DSCI 560 - Lab 1 Documentation

1. Installation and Setup

 To keep things simple, WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) was used instead of VMware for the linux environment.

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Microsoft Windows [Versión 10.0.26100.2894]
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C:\Users\User\Desktop\560\DSCI-560\lab1\arielmartinez_5483611649>wsl
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649$ python3 --version
Python 3.10.12
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649$ pip3 --version
pip 22.0.2 from /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/pip (python 3.10)
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649$
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2.1. Playing around with Linux Terminal

 Python3 and pip were successfully installed and the basic files and repositories were created using touch and mkdir respectively.

```
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649$ ls
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649$ cd scripts
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649/scripts$ ls
task_1.py
```

2.2. A basic Python Script

- The **nano** command was used to write in the first python file.
- The file asks for your name (albeit a bit aggressively) and greets you in return as intended.

```
# Input
name = input("\nHey, you! Yeah, YOU! What's your name? Spit it out (Dumbledore asked calmly): ")

# Answer
print(f"\nHello, {name}!\n")

ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649/scripts$ python3 task_1.py

Hey, you! Yeah, YOU! What's your name? Spit it out (Dumbledore asked calmly): Ariel

Hello, Ariel!

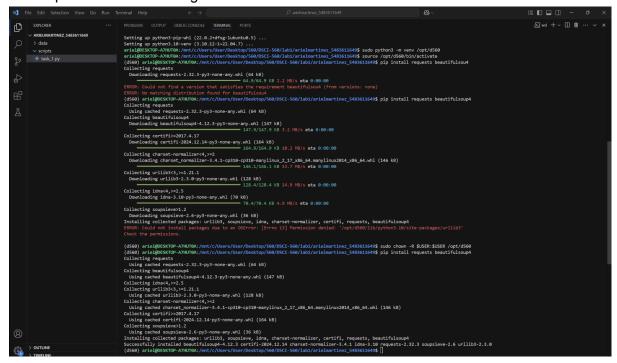
ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mnt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649/scripts$
```

2.3. Python Web-scraping Task

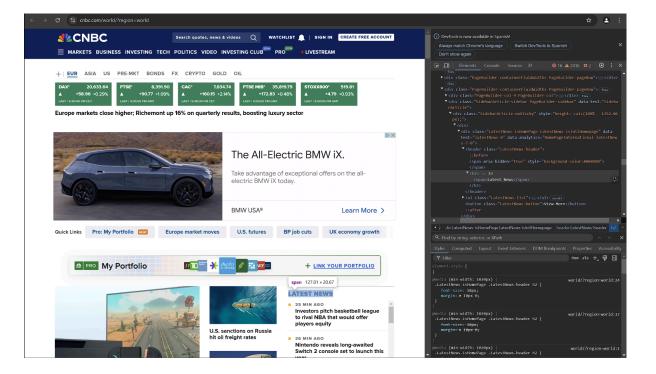
• Command **venv** was used to create an exclusive environment (d560) for this subject which most likely will be used in future labs (inside WSL).

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 Requests and BeautifulSoup were installed correctly after solving some minor problems with user rights.



• The CNBC website (https://www.cnbc.com/world/?region=world) was analyzed to find the Market Banner (MarketsBanner-main) and the Latest News (LatestNews-list) sections.



• The new folders and files were successfully created like the first time, just that this time from the VScode terminal.



- web_scraper.py successfully extracted the desired parts of the html.
- Selenium was used instead of request due to the fact that request wasn't able to
 extract Markets Banner data correctly due to how its data was integrated.
 WebDriverWait in particular was needed to avoid this problem by waiting to receive
 information on Markets Banner Row sections.
- BeautifulSoup was used to parse and filter the html sections and the os library was
 used to obtain the correct file path (while maintaining replicability) for the output
 (web_data.html).
- Prints were used to mark every section of the code.

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data > raw data > 🧇 web data.html > 😭 div.MarketsBanner-main
                                                                                                                                                            div class="MarketsBanner-main" |

(div class="MarketsBanner-marketData" id="market-data-scroll-contain

(a class="MarketCard-container" href="//www.cnbc.com/quotes/.GDAXI"
                                                                                                                                                                   <div class="MarketCard-row";</pre>
                                                                                                                                                                     <span class="MarketCard-symbol">
               # Wait to MarketCard-row because if not it will cut most of the conte
WebDriverWait(driver, 5).until(expected_conditions.visibility_of_elem
                                                                                                                                                                    <span class="MarketCard-stockPosition">
| 20,655.39
               print("Parsing...")
soup = BeautifulSoup(driver.page_source, "html.parser")

'/div

/div class="MarketCard-row"

/div class="MarketCard-changeData"

/span class="MarketCard-changesPct"

               print("extracting Market Banner data...")
market = soup.find("div", class_="MarketsBanner-main").prettify()
               print("Extracting Latests News data...")
news = soup.find("ul", class_="LatestNews-list").prettify()
                                                                                                                                                                   <span class="MarketCard-lastTime">
  LAST | 1/16/25 CET
               # Save HTML sections
print("Creating file...\n")
current_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
               base_dir = os.path.join(current_dir, "..", "da
out = os.path.join(base_dir, "web_data.html")
with open(out, "w", encoding="utf-8") as file:
    file.write(str(market))
                                                                                                                                                                 <a class="MarketCard-container MarketCard-up" href="//www.cnbc.com/quot
                                                                                                                                                                   <div class="MarketCard-row">
    <span class="MarketCard-symbol">
    FTSE*
                     file.write(news)
                                                                                                                                                                    <span class="MarketCard-stockPosition">
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              print("Data successfully saved to 'web_data.html'.")
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     <span aria-hidden="true" class="MarketCard-triangle-up"</pre>
               print(f"Error: {e}")
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(d560) ariel@DESKTOP-A7HUT0A:/mmt/c/Users/User/Desktop/560/DSCI-560/lab1/arielmartinez_5483611649/scripts$ python3 web_scraper.py
Parsing...
Extracting Market Banner data...
Extracting Latests News data...
Creating file...
```

2.4. Data Filtering Task

 Script data_filter.py was successful in creating a structured csv for both sections of web_data.html.

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- Similarly to the task before, **BeautifulSoup** was used to parse the html and **os** was used to correctly manage the input and output files in a replicable way.
- The Market data extraction was straightforward since it had specific classes for the 3 desired columns, but in the case of the Latest News section, the **link** was found in the href (as usual in a html) of the headline (title) class.
- Prints were used to mark every section of the code.