

Assignment-4

Data Collection via API

a. How to use TheMovieDBAPI:

- Create a TMDb account and request for an API key at <https://www.themoviedb.org/account/signup>
 - After signing up, you need to request an API Key. To do so, log into your TMDb account and click Settings
 - Click API on left panel, and request the API key by generating it.
 - Select “Developer” when asked about the type of API key that you wish to register for. Accept the terms of use.
 - Fill out the form
 - Once you have submitted the form, you should be able to see your API key under the same API tab.
- Refer to the API documentation <https://developers.themoviedb.org/3/getting-started/introduction>, as you work on this question

Note:

- The API allows you to make **40 requests every 10 seconds**. Set appropriate timeout intervals in your code while making requests. We recommend you think about how much time your script will run for when solving this question, so you will complete it on time.
- The API endpoint may return different results for the same request.

b. Search for movies in the “**Comedy**” genre released in the year 2000 or later. Retrieve the 300 most popular movies in this genre. The movies should be sorted from most popular to least popular. **Hint:** Sorting based on popularity can be done in the API call.

- Documentation for retrieving similar movies:
<https://developers.themoviedb.org/3/discover/movie-discover>
<https://developers.themoviedb.org/3/genres/get-movie-list>
- Save the results in **movie_ID_name.csv**.
Each line in the file should describe one movie, in the following format --- NO space after comma, and do not include any column headers:

movie-ID,movie-name

For example, a line in the file could look like:

353486,Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

Note:

- You may need to make multiple API calls to retrieve all 300 movies. For example, the results may be returned in “pages,” so you may need to retrieve them page by page.
- Please use the “primary_release_date” parameter instead of the “release_date” parameter in the API when retrieving movies released in the year 2000 or later. The “release_date” parameter will incorrectly return a movie if any of its release dates fall within the years listed.

c. For each of the 300 movies, use the API to find its 5 similar movies. If a movie has fewer than 5 similar movies, the API will return as many as it can find. Your code should be flexible to work with however many movies the API returns.

- Documentation for obtaining similar movies:
<https://developers.themoviedb.org/3/movies/get-similar-movies>
- Save the results in **movie_ID_sim_movie_ID.csv**.
Each line in the file should describe one pair of similar movies --- NO space after comma, and do not include any column headers:

movie-ID,similar-movie-ID