Python Programming

Lesson 4 – Web Scraping(Introduction)

Lesson 4 - Outline

- Four basic concepts of OOP
- HTTP request in Python

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Encapsulation

Inheritance

Abstraction

Polymorphism

Encapsulation

Background

An object variable should not always be directly accessible

Reason

Prevent accidental change

Solution

- An object variable can sometimes only be changed with an objects methods
- Those type of variables are private variables
- The methods can ensure the correct values are set. If an incorrect value is set, the method can return an error

More Information

- Python does not have the private keyword, unlike some other object oriented languages (e.g. Java, C#), but encapsulation can be done
- A class variable that should not directly be accessed should be prefixed with two underscores

Example 1

```
class Encap:
    def __init__(self):
        self.a = 123
        self._b = 456

obj = Encap()
print(obj.a)
print(obj._b)
```

Explanation

 A double underscore: Private variable, cannot be accessed directly

Getter and setter

 Private variables are intended to be changed using getter and setter methods

Example 2

```
class Encap:
    def __init__(self):
        self.__number = 50

    def getNumber(self):
        print(self.__number)

    def setNumber(self, number):
        self.__number = number

obj = Encap()
obj.getNumber()
obj.getNumber(51)
obj.getNumber()
print(obj.__number)
```

Inheritance

What is Inheritance in OOP

Background

Inheritance is the process of creating a class that can derive or inherit the **properties** and **methods** from another class(parent/base).

Graphical Explanation

Base/Parent Class



Derived/Child/Inherit Class

Extra Information

 Transitive nature, e.g. when class B inherited from class A, then the classes that inherited from class B will automatically be inherited from class A (a.k.a. Multi-Level inheritance)

What is Inheritance in OOP

Example 3

The child class can use the properties / methods of its parent class

```
class Transportation:
    def addspeed(self):
        print("Adding Speed")
#Child class Plane inherits the base class Transportation
class Plane(Transportation):
    def fly(self):
        print("flying in the sky")
p = Plane()
p.addspeed()
p.fly()
```

Abstraction

What is Abstraction in OOP

Background

Abstraction in OOP is a process of hiding the real implementation of the method by only showing a method signature

Solution

- ABC (Abstract Base Class) is a class from the abc module in Python
- If we extend any class with ABC, and this class will have to implement those abstract methods

Extra Information

- Using @abstractmethod annotation, then the classes inherited from this class will have to mandatorily implement those abstract methods
- Objects cannot be created for Abstract Class

What is Abstraction in OOP

Example 4

The child class can implement the methods in the abstract class

```
#From abc module import ABC Class
from abc import ABC
class Polygon(ABC):
   #Abstract Method
  def sides(self):
      pass
class Triangle(Polygon):
   def sides(self):
      print("Triangle has 3 sides")
class Square (Polygon):
  def sides(self):
      print("Square has 4 sides")
#Execution
t = Triangle()
t.sides()
s = Square()
s.sides()
```

Polymorphism

Background

Use a single entity, like a method or object, to represent different behaviors

Category

- Operator Overloading
- Method Overloading

Extra Information

Method overriding is also a kind of polymorphism

Example 5

Operator Overloading

```
num1 = 1
num2 = 2
print(num1 + num2) # Output: 3

str1 = "Nice to "
str2 = "meet you"
print(str1+str2) # Output : Nice to meet you
```

 + operator act as an addition between two integers and concatenation between strings

Example 6

Method Overloading

```
class Poly:
    def show(self, a=None, b=None):
        print(a,b)

p = Poly()
p.show()
p.show(2)
p.show(2,4)
```

 Accepting zero, one or two arguments for the same function for this example

Example 7

Method Overloading

```
class Area:
    def find_area(self, a=None, b=None):
        if a != None and b != None:
            print("Rectangle:", (a * b))
        elif a != None:
            print("square:", (a * a))
        else:
            print("No figure assigned")

obj1=Area()
obj1.find_area()
obj1.find_area(5)
obj1.find_area(5,10)
```

 Accepting zero, one or two arguments with different handling ways using the same function for this example

What is HTTP request

Definition

"An HTTP request is **made by a client**, to a named host, which is located on a server. The aim of the request is to access a **resource on the server**."

Examples of resource

- Webpage
- Media Image, Video, Audio, etc.
- Data from Database

- Usage of requests module
 - Request: The requests module enables to to send HTTP requests using Python
 - Response: The HTTP request returns a Response Object with all the response data (content, encoding, status, etc.)
- Install of requests module

pip install requests

Syntax of using requests

requests.methodname(params)

Methods of requests

Method	Description
delete(url, args)	Sends a DELETE request to the specified url
get(url, params, args)	Sends a GET request to the specified url
head(url, args)	Sends a HEAD request to the specified url
patch(url, data, args)	Sends a PATCH request to the specified url
post(url, data, json, args)	Sends a POST request to the specified url
put(url, data, args)	Sends a PUT request to the specified url
request(method, url, args)	Sends a request of the specified method to the specified url

Import requests module

import requests

Example 8

```
import requests
x = requests.get("https://www.apple.com/hk")
print(x.text)
```

Explanation

Create HTTP GET request to a web site

Example 9

```
import requests

#payload = {'key1': 'value1', 'key2': 'value2'}
payload = {"keywordForQuickSearch": "programmer"}

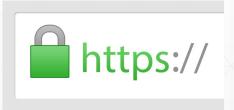
x = requests.get("https://www.ctgoodjobs.hk/ctjob/listing/joblist.asp", params=payload)
#https://www.ctgoodjobs.hk/ctjob/listing/joblist.asp?keywordForQuickSearch=programmer

print(x.url)
print(x.text)
```

Explanation

Create HTTP GET request with parameters to a web site

- More aspects to be considered
- How to call HTTP POST request?
- How to handle a response in JSON format?



Thank you