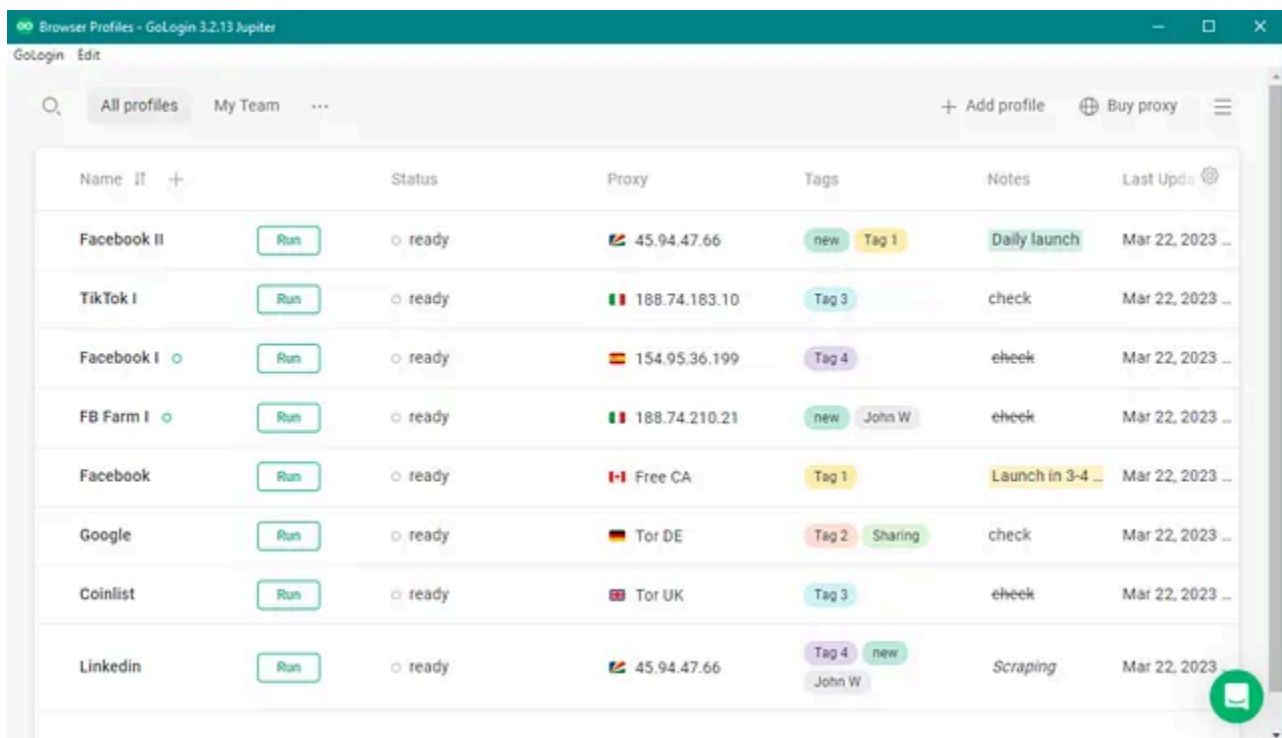
## Step 1: Download and install GoLogin



You can download GoLogin from their website and follow the installation instructions. Click [here](#) to download it.

## Step 2: Create a new profile





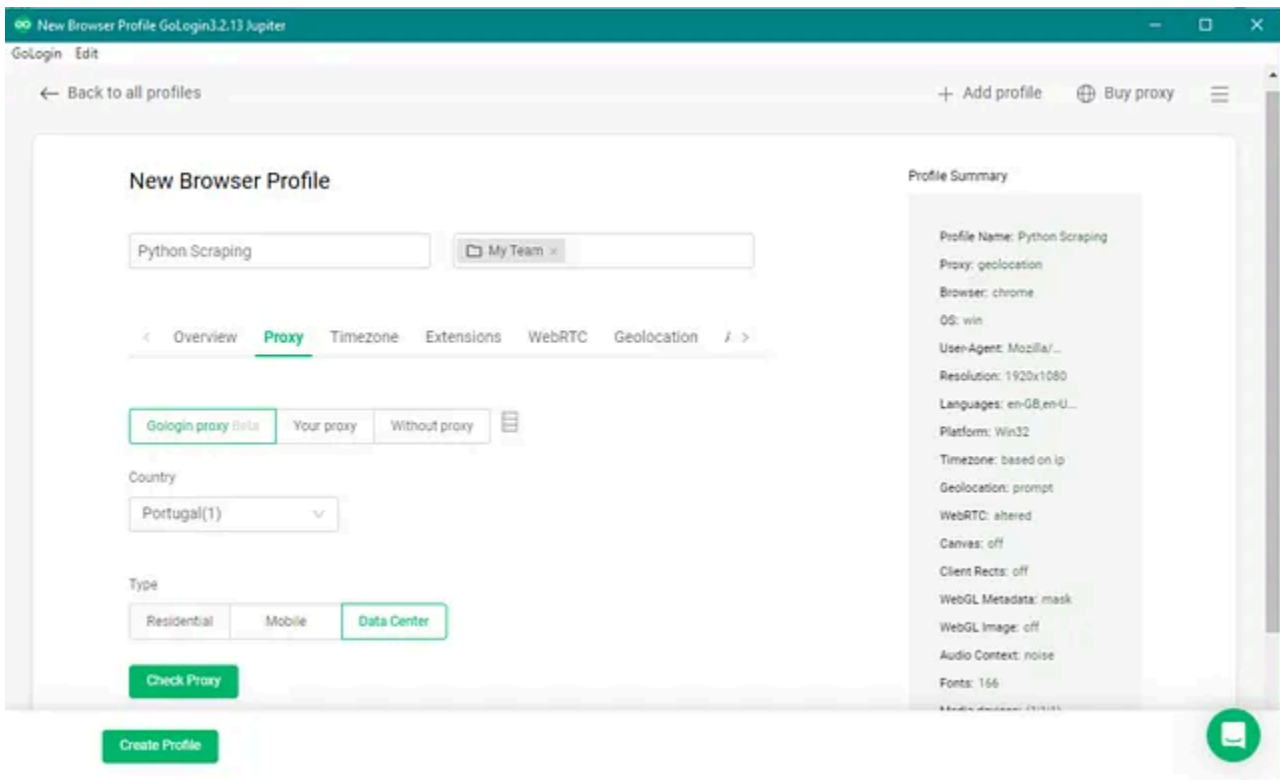
Once you have installed GoLogin, open the application and create a new profile by clicking the “Add profile” button. Give the profile a name and move on to settings tabs. Keep to GoLogin recommended fingerprint settings for best results: even one option changed at your wish may affect your browser anonymity.

## Step 3: Configure proxies

In the profile settings, click on the “Proxy Manager” tab. Here you can add and manage proxies.

Click on “Add” to add a new proxy. All common proxy types are supported.

You can add proxies manually, mass import them from a file or use GoLogin built-in proxies. The latter ones can be bought and topped up in the top right corner (Buy Proxy button).



## Step 4: Use the profile for web scraping with Python

Once you have configured the fingerprint and proxy managers, you can use the profile for web scraping. Go to the “Profiles” tab and select a profile.

Click on the “Launch” button to open a new browser window with the profile. Use this browser window for your web scraping activities.

By configuring the fingerprint and proxies in GoLogin, you can create a highly customized and secure environment for web scraping.

## Automating web scraping tasks using GoLogin’s API

GoLogin’s application programming interface (API) allows you to automate web scraping tasks by providing programmatic access to the features of the GoLogin application.

With the API, you can automate tasks such as creating and managing profiles, managing proxies and fingerprints, and launching browser windows. For example, maybe you have an online shopping site where you want to scrape the product information daily.

To get things started, you'll need to get an API token, as [described here](#). Next, download GoLogin's Python wrapper (or simply download directly from GitHub):

```
git clone https://github.com/gologinapp/pygologin.git
```

Your Python script should be within the same directory as the "gologin.py" file. Below, we'll break down and explain the sample code.

## Step 1: Authenticate your API Key

Connect with GoLogin using the API token you got earlier. Once authenticated, you can start to create profiles and launch browser sessions.

```
import time
from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.options import Options
from gologin import GoLogin
from gologin import get_random_port
```

```
gl = GoLogin({
    "token": "yU0token",
    "profile_id": "yU0Pr0f1leID",

})
```

## Step 2: Create a profile

Use the API to create a new profile with specific configurations, such as fingerprints and proxies. Those will make your browser session appear more human-like. For example, you might want to use a specific browser version, operating system, or language for your profile.

```
from gologin import GoLogin
gl = GoLogin({
    "token": "yU0token",
})
profile_id = gl.create({
    "name": 'profile_windows',
    "os": 'win',
    "navigator": {
```

```

"language": 'en-US',
"userAgent": 'random',
"resolution": '1920x1080',
"platform": 'Win32',
},
'proxyEnabled': True,
'proxy': {
'mode': 'gologin',
'autoProxyRegion': 'us'

},
"webRTC": {
"mode": "alerted",
"enabled": True,
},
}))
profile = gl.getProfile(profile_id)

```

## Step 3: Launch a browser window

This will open up a new browser session with the settings you specified in the profile. You can then interact with the browser window programmatically to scrape data from websites or perform other automated tasks.

```

debugger_address = gl.start()
chrome_options = Options()
chrome_options.add_experimental_option("debuggerAddress",
debugger_address)
driver =
webdriver.Chrome(executable_path=chrome_driver_path,
options=chrome_options)
driver.get("THE URL TO BE SCRAPED")

driver.close()
time.sleep(3)
gl.stop()

```

## Step 4: Scrape the website

Finally, combine GoLogin's API with standard tools such as BeautifulSoup or Selenium, and you'll have a powerful web scraper at your fingertips! Information like news headlines and product descriptions can be extracted and parsed into HTML or XML documents with ease.

## Conclusion

And that concludes our step-by-step guide to web scraping with Python! Now that you've learned to extract data from websites using Python, the web is your game field.

From analyzing competitors' prices to keeping track of social media mentions of your brand, the possibilities for using web scraping in your business or personal projects are endless.

Remember always to respect website owners and their terms of service when scraping data. Happy scraping, and may the data gods smile upon you!

Feel free to try out [GoLogin](#), a powerful and professional privacy tool designed to make your web scraping experience easier and more efficient.