

MOVIE MANIA

Tech Stack : Web Scraping, Dynamic Web Development, Algorithm and Database Design
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Your goal in this project is to design a website interface which serves as a one-stop movie repository. This project involves

1. Creating your own simple database by scraping from online repositories.
2. Developing a web interface where users can search information about movies.
3. Setting up a naive user registration. Registered users can rate movies.
4. Algorithm ideation and implementation for Movie Recommendation, Spelling correction of search query. (CUSTOMISATION)

Basic Requirements:

The following lists the layout and description of basic tasks to be done, above this students are free to add customisations of the proposed choices which is up to the creativity of the student.

Curation of the movie database: Collect information about at least 100 movies covering a good range of genres (Top 100 IMDB is a potential choice). Some of the good online sources include IMDB, Metacritic and Rotten Tomatoes. Information that must be extracted (but not limited to, include the following):

- 1) Movie Title, Year of Release, Duration Length
- 2) Rating from a well known website
- 3) Genres, Language (Optional)
- 4) Directors and/or Main Cast
- 5) Short Summary or the movie plot
- 6) Atleast 1 image related to the movie (Can be image path/URL)

Website Interface: Design a simple web interface which allows users to search for movie titles and display all information you have scraped above. Good UI design is not expected for this part. You can attempt it under customisation.

User registration and rating: The website should include a user registration feature, allowing users to create accounts to rate movies. When a user intends to rate a movie, they must first validate their login credentials. Only registered users are permitted to login and rate movies. Students are required to create a registration page where users can sign up for new accounts. The system must ensure that each username is unique: If a username is already taken, the website displays an error message, prompting the user to choose a different username.

Implement a rating meter unique to your website, showcasing ratings from registered users. If a movie has received any ratings, the average rating should be displayed alongside other scraped information.

Customisation:

To obtain full marks in this section, students can do some/all of the following to a satisfactorily good extent (relatively graded).

- 1) Algorithm design – (Need not be completely correct/accurate – Marks for creative ideation)
 - a) **Recommender:** When a user wishes to see movie recommendations, he/she must first enter valid credentials. The user can then see the movies they have rated for, and based on the ratings provided, the user is suggested 3-5 more movies. You are free to decide your own algorithm based on different criteria. One simple example is demonstrated below, which uses the genres and language as a criteria for recommendations.
 - i) **Example:**
User: Sachi's ratings(out of 10):
All of Us Are Dead - 9 (Horror/Action/Thriller/Drama)
Moving - 8 (Action/Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Thriller)
Be With You - 2 (Romance)
Titanic - 3 (Romance/Drama)
The Silent Sea - 10 (Sci-Fi/Thriller/Mystery)
Good suggestions :
Squid Game (Thriller/Horror/Drama/Action)
Alice in Borderland (Sci-Fi/Thriller/Drama)
Night has Come (Mystery/Thriller/Horror)
Rationale: User Sachi doesn't like romantic drama, but is interested in action thrillers. Also, most of the movies that the user has rated are Asian dramas.
 - b) **Spell Check** on Search Query: There may be certain misspelt/case insensitively written/missed out words when a user searches for a movie. Design some algorithm/mechanism to handle just this.
 - i) When searched for e.g. “**all of us is ded**”. The spell checker must provided suggestions saying: **Do you mean “All of Us are Dead”?**
 - ii) You may also provide multiple suggestions to the user to choose from and when clicked on either of these, it must redirect to the details page for that movie.
- 2) Scrape positive and negative user reviews from Metacritic, critic reviews from Rotten Tomatoes and display it alongside other scraped information for a movie.
- 3) Enhance the overall appearance(UI) of the website. The website can be made responsive, ensuring compatibility across different screen sizes.
- 4) Other interesting customisation ideas are allowed, but you need to discuss them with the TA in charge if they are worthy of marks.

References/Help:

For Web Scraping – Python requests module and BeautifulSoup [\[Reference\]](#). If you see a Forbidden Error, that may be because the website blocks scrapers. Check [this](#) for some workarounds. To generate fake user agents, you can use [this](#) python module

Usage:

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from fake_useragent import UserAgent  
user_agent = UserAgent.random()
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Sometimes, websites generate content dynamically after initial HTML response, in such cases simple requests cannot capture it. In such cases, you need a headless browser automation tool like Selenium [\[Reference\]](#), [\[Reference2\]](#), which can render the Javascript and capture the dynamically loaded content.

Dataset is supposed to be stored as a json file. Your javascript code needs to parse this json file and show the requested details to the user. [\[Reference\]](#). Similarly you can also store registered user information in another json file(s).

Marks Distribution(15 marks): (Tentative)

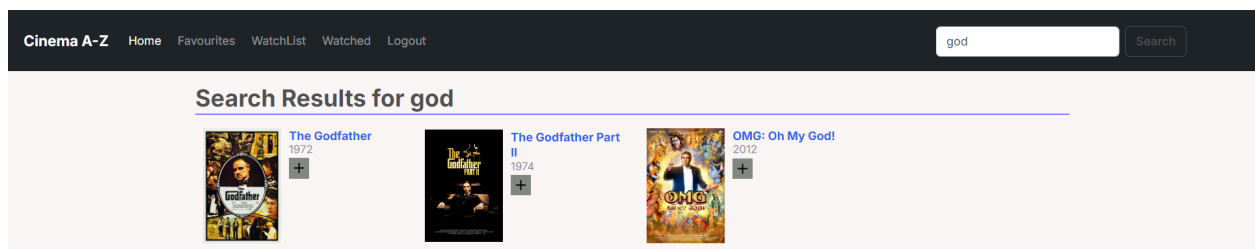
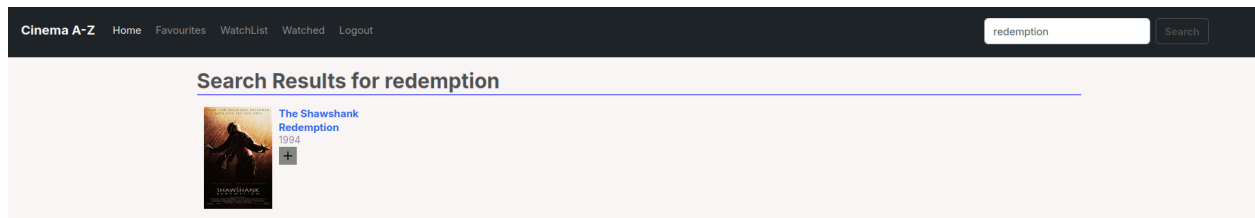
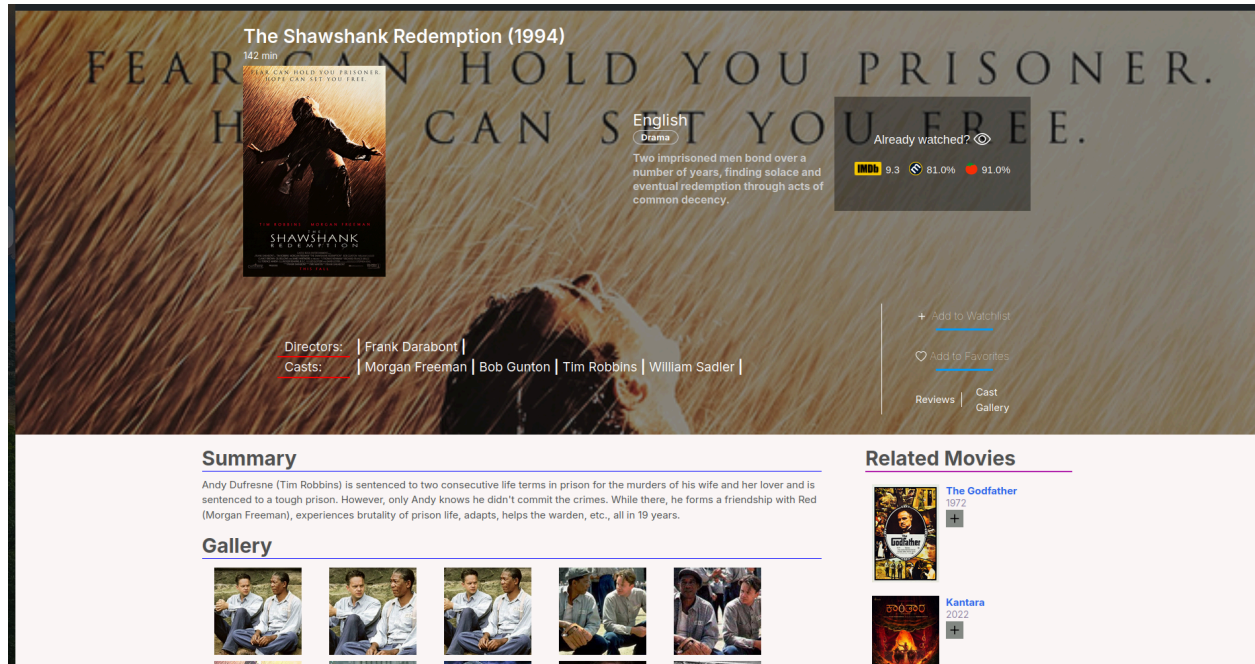
These marks will be awarded via **viva(s)**, where you demonstrate and explain the implementation aspects of the project.

- Curation of movie information dataset : **4 marks**
 - Scraping all required information
- Interactivity of the website: **3 marks**
 - Search Bar works as intended
 - All information scraped is displayed
- User registration and movie rating : **2 marks**
 - User registration interface
 - Movie rating after user login
 - Average rating displayed to all users
- Customisation : **4 marks**
- Overall code quality, database design, file organisation, LaTeX based report : **2 marks**
 - Report must be detailed and contain explanation to your database design, code files. Also add explanation of the customisation algorithms implemented, some sample testing and their output, you can add some images too!
 - Also mention the challenges you faced, and how you fixed them.

Note: All submitted code/report will be checked for plagiarism and if caught, your case will be forwarded to DDAC.

Demo:

The following is a demo to get an idea of how the details page can be designed. You are not supposed to replicate it, but are encouraged to be creative in design.



Reviews for Kantara:

Reviews

User Reviews

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itguyvoice

Epitome of acting! Chilling experience! It's a mystical thriller and slice of life..... Top class direction, BGM, cinematography, choreography & touch of spirituality. I watched yesterday night, and the movie's experience is still with me like an hang over and not able to get out of it!!!!!! ...

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shyamtheju

No words to explain.... Outstanding Cinema. All departments hardwork shows in the screen. Aravind Kashyap cinematography is next level. BGM and Song from Ajaneesh gives goosebumps. The Director and Actor Rishabh Shetty is fire. Saptami Gowda did excellent and romantic part is very raw and goes with ...

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smartarpit-91770

I agree with the other reviewer this movie is a complete waste of your time. I would have given 5 out of 10 stars for the concept, direction and acting but recent allegations of plagiarism deserves 1 star. Apparently they have stolen the "varah roopam" song that was the only highlight of the entire...

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YourBossHere-00

Omg. It's definitely not a masterpiece which everyone was hyping about. I get it yes it's from South and u need to hype and it and praise just any product coming from there but atleast use the butter in limit not overdo it like u guys did here by making it the highest rated movie right now. Coming ...

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Critic Reviews

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Abhimanyu Mathur

Rishabh Shetty's mesmeric blend of action and mythology ranks among the best of Indian cinema.

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Times of India Staff

B Ajaneesh Loknath's music is soothing. With plenty to savour for both mass and class audience, Kantara undoubtedly makes for a wonderful theatrical experience.

Submission: (Tentative)

Submit all your files, including the dataset scraped as submission.tar.gz.

Name the html page which contains the movie search box as index.html. The TA will open the index.html file on a live server and will check if all the above criteria are met. TA will navigate to and fro different pages starting from index.html, so ensure you have linked the pages properly. We expect good coding practices, which includes modularisation, file organisation and documentation.

More details TBA

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