

These two programs take and parse the drugs.com drug interaction information, creating a searchable format for the drugs.com interactions then searching that format as many times as the user needs.

### **Setup:**

- Python 3.6+
- Internet Connection
- [Install pip](#)

Install Libraries from pip, open the Terminal/Command line and input  
{ pip install requests beautifulsoup4 }

Ensure you have all three files in the same directory

- drug-interactions.xml
- interactionScraperHTML.py
- InteractionXMLParser.py

### **How to Use:**

The code is currently set to be ran then return the interactions for acebutolol and taurine, these are manually coded into the main() function of InteractionXMLParser. This was done for testing purposes as I knew they were valid inputs on the 1<sup>st</sup> XML file.

Both programs have commented out code that can allow for command line functionality and inputting drug names, feel free to alter the code or ask me to change it.

### **Data Structure:**

InteractionXMLParser

#### **Variables:**

- xml\_file*(string)
  - Path to the *xml\_file*
- drug1, drug2* (strings)
  - The two drugs we are parsing for
- self.interactions[]* (list)
  - All the retrieved interaction URLs from the XML file
- results[]* (list)
  - The matching URL from the XML file

#### **Functions:**

*\_\_init\_\_(xml\_file\_path)*

- Initializes the xml parsers and calls the `parse_xml()` function

`parse_xml()`

- Reads and extracts the URLs from the XML files, stores them to `self.interactions`

`normalize_drug_name(drug_name)`

- Makes drug names lowercase and removes spaces

`extract_drugs_from_url(url)`

- Parses URL for drug names and removes numeric IDs to leave with a string

`check_interaction(drug1, drug2)`

- Searches for `self.interactions` for matching drug URLs and returns the matching ones

`search_drug_interactions(drug1, drug2)`

- Prints the formatted results of the other functions for the drug interactions

## InteractionScraperHTML

### **Variable:**

`self.url` (string)

- URL to scrape

`self.html_content` (string)

- Raw HTML data

`self.soup` (BeautifulSoup Obj)

- Parsed HTML Data

`self.interaction_data` (dictionary)

- All extracted data

### **Function:**

`fetch_page()` - downloads HTML given to the method

`extract_drug_names()` - Finds drug names in headers

`extract_interaction_severity()` - Uses drugs.com 3 danger levels for interaction

`extract_interaction_descriotion()` - Scraps the paragraph of found by `extract_drug_names()`

`extract_professional_info()` - Scraps info used by medical professionals

`extract_references()` - Scraps data references on site

`scrape_all()` - Runs all commands and saves the data

`print_summary()` - Prints all the data

`save_to_json(outputfile)` - Overwrite the output file with the new json file (can be removed)