

Lesson 6: Crawling

Objective:

Understand web scraping (crawling) techniques and how they can be used to gather external knowledge for your AI models.

Key Concepts:

- **Web Crawling:** The process of automatically navigating web pages and extracting relevant data.
- **Scraping Tools:** Tools such as BeautifulSoup, Scrapy, or Selenium for Python are used to scrape data from the web.
- **Legal and Ethical Considerations:** Respect robots.txt files and ensure your scraping activities comply with website terms of service.

Application:

1. Scraping Relevant Data:

- Write crawlers that extract structured data (e.g., news articles, product information) from websites and use it to feed into your AI system.

2. Data Processing and Clean-up:

- Parse, clean, and store the scraped data for later use.

Application:

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Building a Web Crawler:

1. Use libraries like **BeautifulSoup** or **Scrapy** to scrape structured data from websites, such as articles, product listings, or news stories.

Data Cleaning:

After scraping, clean and process the data before feeding it into your AI model.