# "Music Twitch" Crawling Project – Text Technology

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#### Music Twitch - Basic Idea

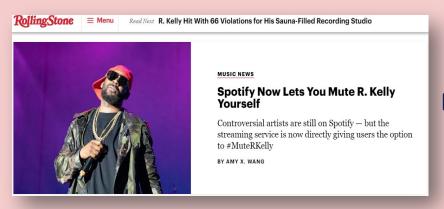
Idea: Create a "music ensemble"

- > The user can read about the latest news of their favourite artists
- Access to Spotify:
  - albums released
  - biography
  - related artists
- Information on the artist via his Wikipedia page

### Music Twitch - Mechanism



- 1. Crawling www.rollingstone.com
  - Latest news about music (titles, images, etc.)





In This Article: R. Kelly, Spotify

- Getting the related data based on the previous info

#### Music Twitch - Mechanism



- 2. From this data we are making additional requests to Spotify API
  - → detailed information about artist

Official Spotify page of the artist





#### Music Twitch - Mechanism



3. The relevant Wikipedia URL of the artist





# Code Snippet Of Our Spider

```
def parse(self, response):
   urls = response.xpath('//div[@class="l-blog_item l-blog_item--spacer-s"]/ul/li/article/a/@href').extract()
   for url in urls:
      request = scrapy.Request(url, callback=self.parse_inner)
      yield request
              ------ Redirections to the next page ------
   next_page = response.xpath('//*[@id="site_wrap"]/div[3]/div[1]/main/div[4]/div/a[2]/@href').extract()
         ------ Double check if next page is not empty ------
   if next_page == []:
      next_page = response.xpath('//*[@id="site_wrap"]/div[3]/div[1]/main/div[4]/div/a[1]/@href').extract()
         ------ Assign the URL to the next page to start the crawl again ------
   if next_page:
      next_href = next_page[0]
      next page url = next href
      request = scrapy.Request(url=next_page_url)
      yield request
```



# Code Snippet For Parsing The Inner Pages

```
Title
title = response.xpath('//*[@id="site_wrap"]/div[2]/div/main/article/header/h1/text()').extract()[0].replace('\n', '').
        ----- author of the news -----
author = response.xpath('//div[@class="c-byline_author"]/a/text()').extract()[0].replace('\n', '').replace('\t', '')
      ------ Artist Name ------
artist_name = response.xpath('//*[@id="site_wrap"]/div[2]/div/main/article/div/footer/div[1]/p/a/text()').extract[()]
       ------ Img ------
img = response.xpath('//*[@id="site_wrap"]/div[2]/div/main/article/figure/div[1]/div/img/@data-src').extract()
```



# **Spotify Authentication**



# Request To The Spotify API



```
----- Collecting spotify data -----
if artist_name:
  name = artist_name
   results = self.spotify.search(q='artist:' + name, type='artist')
   items = results['artists']['items']
   if len(items) > 0:
       ------ Link to the index page of the Artist in Spotify ------
     spotify_link = items[0]['external_urls']['spotify']
        ----- Link to the about page of the Artist -----
     spotify_about = spotify_link + '/about'
```

# Link To Wikipedia



Generating the Wikipedia URL

```
inbuilt_wiki_uri = 'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/'
wiki_link = inbuilt_wiki_uri + "_".join(artist_name.split(' '))
```

#### The Interface

#### Music Lovers



Releases

Weezer Follow
'Africa' With
Surprise Covers
LP, 'The Teal
Album'

Weezer









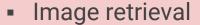
Red Hot Chili
Penners Miley

#### **Problems Encountered**

Inconsistent data







# Conclusion And Future Scopes

- An ensemble of data based on the recent trends
- Add ons: Twitter, Reddit, ...
- Expansion to various domains
  - World Politics
  - Trends in Economic and Business sectors
  - Latest research in Science and Technology
  - A platform for further work on machine learning



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