

Documentation

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To create the crawler project I have used scrapy framework from python which helps in crawling data from websites easily. Explanations of the functions and classes can be found in the comments of the code. In this documentation I have just highlighted the important parts of the project.

When the project is run it goes to "packages.spider.py" inside the spiders folder. This file contains the definition of two crawlers (spiders) that are going to be used to crawl data from those two websites. To store the crawled/scraped data a container class [Figure 1] has been created in "items.py" file that is inside Crawler/Crawler.

```
import scrapy
'''
    This class is used to store the data that has been scraped/crawled from the given websites.
'''
class Packages(scrapy.Item):
    # define the fields for your item here like:
    # name = scrapy.Field() -> dictionary key=name value=value
    package_url=scrapy.Field()
    package_description=scrapy.Field()
    package_name=scrapy.Field()
```

Figure 1: Class to store crawled data

Each of the crawler has been given a name so once the Crawler is activated using its name it opens the links that are present in its 'start_urls' property. Both of the crawler have been given only one start url that opens the first page of each websites list of packages. After that the parse function is automatically called by scrapy and using "XPath" the relevant details are extracted/crawled from the webpage like package name, url and descriptions and stored in the Class that was created earlier. Since both the websites need to extract same data the same class has been used in both of the crawler to store data. The parse function also checks whether we have extracted 100 package datas from the website. Once 100 packages are extracted the function ends. If the initial page contains < 100 packages then the url of the next page is extracted using XPath and then the 'parse' function is called on that url and again the same process is repeated.

The output of both the crawler can be seen in Figure 2 and Figure 3. For the project description I have extracted the project description that was written in the main web page that contained the list of packages. I tried extracting the project description by opening each of the package's url but the description was too large hence could not be easily stored in tables like this. Output of Unittests can be seen in Figure 4. In this unittests I have only tested the parse function of the crawler as it is the most important part of the program.

New websites can be easily scraped using this project if similar data needs to be extracted. We just need to add another crawler /spider class that does the scraping. However for website where we need to extract a variety of other data a new Class has to be created to store the data but the other processes are still the same and we just need to write a different "parse" function.

Resources that have been used in the project:

- Scrapy
- XPath
- Unittests

package_name	package_description	package_url
1 package_name	package_description	package_url
2 hnabla1.18.0	Neural Network Libraries	https://pypi.org/project/hnabla/
3 reactnetgenerator1.4.164	Reaction Network Generator	https://pypi.org/project/reactnetgenerator/
4 ontos2.6.4	Library for working with QGO Library Ontologies and associations	https://pypi.org/project/ontos2/
5 large-image-tasks1.4.3	Order Worker tasks for Large Images	https://pypi.org/project/large-image-tasks/
6 modernGL5.6.4	ModernGL: High performance rendering for Python 3	https://pypi.org/project/modernGL/
7 ocrmyPDF11.7.3	OCRmyPDF: adds an OCR text layer to scanned PDF files, allowing them to be searched	https://pypi.org/project/ocrmypdf/
8 obspy1.2.2	Obspy - a Python framework for seismological observatories.	https://pypi.org/project/obspy/
9 geocoder1.38.1	Geocoder is a simple and consistent geocoding library.	https://pypi.org/project/geocoder/
10 kio21.2.0	Conventions for Python + Apache Beam	https://pypi.org/project/kio/
11 kio-core21.2.0	Core kio library for common functionality	https://pypi.org/project/kio-core/
12 onnxruntime1.7.0	ONNX Runtime is a runtime accelerator for Machine Learning models	https://pypi.org/project/onnxruntime/
13 limny-py1.6.7	Fast and light weight simulator of rigid poly-articulated systems.	https://pypi.org/project/limny-py/
14 kio-exe21.2.0	Component of kio project that reduces boilerplate while writing YAML config-driven, Dockerized python Beam pipelines - probably for audio processing.	https://pypi.org/project/kio-exe/
15 symrankendat1.4.1	A python package for non-parametric Mann-Kendall family of trend tests.	https://pypi.org/project/symrankendat/
16 jlog1.2	Jlog is the cloud-native neural search solution powered by the state-of-the-art AI and deep learning	https://pypi.org/project/jlog/
17 python-opensesame3.3.8	A graphical experiment builder for the social sciences	https://pypi.org/project/python-opensesame/
18 johnny-epit11.0.post60	Botany Python API	https://pypi.org/project/johnny-epit/
19 pytrip983.3.6	PyTSP	https://pypi.org/project/pytrip/
20 pySCF1.7.6.post1	PySCF: Python-based Simulations of Chemistry Framework	https://pypi.org/project/pySCF/
21 pytorch-transformers-pvt-nightly1.2.0.dev20190926100	Repository of pre-trained NLP Transformer models: BERT & RoBERTa, GPT & GPT-2, Transformer-XL, XLNet and XLM	https://pypi.org/project/pytorch-transformers-pvt-nightly/
22 dshd41.1	Web Client for Visualizing Pandas Objects	https://pypi.org/project/dshd/
23 allenmap-pvt-nightly0.9.1.dev201910011800	An open-source NLP research library, built on PyTorch.	https://pypi.org/project/allenmap-pvt-nightly/
24 napoleontoolbox2.89	Dashboard for financial market data	https://pypi.org/project/napoleontoolbox/
25 mneio22.1	MNE: python project for MEG and EEG data analysis.	https://pypi.org/project/mneio/
26 biotite0.27.0	A comprehensive library for computational molecular biology	https://pypi.org/project/biotite/
27 fsluts6.82	UGO Scientific Collaboration Algorithm Library - minimal Python package	https://pypi.org/project/fsluts/
28 khrad28.2	Khrad is a wrapper for TensorFlow Kops that makes deep learning and AI more accessible and easier to apply	https://pypi.org/project/khrad/
29 hippy1.6.0	Neuroimaging in Python: Pipelines and Interfaces	https://pypi.org/project/hippy/
30 dm-easy-to-use0.3.0.dev20210405	Reverb is an efficient and easy-to-use data storage and transport system designed for machine learning research.	https://pypi.org/project/dm-easy-to-use/
31 dhw1.4.0	Python D3.js Module	https://pypi.org/project/dhw/
32 boostsim25.1	The Boostsim Simulation and Techno-Economic Analysis Modules	https://pypi.org/project/boostsim/
33 boost-histogram1.0.1	The Boost: Histogram Python wrapper.	https://pypi.org/project/boost-histogram/
34 PyGeodesy21.3.3	Pure Python geodesy tools	https://pypi.org/project/pygeodesy/
35 mlml0.3.3	Library for Machine Learning projects	https://pypi.org/project/mlml/
36 MCEq1.2.1	Numerical cascade equation solver	https://pypi.org/project/mceq/
37 PyGLM1.99.3	OpenGL Mathematics library for Python	https://pypi.org/project/pyglm/
38 torchmetrics0.2.0	PyTorch native Metrics	https://pypi.org/project/torchmetrics/
39 xtgeo14.2	XTGeo is a Python library for 3D grids, surfaces, wells, etc	https://pypi.org/project/xtgeo/
40 deep-daze0.9.0	Deep Daze	https://pypi.org/project/deep-daze/
41 MOCpy0.8.5	MOC parsing and manipulation in Python	https://pypi.org/project/mocpy/
42 mmx24.0	Lightweight Python target for MINITZ in C++	https://pypi.org/project/mmx/
43 pandas-summary0.0.7	An extension to pandas describe function.	https://pypi.org/project/pandas-summary/
44 rilearn0.7.1	Statistical learning for neuroimaging in Python	https://pypi.org/project/rilearn/
45 word2number1.1	Convert number words eg. three hundred and forty two to numbers (342).	https://pypi.org/project/word2number/

Figure 2: Output of First Crawler

package_name	package_description	package_url
1 package_name	package_description	package_url
2 syroty/polyfill-mobstring	Syroty polyfill for the Mobstring extension	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-mobstring
3 syroty/polyfill-ctype	Syroty polyfill for ctype functions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-ctype
4 psr/container	Common Container Interface (PHP FIG PSR-11)	https://packagist.org/packages/psr/container
6 syroty/console	Eases the creation of beautiful and testable command line interfaces	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/console
7 guzzlehttp/psr7	PSR-7 message implementation that also provides common utility methods	https://packagist.org/packages/guzzlehttp/psr7
8 webmozart/assert	Assertions to validate method input/output with nice error messages.	https://packagist.org/packages/webmozart/assert
9 guzzlehttp/promises	Guzzle promises library	https://packagist.org/packages/guzzlehttp/promises
10 syroty/polyfill-normalizer	Syroty polyfill for the Normalizer class and related functions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-normalizer
11 psr/http-message	Common interface for HTTP messages	https://packagist.org/packages/psr/http-message
12 syroty/finder	Finds files and directories via an intuitive fluent interface	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/finder
13 syroty/polyfill-php80	Syroty polyfill implementing some PHP 8.0+ features to lower PHP versions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-php80
14 guzzlehttp/guzzle	Guzzle is a PHP HTTP client library	https://packagist.org/packages/guzzlehttp/guzzle
15 doctrine/instantiator	A small, lightweight utility to instantiate objects in PHP without invoking their constructors	https://packagist.org/packages/doctrine/instantiator
16 syroty/polyfill-php72	Syroty polyfill implementing some PHP 7.2+ features to lower PHP versions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-php72
17 syroty/event-dispatcher	Provides tools that allow your application components to communicate with each other by dispatching events and listening to them	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/event-dispatcher
18 syroty/polyfill-ctype	Syroty polyfill for ctype functions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-ctype
19 syroty/process	Executes commands in sub-processes	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/process
20 syroty/polyfill-php73	Syroty polyfill implementing some PHP 7.3+ features to lower PHP versions	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/polyfill-php73
21 phproadventure/reflection-docblock	With this component, a library can provide support for annotations via DocBlocks or otherwise retrieve information that is embedded in a DocBlock.	https://packagist.org/packages/phproadventure/reflection-docblock
22 rabeck/getallheaders	A polyfill for getAllheaders.	https://packagist.org/packages/rabeck/getallheaders
23 syroty/service-contracts	Generic abstractions related to writing services	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/service-contracts
24 phproadventure/type-resolver	A PSR-8 based resolver of Class names, Types and Structural Element Names	https://packagist.org/packages/phproadventure/type-resolver
25 phproadventure/reflection-common	Common reflection classes used by phproadventure to reflect the code structure	https://packagist.org/packages/phproadventure/reflection-common
26 doctrine/lexer	PHP Doctrine Lexer parser library that can be used in Top-Down, Recursive Descent Parsers.	https://packagist.org/packages/doctrine/lexer
27 monolog/monolog	Sends your logs to files, sockets, inboxes, databases and various web services	https://packagist.org/packages/monolog/monolog
28 sebastian/offset	Offset implementation	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/offset
29 phpspec/phpunit	The PHP Unit Testing framework.	https://packagist.org/packages/phpspec/phpunit
30 phpspec/prophhecy	Highly opinionated mocking framework for PHP 5.3+	https://packagist.org/packages/phpspec/prophhecy
31 phpspec/php-code-coverage	Library that provides collection, processing, and rendering functionality for PHP code coverage information.	https://packagist.org/packages/phpspec/php-code-coverage
32 sebastian/exporter	Provides the functionality to export PHP variables for visualization	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/exporter
33 sebastian/recursion-context	Provides functionality to recursively process PHP variables	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/recursion-context
34 sebastian/comparator	Provides the functionality to compare PHP values for equality	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/comparator
35 deepcopy/deep-copy	Utility class for cloning objects	https://packagist.org/packages/deepcopy/deep-copy
36 phpspec/phpunit-mock-objects	PHPUnit implementation that filters files based on a list of suffixes.	https://packagist.org/packages/phpspec/phpunit-mock-objects
37 sebastian/environment	Provides functionality to handle PHP environment information	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/environment
38 syroty/var-dumper	Provides mechanisms for walking through any arbitrary PHP variable	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/var-dumper
39 sebastian/version	Library that helps with managing the version number of Git-hosted PHP projects	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/version
40 sebastian/global-state	Snapshotting of global state	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/global-state
41 phpspec/phpunit-text-template	Simple template engine.	https://packagist.org/packages/phpspec/phpunit-text-template
42 doctrine/injector	PHP Doctrine Injector is a small library that can perform string manipulations with regard to upper/lowercase and singular/plural forms of words.	https://packagist.org/packages/doctrine/injector
43 syroty/http-foundation	Defines an object-oriented layer for the HTTP specification	https://packagist.org/packages/syroty/http-foundation
45 sebastian/code-unit-reverse-lookup	Looks up which function or method a line of code belongs to	https://packagist.org/packages/sebastian/code-unit-reverse-lookup

Figure 3: Output of Second Crawler

The image shows a Visual Studio Code editor window with a Python file named `helper.py` in the main editor. The file contains a function `fake_response` that creates a Scrapy fake HTTP response from a given local HTML file and returns it. The function takes `file_name` and `url` as arguments. It checks if `url` is not None and if `file_name` is not None. If `file_name` is not None, it constructs a `file_path` by joining the `responses_dir` (which is the directory of the current file) with `file_name`. It then reads the content of the file at `file_path` and returns a `TextResponse` object with the `url`, `request`, and `body` (the file content). If `file_name` is None, it returns an empty `TextResponse` object.

```
1 import os
2 from scrapy.http import Request, TextResponse
3
4 """
5 This function creates a Scrapy fake HTTP response from a given local html file and returns it
6 """
7 def fake_response(file_name=None, url=None):
8     if not url: # not None -> True
9         url = 'http://www.example.com'
10
11     request = Request(url=url)
12     if file_name:
13         if not file_name[0] == '/':
14             responses_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
15             file_path = os.path.join(responses_dir, file_name)
16         else:
17             file_path = file_name
18
19         with open(file_path, 'r') as f:
20             file_content = f.read()
21     else:
22         file_content = ''
23
24     response = TextResponse(url=url, request=request, body=file_content,
25                             encoding='utf-8')
26     return response
27 """
```

The terminal window at the bottom shows the output of running the tests. It displays the command `python3 crawler_test.py` and the output of the tests, which includes the text "Testing the parser of second crawler", "Testing the parser of first crawler", and "Ran 2 tests in 0.027s". The output ends with "OK".

```
lezend@lezend777:~/Desktop/Internship Application/Compredict/tests$ python3 crawler_test.py
Testing the parser of second crawler
.
Testing the parser of first crawler
.
Ran 2 tests in 0.027s
OK
lezend@lezend777:~/Desktop/Internship Application/Compredict/tests$
```

Figure 4: Output of Unittests