Introduction to Web Scraping with R

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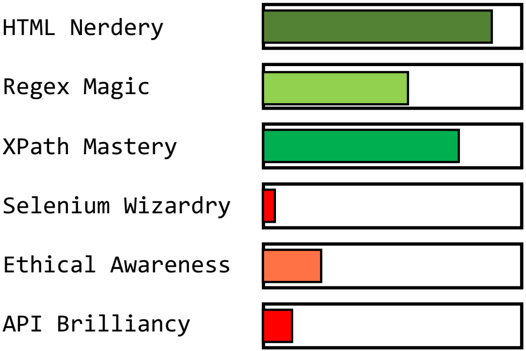

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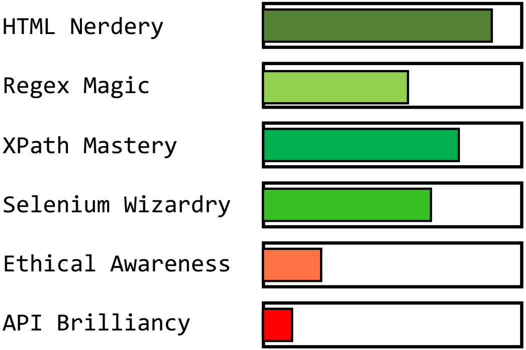

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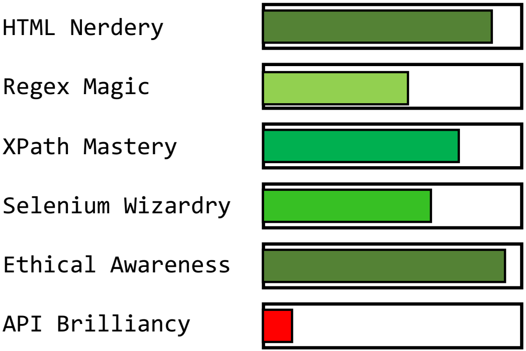

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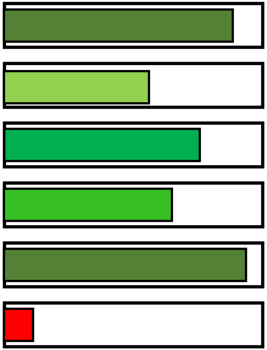

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- the stringr package for string manipulation with regular expressions
- the xml2 package for working with XML/HTML files
- the rvest package for downloading and manipulating HTML files
- the RSelenium package to connect to the Selenium API and scrape dynamic webpages

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- Check out some of the following online resources:
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  - http://decisionsandr.blogspot.de/2014/04/play-2048-using-r.html – an R script that uses RSelenium to let R automatically play the browser game 2048
  - https://gijn.org/2015/08/12/on-the-ethics-of-web-scraping-and-data-journalism/ – an article on the ethics of web scraping