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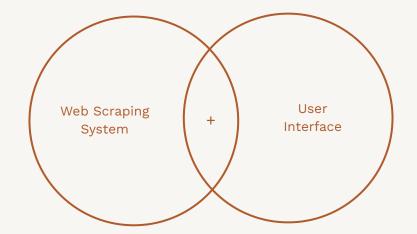


The Challenge

Design and implement a web scraping system and respective interface to keep track of product prices practiced across various stores and markets.

In its 1st stage, it should:

- · collect data from 3 websites...
- · ...relating to 4 products
- · present collected data in a user-friendly dashboard

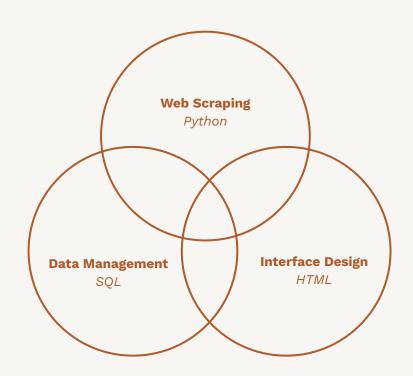


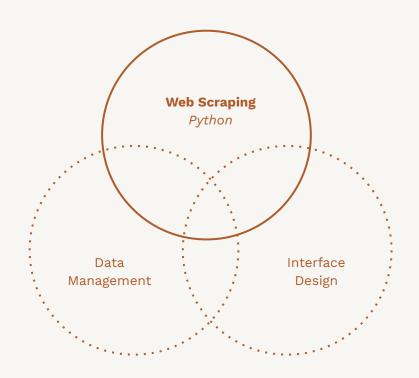


Allocating resources

We decided to subdivide the Team into three action fronts,

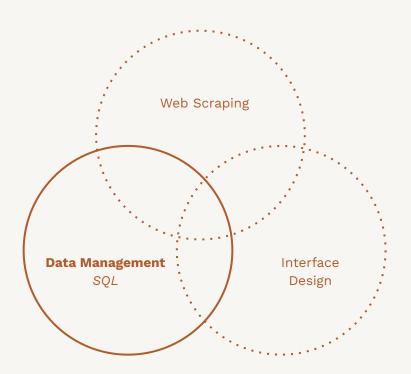
- **subdividing** a bigger problem into smaller and **more manageable** ones that could be **solved independently** and **simultaneously**
- combining smaller solutions in order to tackle the original challenge
- · ensuring constant communication within the team so that everything fits



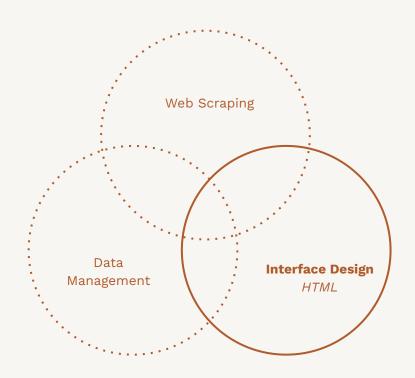


- · data analysis
- data → valuable insights
 - · identify target website(s)
 - · use locators to find relevant information in the HTML, different websites = different classes

extracted data → delivered in structured format



- data storage, retrieval, management & manipulation
 SQL ≈ relational databases
 - · standard & reliable
 - · easily scalable, allowing room for future improvement



· user interface

user input ≠ data visualization

support the effective functionality of website:

- · facilitate interaction between (non-tech) user and program
- · presenting data in a visual manner
- · filter data

Current state

What we are currently delivering:

- · automated tool, capable of filtering: product's name, retailer and location
- · valuable & actionable data insights
- · portable & compatible (website vs. app)
- · intuitive user interface (accessible to non-tech profiles)



Next steps

- · add more websites to scrape from
- · filter data with more than one filter at once through the graphic interface
- · include more filtering options
- · add more visualization options (e.g. price fluctuation history graph), making data tracking more immediate
- · allow the user to input data (e.g. product name) through text in a search bar, that will be useful when navigating bigger amounts of data





Thank you