

WebScraping



Rotten Tomatoes WebScraper

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Introduction

The internet is an absolutely huge source of data that we can collect in many ways and further analyze, but in reality, it turns out often that Web Scraping is the only way to access data. There is a lot of information that is not available in convenient CSV format to export or easy-to-connect APIs. Stock prices, product details, sports stats, company contacts, movie reviews are the most popular data to scrap and thus we decided to build automated tools to scrap details of "Top 100 movies of 2020" at Rotten Tomatoes - a website presenting information, reviews and news from the world of film. Our WebScrapers were built with the use of BeautifulSoup, Scrapy and Selenium frameworks. Using the above-mentioned mechanisms, we obtained the same movie details, like genre, rating, original language, Director, Producer etc. that we later shortly analyzed.

GitHub repository structure

Our project repository includes all the required files arranged in a logical structure including the the imposed requirements according to which the project was prepared saved as `project_rules.pdf`, described source codes for each of the individual WebScraper, the obtained output and a report detailing the mechanisms, their comparison and analysis of the results.

WebScraper mechanisms

Beautiful Soup

The detailed described code for the first WebScraper can be seen in the file `soup.py`. The tool uses libraries such as: BeautifulSoup, Requests, Pandas, Time and regular expression package `re` thus it is important to download them before running the code using `pip install` command. Libraries will be described in detail later, taking into account the functions in the tool that were obtained with their usage.

First, our BeautifulSoup WebScraper downloads Rotten Tomatoes

<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/top/bestofrt/> with the list of TOP 100 movies of all time page using the Python Requests library. By GET request to a web server WebScraper downloads the HTML contents and then

using BeautifulSoup library parses the document and extracts the text.

Rank	Rating	Title	No. of Reviews
1.	99%	It Happened One Night (1934)	96
2.	98%	Modern Times (1936)	108
3.	99%	The Wizard of Oz (1939)	145
4.	96%	Black Panther (2018)	521
5.	99%	Citizen Kane (1941)	116
6.	98%	Parasite (Gisaengchung) (2019)	458
7.	94%	Avengers: Endgame (2019)	540
8.	99%	Casablanca (1942)	122
9.	97%	Knives Out (2019)	464
10.	93%	Us (2019)	547
11.	97%	Toy Story 4 (2019)	450
12.	99%	Lady Bird (2017)	395
13.	97%	Mission: Impossible - Fallout (2018)	434
14.	96%	BlackKkKlansman (2018)	444
15.	98%	Get Out (2017)	393
16.	95%	The Irishman (2019)	452
17.	97%	The Godfather (1972)	131
18.	97%	Mad Max: Fury Road (2015)	426
19.	97%	Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (2018)	390
20.	99%	All About Eve (1950)	100

```
url = "https://www.rottentomatoes.com/top/bestofrt/"
data = requests.get(url).text
soup = BeautifulSoup(data, 'html.parser')
```

Using find_all method WebScraper navigates a page , finds all the instances of a td tag and extracts all the href for each movie appending a previously created list.

```
temp = [td.find('a', {'class': 'unstyled articleLink'}) for td in soup.find_all('td')]
for i in temp:
    if i is not None:
        href.append(i.get('href'))
```

Each link to a particular movie page has a similar structure, url = "https://www.rottentomatoes.com" + href" and thus href is used finding the links to the movie's page. For each link defined in this way, first an html copy of the page is requested using the link, then parsed and saved into previously created dictionary with movie names scrapped from Score Board with h1 tag and attribute data-qa = "score-panel-movie-title" .

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H (2)
	Name	Link	Rating	Genre	Original Language	Director	Producer	Notes
1	It Happened One Night	https://www.netflix.com/title/1746999/it_happened_one_night		romance	English	Frank Capra	Frank Capra, Henry Coffe	Serial film
2	Modern Times	https://www.netflix.com/title/1746999/modern_times	G	comedy, musical, kids and family	English	Charlie Chaplin	Charlie Chaplin	Charlie Chaplin
3	The Wizard of Oz	https://www.netflix.com/title/1746999/the_wizard_of_oz_1939		fantasy, musical, kids and family	English	Vernor Fleming	Vernor Fleming, Mervyn Laury	Noel Langley
4	Black Panther	https://www.netflix.com/title/4079001/black_panther_2018	PG-13 (Sequences of Action Violence)(Brief Rude Gestures)	adventure, fantasy, action	English	Ryan Coogler	Kevin Feige	Ryan Coogler
5	Oldman Kate	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/oldman_kate	PG	drama	English	Chris Fisher	Chris Fisher	Chris Fisher
6	Parasite	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/parasite_2019	R (Sexual Content)(Language)(Some Violence)	mystery and thriller, drama, comedy	Korean	Bong Joon-ho	Seo Seon-ae	Joan Aronson
7	Avengers: Endgame	https://www.netflix.com/title/4593627/avengers_endgame	PG-13 (Sequences of Sci-Fi Violence)(Action Violence Language)	adventure, fantasy, sci-fi, action	English	Anthony Russo, Joe Russo	Kevin Feige	Christopher Yung
8	Goodnight Paris	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/goodnight_paris	G	drama	English	Michael Curtis	Harold Wells	Harold Wells
9	Revelation Out	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/revelation_out	R (Sexual Content)(Language)(Violence)(Sexual References)(Some Strong Language)(Thematic Elements)	crime, mystery and thriller, drama, comedy	English	Barry Jenkins	Tom Juchacz, Sean Bergman, Jonathan Cohen, Ryan Cooper	Tom Juchacz, Sean Bergman, Jonathan Cohen, Ryan Cooper
10	Dr. Strangelove	https://www.netflix.com/title/1746999/dr_strangelove	PG-13 (Drug Material)(Language)	comedy, mystery and thriller, drama, comedy	English	Jordan Peele	Jordan Peele, Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Lee Cooper	Jordan Peele
11	Toy Story 4	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/toy_story_4	G	adventure, fantasy, animation, kids and family, comedy	English	Josh Cooley	Mark Nelson, Jonas Rivera, Gaby Swann	Josh Cooley
12	Lady Bird	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/lady_bird	R (Language)(Brief Graphic Nudity)(Sexual Content)(Teen Parties)	drama, comedy	English	Greta Gerwig	Scott Rudin, Eli Bush, Evelyn O'Neil	Greta Gerwig
13	Mission: Impossible - Fallout	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/mission_impossible_fallout	PG-13 (Intense Sequences of Action/Thriller Strong Language)(Violence)	adventure, action, mystery and thriller	English	Christopher McQuarrie	Chris Tomlin, Christopher McQuarrie, Jane Murre, J. J. Abrams	Chris Tomlin, Christopher McQuarrie, Jane Murre, J. J. Abrams
14	Get Out	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/get_out	R (Language)(Some Drug Use)(Strong Language)(Sexual References)(Some Sexual References)	crime, drama, comedy	English	Spide Lee	Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Lee Cooper	Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Lee Cooper
15	Get Out	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/get_out	R (Language)(Some Drug Use)(Strong Language)(Sexual References)(Some Sexual References)	crime, drama, comedy	English	Spide Lee	Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Lee Cooper	Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Lee Cooper
16	The Inhumans	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/the_inhumans	R (Strong Violence)(Sexual Language)	action, fantasy and thriller	English	Jordan Peele	Sean McKelrick, Jason Blum, Edward H. Stern, J. Jordan Peele	Jordan Peele
17	The Godfather	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/the_godfather	R	crime, drama	English	Francis Ford Coppola	Francis Ford Coppola	Francis Ford Coppola
18	Mad Max: Fury Road	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/mad_max_fury_road	R (Intense Sequences of Violence)(Disturbing Images)	action, fantasy and thriller	English	George Miller	George Miller, David Mitchell, Miles P. J. Martin	George Miller, David Mitchell, Miles P. J. Martin
19	Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/spider-man_into_the_spider-verse	PG (Mild Language)(Thematic Action Violence)(Thematic Elements)	adventure, fantasy, animation, kids and family, action, comedy	English	Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey, Rodney Rothman	Ari Wand, Amy Pascal, Phil Lord, Christopher Miller, Christina Steinberg	Phil Lord, Christopher Miller
20	All About Eve	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/all_about_eve	R (Crucial Brief Violence Language Throughout)(Some Sexual References)	drama	English	Joseph L. Mankiewicz	Dorothy Dandridge	Joseph L. Mankiewicz
21	Midnight	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/midnight_2018	R (Crucial Brief Violence Language Throughout)(Some Sexual References)	gay and lesbian, drama	English	Barry Jenkins	Alex Romanowski, David Gardner, Jeremy Kanner	Barry Jenkins
22	Release	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/release	R (Crucial Brief Violence Language Throughout)(Some Sexual References)	adventure and thriller	English	David O. Russell	David O. Russell	David O. Russell
23	A Star Is Born	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/a_star_is_born_2018	R (Some Sexual Content)(Language Throughout)(Disturbing Images)	drama, romance, music	English	Bradley Cooper	Bill Guttentag, Dea Dardar, Todd Phillips, Lynette Howell Taylor	Bradley Cooper
24	Woman Woman	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/woman_woman_2017	PG-13 (Sequences of Violence)(Action)(Some Suggestive Content)	adventure, fantasy, action	English	Patrycja Jablonska	Charles Rowe, Deborah Snyder, Zachary Rickard, Stephen Suckale	Patrycja Jablonska
25	Inside Out	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/inside_out_2015	PG (Some Action/Thematic Elements)	fantasy, comedy, animation, kids and family	English	Pete Docter	James Rens	Pete Docter
26	A Quiet Place	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/a_quiet_place_2018	R (Language)(Some Violence)(Thematic Elements)	horror, mystery and thriller	English	John Krasinski	John Krasinski, Andrew Form, Brad Fuller	John Krasinski, Andrew Form, Brad Fuller
27	The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/the_cabinet_of_dr_caligari	PG-13 (Threat and Some Horror Images)	horror	English	Robert Wiene	Rudolf Meinert, Erich Pommer	Rudolf Meinert, Erich Pommer
28	Eight Grade	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/eight_grade	R (Some Sexual Material)(Language)	drama, comedy	English	Bob Barlen	Scott Rudin, Eli Bush, Lia Vaccaro, Christopher Storer	Bob Barlen
29	Roma	https://www.netflix.com/title/80113411/roma_2018	R (Language)(Graphic Nudity)(Some Disturbing Images)	drama	Spanish	Alfonso Cuarón	Alfonso Cuarón, Gabriela Rodriguez, Natalia Cerezo	Alfonso Cuarón
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The Spider classes are the most important part of the Scrapy WebScraper that define the scraper-crawler mechanism as it passes through the web page. Similar to the other WebScrapers described source code was also saved in the separate files `spider_1.py` and `spider_2.py`. To run code it is necessary to import `scrapy` and `re` libraries .

`https://www.rottentomatoes.com/top/bestofrt/` . Then `parse` function defines how data is extracted from the page - links of each movie are navigated by defined `xPath` and then extracted to a `links.csv` file used by `spider_2` .

```
def parse(self, response):
    xpath = "//td[3]/a[@class = 'unstyled articleLink']/@href"
    selection = response.xpath(xpath)
    for s in selection:
        l = Link()
        l['link'] = 'https://www.rottentomatoes.com/' + s.get()
        yield l
```

In the case of Scrapy, the downloaded data is called `Items` and by declaring `Movies` class we determine what data from the page will be scrape:

```
# Declaring Movies class
class Movies(scrapy.Item):
    Name = scrapy.Field()
    Link = scrapy.Field()
    Rating = scrapy.Field()
    Genre = scrapy.Field()
    Original_Language = scrapy.Field()
    Director = scrapy.Field()
    Producer = scrapy.Field()
    Writer = scrapy.Field()
    Release_Date_Streaming = scrapy.Field()
    Runtime = scrapy.Field()
    Production_Co = scrapy.Field()
    Aspect_Ratio = scrapy.Field()
    Sound_Mix = scrapy.Field()
    Release_Date_Theaters = scrapy.Field()
    Box_Office = scrapy.Field()
```

Then, after defining `LinksSpider`, it will be opening links for each individual movie, previously stored in the `links.csv` file and scrape detailed data navigated by `XPaths`.

Selenium

Similar to the previous WebScraper, for Selenium, described source code was also saved in the file `bot.py`. The design of this tool uses `Selenium` framework from which `Webdriver` for Chrome is imported, as well as `ActionChains` to automate low-level interactions such as mouse movements, `NoSuchElementException` to handle with data which may be not present on a page and dict subclass `defaultdict` from `Collections` that calls a factory function to supply missing values. Additionally, libraries such as `Time`, `Pandas` and `Re` are used which are necessary to run the code.

The tool starts with creating a browser control object `webdriver` and then enters the page using the `GET` method.

```
# Chromedriver
gecko_path = '...'

# Rotten Tomatoes URL
url = 'https://www.rottentomatoes.com/'

# Setting driver
options = webdriver.chrome.options.Options()
options.headless = False
driver = webdriver.Chrome(options=options, executable_path=gecko_path)

# Actual Program
driver.get(url)
print(driver.page_source)

time.sleep(2)
```

Then using the `webdriver` and clicking on buttons defined by `XPaths` tool will locate `WebElements` on the page: `Movies >> Top Movies >> View All` respectively and get all the movie links by accessing their `href` attribute and store in the predefined list.


```

r = []
for i in range(100):
    path = "/html/body/div[5]/div[2]/div[1]/section/div/table/tbody/tr[" + str(i + 1) + "]/td[3]/a"
    d = driver.find_element_by_xpath(path).get_attribute("href")
    r.append(d)

```

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1.	98%	One Night in Miami (2020)	326
2.	98%	Portrait of a Lady on Fire (Portrait de la jeune fille en feu) (2020)	315
3.	96%	Soul (2020)	335
4.	98%	Minari (2020)	291
5.	98%	Mia Rainey's Black Bottom (2020)	288
6.	89%	1917 (2020)	454
7.	91%	The Invisible Man (2020)	406
8.	99%	Never Rarely Sometimes Always (2020)	226
9.	97%	Sound of Metal (2020)	262
10.	90%	Promising Young Woman (2020)	385
11.	98%	Hamilton (2020)	198
12.	99%	Wolfwalkers (2020)	158
13.	95%	Palm Springs (2020)	237
14.	92%	Da 5 Bloods (2020)	298
15.	99%	Miss Juneteenth (2020)	135
16.	100%	His House (2020)	113
17.	99%	Collective (Collectif) (2020)	122

Next, our WebScrapper using loop is visiting each link in the Top 100 movies, extracts movie names navigating them by xPaths and store together with links in the dictionary which will be appended to the dataframe with previously extracted movie details. Finally dataframe is saved as .csv file and the time it tooks to scrape all data is displayed in the terminal window.

WebScrapers comparison

All three WebScrapers: BeautifulSoup, Scrapy and Selenium scraped the same data stored in a .csv file which contains 100 rows with observations for each movie and 15 columns with variables such as:

```

> ls(file)
[1] "Aspect Ratio"          "Box Office (Gross USA)"  "Director"
[4] "Genre"                 "Link"                    "Name"
[7] "Original Language"     "Producer"                "Production Co"
[10] "Rating"                "Release Date (Streaming)" "Release Date (Theaters)"
[13] "Runtime"               "Sound Mix"               "Writer"

```

Thus the goal of the project that all of the scrapers should scrap the same information from the domain of our choice was fulfilled. It is also worth to mention that we did not include a boolean parameter to True at the beginning of codes because by the definition our webpage contains list of Top100 movies of 2020.

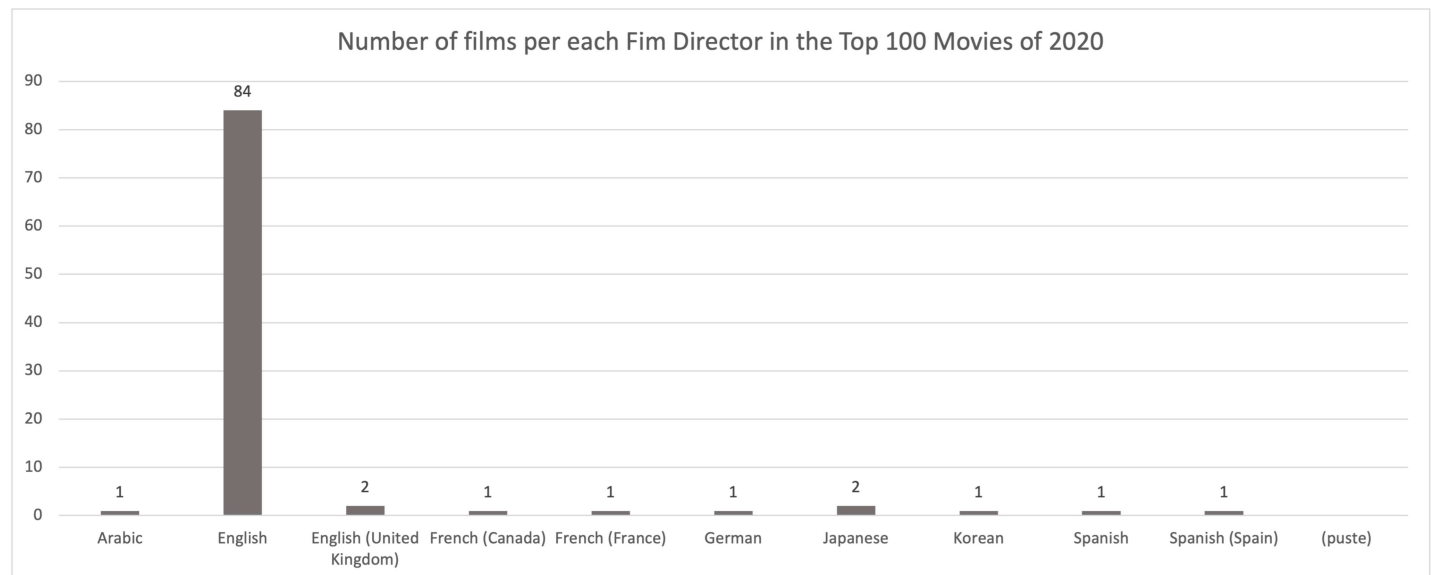
Down below there is a sample table of scraped data attached for each movie of the Top100 movies of 2020 list.

On one incredible night in 1964, four icons of sports, music, and activism gathered to celebrate one of the biggest upsets in boxing history. When underdog Cassius Clay, soon to be called Muhammad Ali, (Eli Goree), defeats heavy weight champion Sonny Liston at the Miami Convention Hall, Clay memorialized the event with three of his friends: Malcolm X (Kingsley Ben-Adir), Sam Cooke (Leslie Odom Jr.) and Jim Brown (Aldis Hodge).

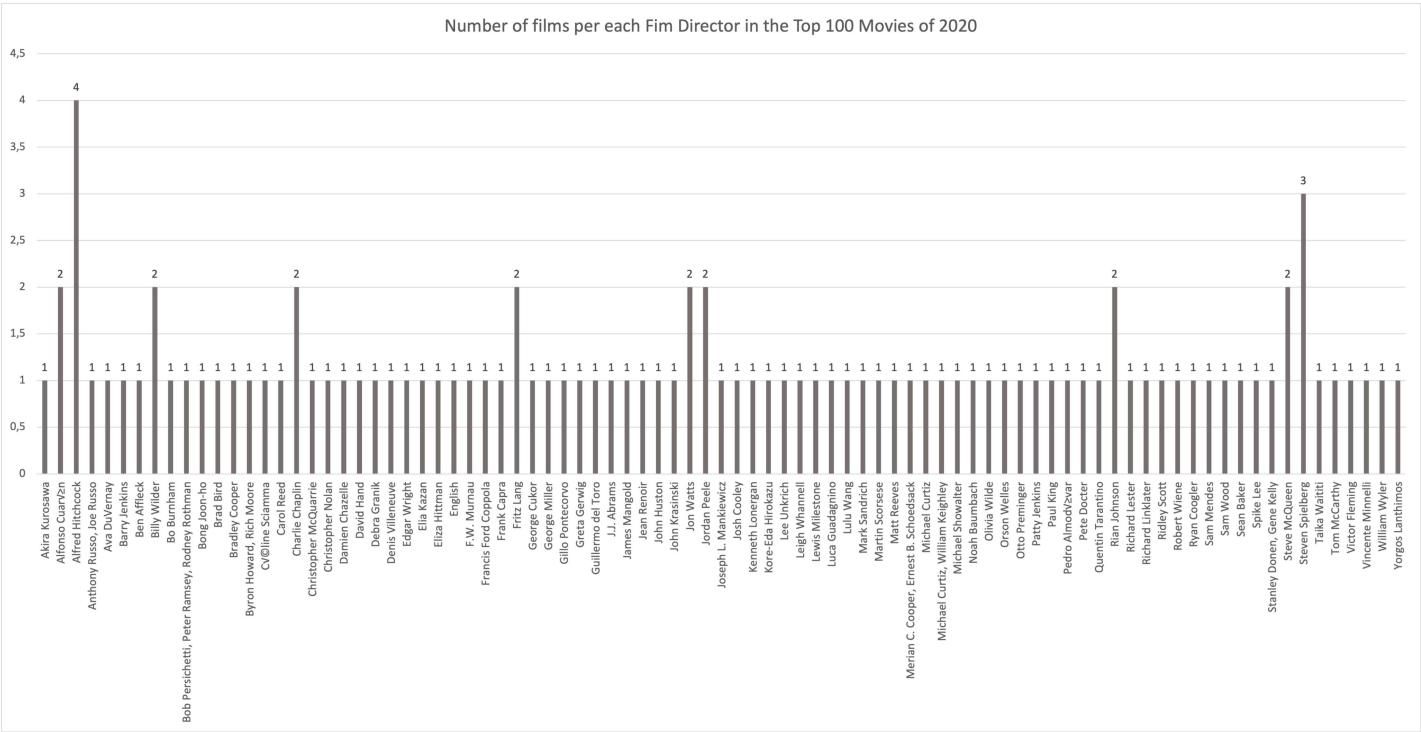
Rating:	R (Language Throughout)
Genre:	Drama
Original Language:	English
Director:	Regina King
Producer:	Jess Wu Calder , Keith Calder , Jody Klein
Writer:	Kemp Powers
Release Date (Theaters):	Dec 25, 2020 Limited
Release Date (Streaming):	Jan 15, 2021
Runtime:	1h 50m
Production Co:	ABKCO Films Inc., Snoot Entertainment
Aspect Ratio:	Scope (2.35:1)

Basic Data Analysis

The main aim of this section is to show how our collected data of Top100 movies of 2020 from Rotten Tomatoes can be further analyzed. In the following bar charts showing based on scrapped data, we can see that the vast majority of the Top 100 movies in 2020 are originally in English.



The next bar chart shows the number of films of Top100 movies of 2020 per each Film Director and as we can see Alfred Hitchcock and Steven Spielberg leads the list with 4 and 3 films respectively.



Division of work

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Instruction how to run scrapers:

BeautifulSoup Scraper

Run command: python soup.py

Total time taken is: 158

Scrapy Scraper

Spider 1: Run command: scrapy crawl links -o links.csv

Time to run (seconds): 1.11

Spider 2: Run command: scrapy crawl movies -o movies.csv

Time to run (seconds): 14.20

Selenium Scraper

Run command: python selenium.py

Total time taken is: 521

Run Time Analysis

Method	Time (in seconds)
Beautiful Soup	~ 160
Scrapy	~ 16
Selenium	~ 520

Scrapy is the fastest method for extracting movie information. It is followed by Beautiful Soup which takes 10 times more time. Selenium is the slowest method for such type of scraping requirements.