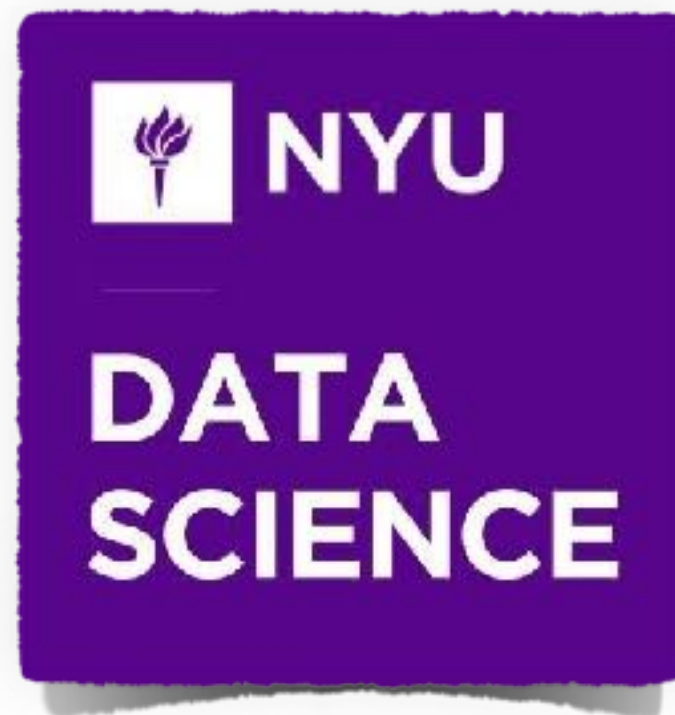


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## Lecture I - Web Scraping

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# Requirements

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PostgreSQL

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- Extensible library for opening and manipulating **URLs**
- `https://foursquare.com/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f?s=ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY&ref=tw`
  - `https` <- protocol
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  - `/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f` <- resource within server
  - `s=ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY&ref=tw` <- Query string

# urllib

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/urllib.html>

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```
from urllib import parse

url = "https://foursquare.com/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f?s=ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY&ref=tw"

parsed = parse.urlparse(url)
query = parsed.query
query_dict = parse.parse_qs(query)

print(parsed)
print(query_dict)
```

`urllib_parse.py`

# urllib

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/urllib.html>

- `urllib2.urlopen(url)` opens a url for reading and returns a “file handle”-like object
- Information about the webpage can be obtained with the `.info()` method in the form of an `HTTPMessage`
- The `HTTPMessage` object obeys the usual Python dictionary interface
- The `.geturl()` method returns the **final** location of the webpage.  
`.urlopen()` follows redirects until it connects with the final content.
- `.getcode()` returns the status code of the call
  - **200** OK
  - **404** File Not Found
  - **500** Internal Server Error

# Challenge - urllib

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/urllib.html>

- Find the final location of the shortened url:

`http://bit.ly/GoogleScholar`

- and access the headers and info of the request

```
from urllib import request

url = "http://bit.ly/GoogleScholar"

webpage = request.urlopen(url)
code = webpage.getcode()
info = webpage.info()

headers = info

new_url = webpage.geturl()

print(url, "redirected to", new_url)
```

# posixpath

<http://docs.python.org/3/library/os.path.html>

- Manipulate paths in a POSIX operating system
- Also useful to extract information from remote resource paths
- Aliased to `os.path` if your operating systems is POSIX
- <https://foursquare.com/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f>  
-> Path in remote filesystem
- `.basename(path)` -> returns the file name (if there is one) [5304b652498e734439d8711f](#)
- `.dirname(path)` -> return the directory portion [/tyayayayaa/checkin](#)

# posixpath

<http://docs.python.org/3/library/os.path.html>

```
from urllib import parse
import posixpath

url = "https://foursquare.com/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f?s=ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY&ref=tw"

parsed = parse.urlparse(url)
filename = posixpath.basename(parsed.path)
directory = posixpath.dirname(parsed.path)

print(filename, directory)
```



# requests

<http://requests.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>

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- “HTTP for Humans” - Simplified HTTP requests:
  - authentication (basic authentication, OAuth1, OAuth2, etc) [ See next lecture ]
  - header manipulation
  - error handling
  - etc...

# requests

<http://requests.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>

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- `.get(url)` open the given url for reading and returns a `Response`
- `Response.status_code` is a field that contains the calls status code
- `Response.headers` is a dict containing all the returned headers
- `Response.text` is a field that contains the content of the returned page
- `Response.url` contains the final url after all redirections
- `Response.json()` parses a JSON response (throws a `JSONDecodeError` exception if response is not valid JSON). Check “content-type” header field.

# requests

<http://requests.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
from pprint import pprint

url = "http://bit.ly/GoogleScholar"

req = requests.get(url)
print("Status code:", req.status_code)
print("Server Header Information:")
pprint(req.headers)

new_url = req.url

print(url, "redirected to", new_url)
```

# json

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/json.html>

- **JavaScript Object Notation** - Serialization format originally developed for Javascript
- Currently widely accepted format for data dissemination
- Most languages have excellent libraries to handle it
- `json.loads(obj_str)` - load JSON data from a string - returns native Python object
- `json.load(fp)` - load JSON data from a file handle - returns native Python object
- `json.dumps(obj)` - convert JSON data to a string
- `json.dump(obj, fp)` - write the string version of `obj` to the file handle `fp`

# Challenge - json

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/json.html>

- Access the JSON file:

`http://www.bgoncalves.com/test.json`

- and extract all the friend pairs

```
import requests
import json

url = "http://www.bgoncalves.com/test.json"

request = requests.get(url)

data = json.loads(request.text)

for user in data:
    name = user["name"]

    for friend in user["friends"]:
        print(name, "->", friend["name"])
```

# Basic Structure of a web page

<http://www.w3schools.com/tags/>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8" />
<title>CSS Basics: A Cool Button</title>
<link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="screen" />
</head>
<body>
  <div id="container">
    <a href="#" class="btn">Push the button</a>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

← Doctype

← Page title

Link to CSS stylesheet ↗

← Container div to centre things up

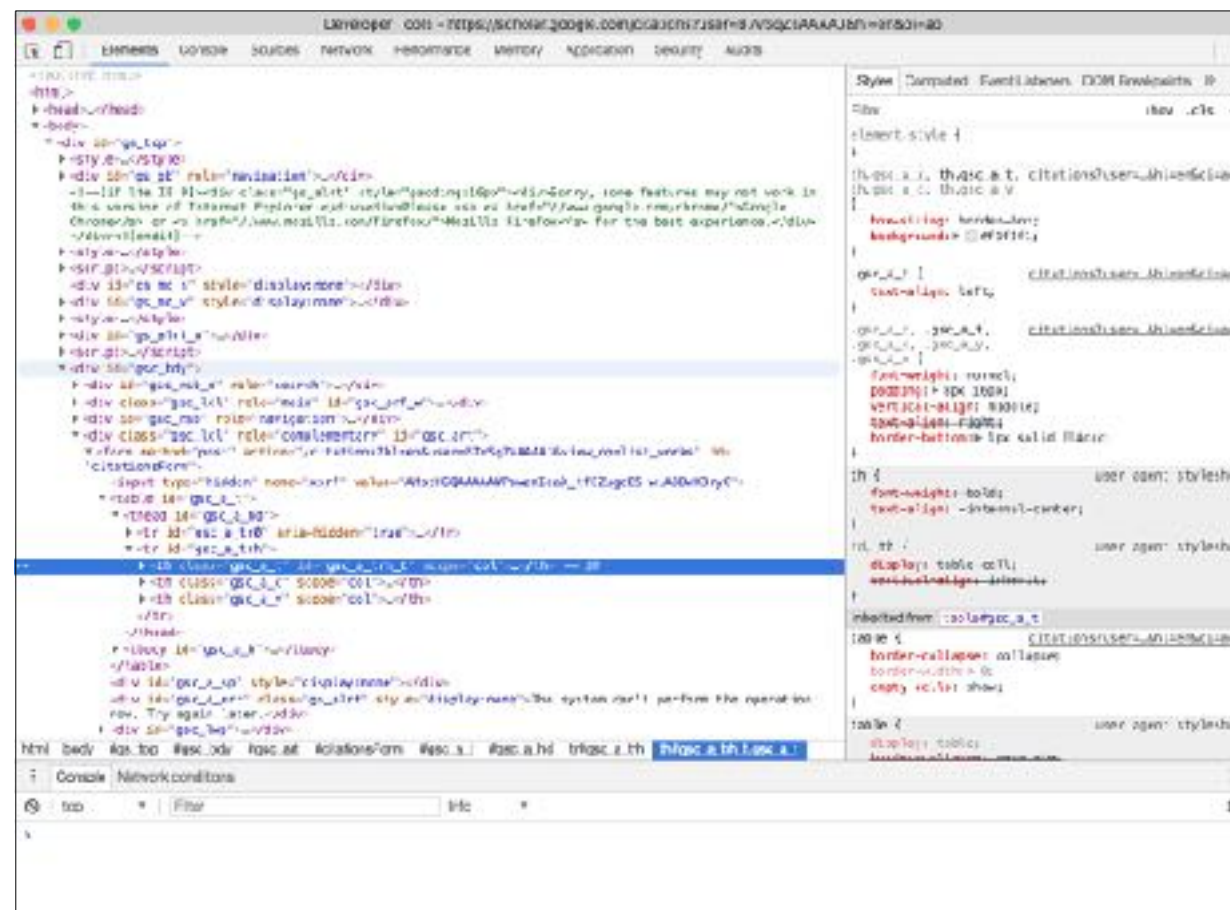
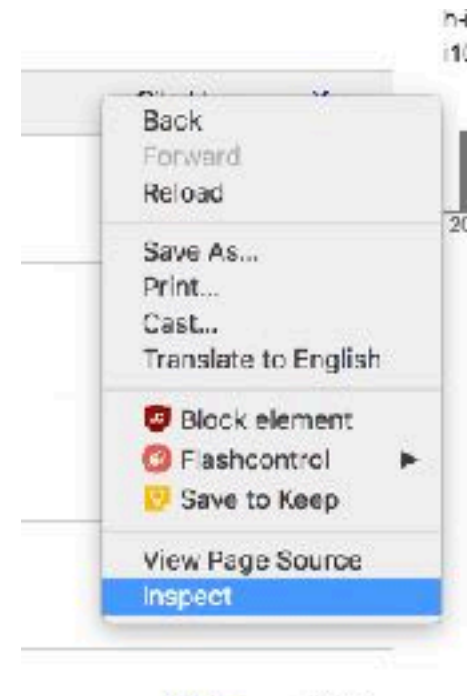
↖ Anchor with class of "btn"

- Tree-like structure (DOM)
- Nested **<tags>** with attributes and content
- Two main sections under **<html>**:
  - **<head>** - meta data and resource location
  - **<body>** - page contents



# Chrome Developer Tools

- Extremely **powerful** and **intuitive** set of tools
- Comes standard with Google Chrome. Just right click anywhere on the page and select "**Inspect**"
- Allows you to interactively change the DOM of any "live" webpage and find which element corresponds to which part of the page.



Demo



# BeautifulSoup

<http://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/bs4/doc/>

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- Parses html and xml files into a tree.
- **BeautifulSoup(page)** where page is a string or a “file handle”-like object
- BeautifulSoup parses the contents of the page and returns a **BeautifulSoup** object, corresponding to the root of the document tree.
- Each leaf of the tree is a **Tag** object:
  - can be used as dicts to access tag attributes,
  - contains pointers to children (**.findChildren()**), siblings (**.findSiblings()**) and parent (**.findParent()**)
  - can be accessed recursively by name (**head.title.content**)
  - modifying the contents of a tag modifies the contents of the document

# BeautifulSoup

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```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "http://www.bgoncalves.com/page.html"

request = requests.get(url)

soup = BeautifulSoup(request.text, "lxml")

print("The title tag is", soup.title)
print("The id of the div is", soup.div["id"])

soup.div["id"] = "new_id"

print("And now it's", soup.body.div["id"])
```

- `.findAll()` returns a list of all tags matching a certain criteria
  - `.findAll(name="a")` find all "a" tags (links)
  - `.findAll(name=["a", "div"])` find all "a" and "div" tags
  - `.findAll(attrs = {"class": "btn"})` find all tags with class "btn", regardless of tag name
  - `.findAll(name="a", attrs = {"class": "btn"}, limit=2)` find the first two "a" tags with class "btn"

# BeautifulSoup

<http://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/bs4/doc/>

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "http://www.whoishostingthis.com/tools/user-agent/"

headers = {"User-agent" : "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64; rv:25.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/25.0"}

request_default = requests.get(url)
request_spoofed = requests.get(url, headers=headers)

soup_default = BeautifulSoup(request_default.text, "lxml")
soup_spoofed = BeautifulSoup(request_spoofed.text, "lxml")

print("Default:", soup_default.find(name="div", attrs={"class":"info-box user-agent"}).text)
print("Spoofed:", soup_spoofed.find(name="div", attrs={"class":"info-box user-agent"}).text)
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```

- Some servers use the **User-agent** string to decide how to format the output
  - Correctly handle specific versions of web browsers
  - Provide lighter/simplified versions to users on their mobiles
  - Refusing access to automated tools, etc

# Challenge - BeautifulSoup

- Extract the title of Feynman's 100 most cited papers from Google Scholar



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California Institute of Technology  
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RP Feynman, AR Hibbs  
McGraw-Hill

11256 \* 1965

### Simulating physics with computers

RP Feynman  
International journal of theoretical physics 21 (6), 467-488

5715 1982

### Space-time approach to non-relativistic quantum mechanics

RP Feynman  
Reviews of Modern Physics 20 (2), 367

4146 1948

### Forces in molecules

RP Feynman  
Physical Review 56 (4), 340

3411 1939

### There's plenty of room at the bottom

RP Feynman  
Engineering and Science 23 (5), 22-36

3342 1960

### Very high-energy collisions of hadrons

RP Feynman  
Physical Review Letters 23 (24), 1415-1417

2801 1969

### Theory of the Fermi interaction

2212 1955

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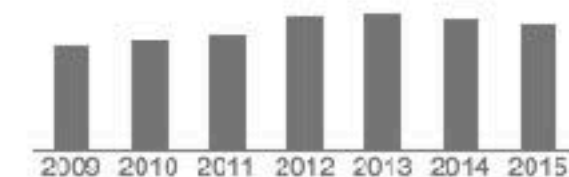
View Page Source

Inspect

Google Scholar

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# Challenge - BeautifulSoup

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```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=B7vSqZsAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&pagesize=100"

request = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(request.text, 'lxml')

table = soup.find("table", attrs={"id" : "gsc_a_t"})

for paper in table.findAll("td", attrs={"class": "gsc_a_t"}):
    print(paper.a.string)
```



# pyquery

<https://pyquery.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>  
See also: <https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/>

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- Python version of the popular **jQuery** javascript package.
- More powerful than **BeautifulSoup** but also more complex.
- It defines three type of selectors:
  - **element** selector - retrieve all instances of a given HTML element (**div**, **p**, **li**, etc...)
  - **#id** selector - retrieve the element with id given by **id**
  - **.class** selector - retrieve all elements of a given **class**
- It also defines the usual jQuery pseudo-classes:
  - **:first** - first element
  - **:last** - last element
  - **:even** - even elements (0, 2, 4, ...)
  - **:odd** - odd element (1, 3, 5, ...)
  - **:eq** - a specific element (equals)
  - **:lt** - less than
  - **:gt** - greater than

- `pyQuery(url=url)` or `pyQuery(string)` to parse a given external `url` of the html code in a specific `string`
- `.attr("attr")` returns a specific attribute of a given object.
- `.addClass("bla")` - add a css class
- `.toggleClass("bla ble")` - toggle class
- `.removeClass("ble")` - remove class
- `.css("style": "value")` - define css style value ("`font-size`", "`15px`")
- `.items()` - iterate over results

# Challenge - pyQuery

<https://pyquery.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

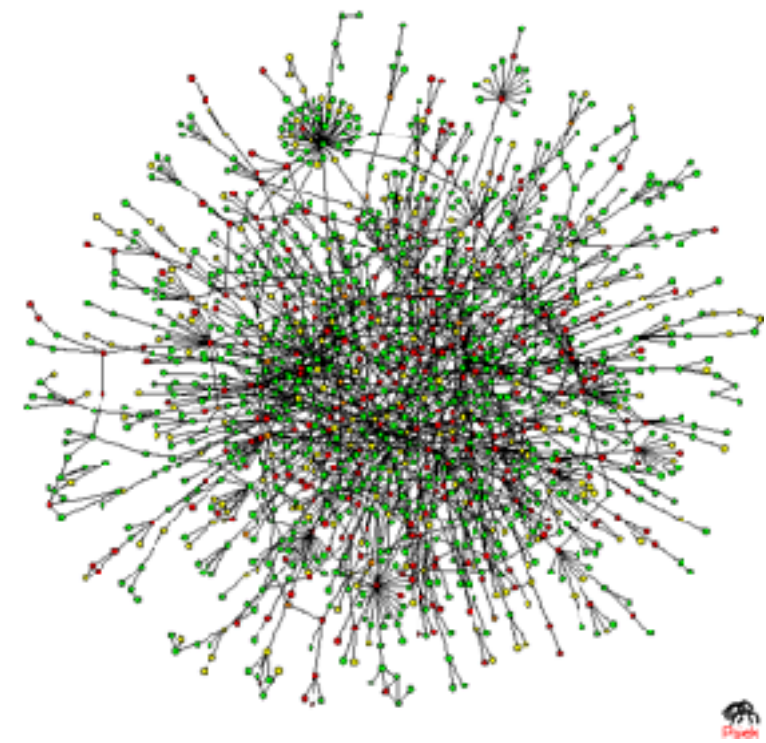
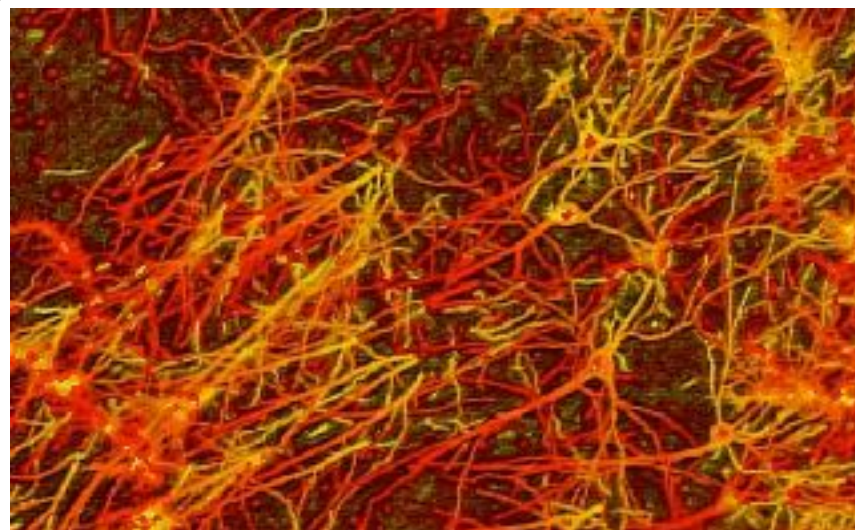
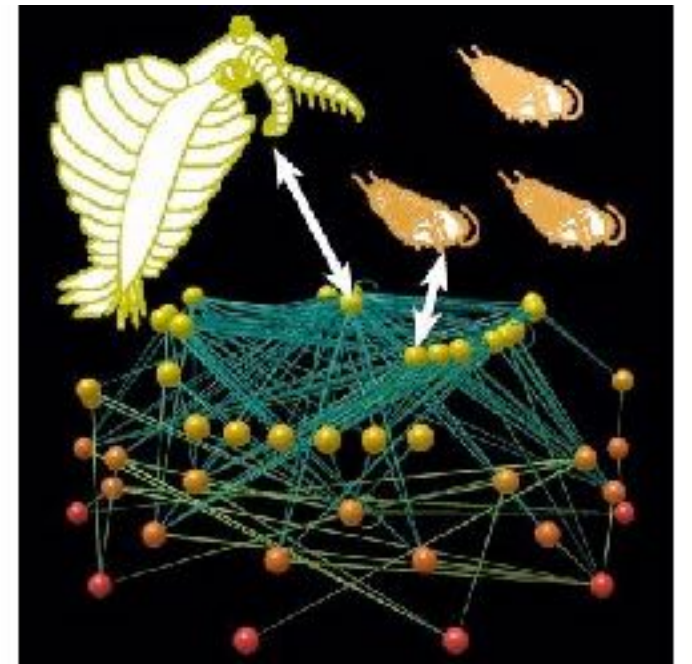
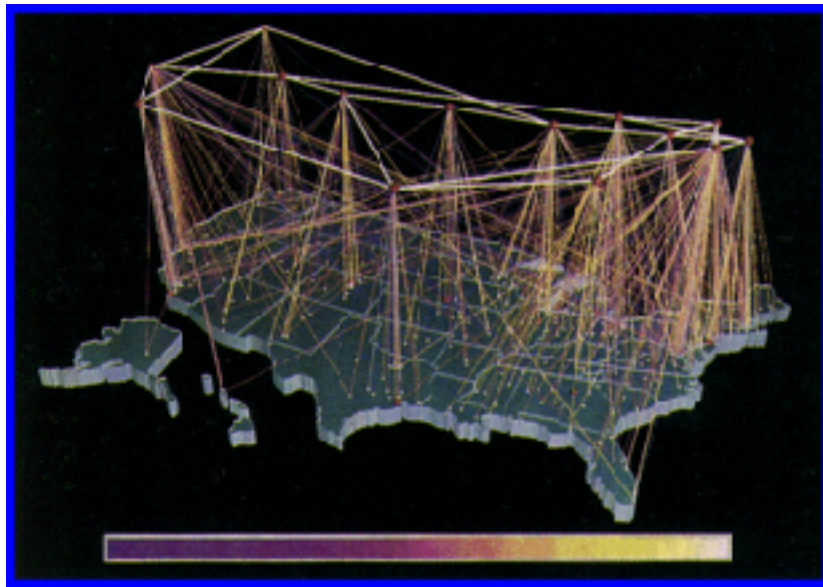
- Extract the title of Feynman's 100 most cited papers from Google Scholar, using `pyQuery`

```
from pyquery import PyQuery as pq

url = "http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=B7vSqZsAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&pagesize=100"

doc = pq(url=url)
table = doc("table#gsc_a_t")

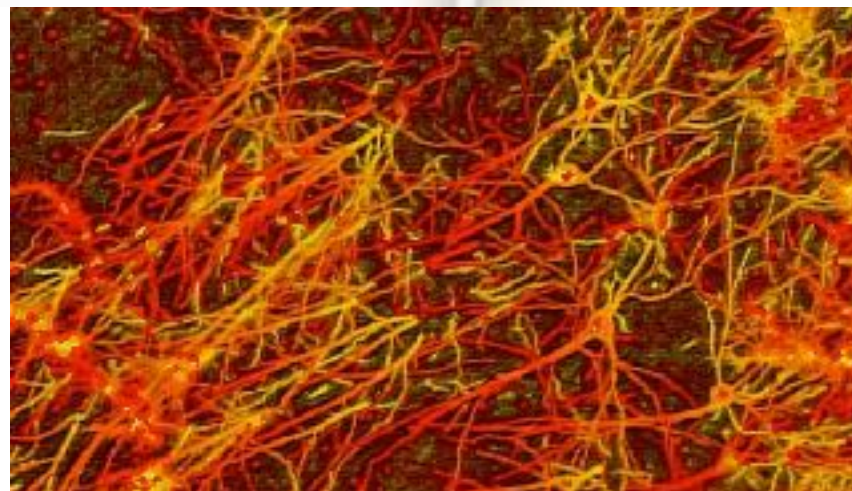
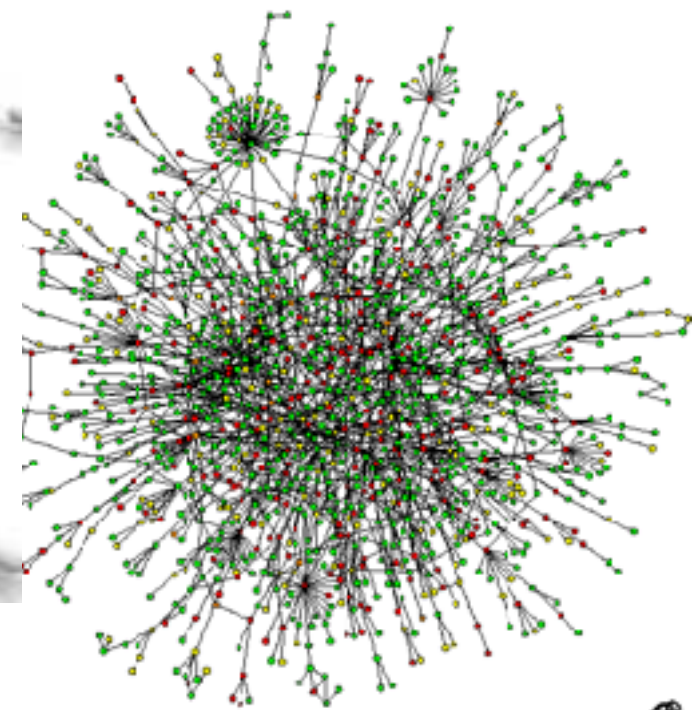
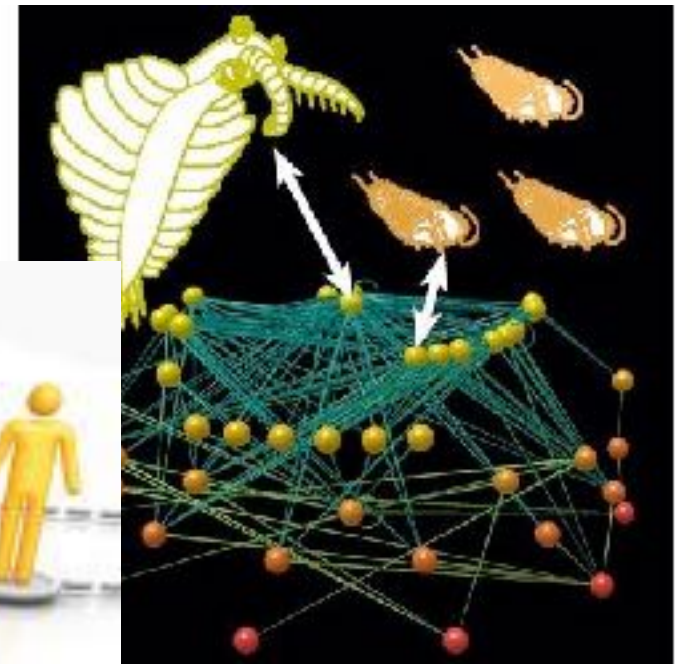
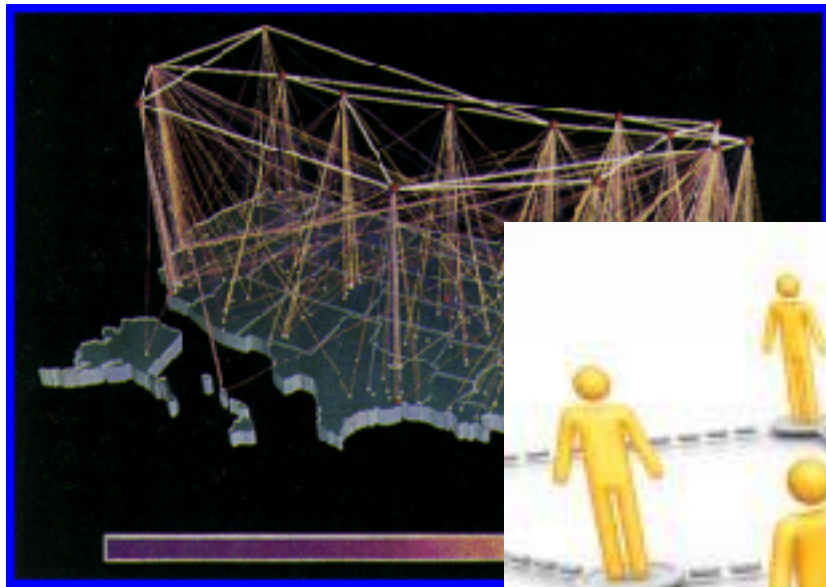
for row in table("td.gsc_a_t").items():
    print(row("a").text())
```



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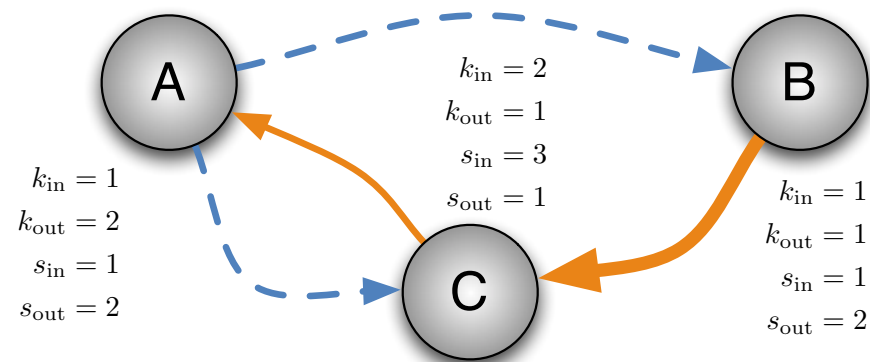


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# Information Flow



# NetworkX

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- High productivity software for complex networks
- Simple Python interface
- Four types of graphs supported:
  - **Graph** - UnDirected
  - **DiGraph** - Undirected
  - **MultiGraph** - Multi-edged Graph
  - **MultiDiGraph** - Directed Multigraph
- Similar interface for all types of graphs
- Nodes can be any type of Python object - Practical way to manage relationships

# Growing Graphs

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- `.add_node(node_id)` Add a single node with ID **node\_id**
- `.add_nodes_from()` Add a list of node ids
- `.add_edge(node_i, node_j)` Adds an edge between **node\_i** and **node\_j**
- `.add_edges_from()` Adds a list of edges. Individual edges are represented by tuples
- `.remove_node(node_id)/.remove_nodes_from()` Removing a node removes all associated edges
- `.remove_edge(node_i, node_j)/.remove_edges_from()`



# Graph Properties

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- `.nodes()` Returns the list of nodes
- `.edges()` Returns the list of edges
- `.degree()` Returns a dict with each nodes degree `.in_degree()/.out_degree()` returns dicts with in/out degree for [DiGraphs](#)
- `.is_connected()` Returns true if the node is connected
- `.is_weakly_connected()/.is_strongly_connected()` for [DiGraph](#)
- `.connected_components()` A list of nodes for each connected component

# NetworkX - Example

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```
import networkx as NX
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def BarabasiAlbert(N=1000000):
    G = NX.Graph()

    nodes = range(N)
    G.add_nodes_from(nodes)

    edges = [0,1,1,2,2,0]

    for node_i in range(3, N):
        pos = np.random.randint(len(edges))
        node_j = edges[pos]

        edges.append(node_i)
        edges.append(node_j)

    edges = zip(nodes, edges[1::2])

    G.add_edges_from(edges)

    return G
```

# NetworkX - Example

---

```
import networkx as NX
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

(...)

net = BarabasiAlbert()

degrees = net.degree()
Pk = np.array(list(Counter(degrees.values()).items()))

plt.loglog(Pk.T[0], Pk.T[1], 'b*')
plt.xlabel('k')
plt.ylabel('P[k]')
plt.savefig('Pk.png')
plt.close()

print("Number of nodes:", net.number_of_nodes())
print("Number of edges:", net.number_of_edges())
```

# Snowball Sampling

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- Commonly used in Social Science and Computer Science
  1. Start with a single node (or small number of nodes)
  2. Get “friends” list
  3. For each friend get the “friend” list
  4. Repeat for a fixed number of layers or until enough users have been connected
- Generates a connected component from each seed
- Quickly generates a \*lot\* of data/API calls

# Snowball Sampling

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```
import networkx as NX

def snowball(net, seed, max_depth = 3, maxnodes=1000):
    seen = set()
    queue = set()

    queue.add(seed)
    queue2 = set()

    for _ in range(max_depth+1):
        while queue:
            user_id = queue.pop()
            seen.add(user_id)

            NN = net.neighbors(user_id)

            for node in NN:
                if node not in seen:
                    queue2.add(node)

            queue.update(queue2)
            queue2 = set()

    return seen

net = NX.connected_watts_strogatz_graph(10000, 4, 0.01)
neve = snowball(net, 0)

print(neve)
```



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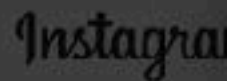
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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!--[if lt IE 7]>      <html lang="en" class="no-js lt-ie9 lt-ie8 lt-ie7 logged-in "> <![endif]-->
<!--[if IE 7]>         <html lang="en" class="no-js lt-ie9 lt-ie8 logged-in "> <![endif]-->
<!--[if IE 8]>         <html lang="en" class="no-js lt-ie9 logged-in "> <![endif]-->
<!--[if gt IE 8]><!-->
<html lang="en" class="js logged-in ">
  <!--<![endif]-->
  <head>...</head>
  <body class style="position: fixed; top: 0px; width: 100%;">
    <span id="react-root" aria-hidden="true">...</span>
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# Instagram

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import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "https://www.instagram.com/p/BTG1PoGBbtF/"

jsfuncs = {
    "true": True,
    "false": False,
    "null": None
}

magic_string = "window._sharedData = "
offset = len(magic_string)

page = requests.get(url).content
soup = BeautifulSoup(page, "lxml")

scripts = soup.findAll("script")

for script in scripts:
    if script.text.startswith(magic_string):
        text = script.text[offset:-1]
        data = eval(text, jsfuncs)
        break

comments = data["entry_data"]["PostPage"][0]["graphql"]["shortcode_media"]["edge_media_to_comment"]["edges"]

for comment in comments:
    print(comment["node"]["owner"]["username"], "==>", comment["node"]["text"].encode('utf8', 'replace').decode())
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