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1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
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4 Analyze the structure and broad properties of MMWR, PCD, EID, and PHR online
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7 This suite of scripts sets up to harvest the text and hypertext from the online
8 archives of 4 public health. The harvesting is limited to English and Spanish
   publications, and it omits nontext components, such as media and items in the
10 Portable Document Format (though tools exist for harvesting text from those).
11
12 Each journal follows a hierarchy that includes some of the following levels:
13 * base: a source that points to the journal's home page
14 * home: the journal's canonical home page, with and overview of the archive
15
         MMWR https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/about.html
         PCD
               https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/index.htm
16
17
         EID
               https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/
18
         PHR
               https:///www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/333/
               the series that comprise components of the journal; MMWR has 4
  * series:
19
20 * volumes:
               yearly groupings of journal issues
         MMWR volumes 31-69 (1982-2020)
21
               volumes 1-17 (2004-2020)
22
         PCD
23
         EID
               volumes 1-26 (1995-2020)
         PHR
               volumes 116-133 (2001-2018)
24
25 * issues:
               groupings of articles typically published simultaneously
26 * articles: primary unit of publication
27
  * floats:
               separate files that correspond to figures and tables (EID only)
28
29 This suite of scripts uses the level desginations above in names of
30 corresponding data objects.
31
32 Most levels begin with HTML sources to generate the following:
33 _a
           list of anchor Tag ResultSets from a soup object
  _a_n
           number of Tags in each ResultSet in _a
35
  dframe pandas DataFrame
               URL from which href values were harvested
36
      base
37
      href
               hypertext reference (bs.a['href']); + base URL -> absolute URL
38
      url
               absolute URL constructed from href and base URL
39
               path from absolute URL
      path
40
      filename name of HTML file in hypertext reference
41
      mirror path path on local mirror
42
      string
               string from anchor element content
43
               in concatentated DataFrame, volume or article
   repeated list of indices for URLs that are duplicated
44
   _html
45
           full HTML text as retrieved and processed from each URL
           soup objects that parse HTML text
46 _soup
47
48 The "analyze-structure" scripts follow a systematic approach to harvesting each
49 level of the journal's hierarchy, resulting in a journal-specific DataFrame (a
50 tabular data object) with the URL and other information on each file to be
51 mirrored in a local archive for further processing and analysis.
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54 #%% Import modules and set up environment
55 # operating system muodules to work with filenames and paths
56 import os
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57 from os.path import join, expanduser, normpath
 58 # built-in urllib module to work with URLs
 59 from urllib.parse import urlparse, urljoin, urlunparse
 60 # requests module to retrieve HTML files over the internet
 61 import requests
 62 # built-in regular expression module to work with patterns of text
 63 import re
 64 # UnicodeDammit module to handle character encoding gracefully
 65 # BeautifulSoup module to parse, analyze, and write HTML
 66 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup, UnicodeDammit
 67 from bs4.formatter import HTMLFormatter
 68 # pandas module to organize metadata in DataFrame structure
 69 import pandas as pd
 70 # built-in pickle module to serialize and store intermediate data structures
 71 import pickle
 72 # multiprocessing and tqdm modules for utilities to evaluate progress
 73 import multiprocessing
 74 from tqdm import tqdm, trange
 75
 76 # global, session-specific pandas option
 77 pd.set option('display.expand frame repr', False) # show/wrap all DF columns
 78
 79 #%% 1. Functions for operating on URLs and paths
 80
 81 # requests.get(url).text decodes to utf-8, which could mismatch
 82 # requests.get(url).content is bytestream
 83 # UnicodeDammit(content, ["utf-8", "windows-1252"]) tries to improve match
 84 #
         tries utf-8 first, but falls back to windows-1252 if there's an error
 85 #
         .unicode_markup appears to be the same as .markup
 86 # reduce all non-HTML whitespace to single space character
   def get html from url(url, print url = False, timeout = 1):
 87
 88
 89
       Parameters
 90
       url : str
          Absolute URL from which to retrieve HTML document.
 91
 92
 93
       1. Absolute URL passes to requests.get
 94
       bytes get() result passes to UnicodeDammit
 95
       3. UnicodeDammit attempts decoding to UTF-8 else to Windows-1252
       4. unicode_markup is (one hopes) clean UTF-8-encoded HTML
 96
 97
       5. all whitespace sequences (including \r, \n) reduce to single space (' ')
 98
 99
       Returns
100
       str
101
          UTF-8 encoded HTML string with minimal white space.
102
103
       requests.get(timeout=5) is hardcoded to deal with sluggish EID responses
104
105
       if(print_url):
106
          print(f'Retrieving URL {url}')
107
       try:
          html = re.sub(r'\s+', '',
108
109
             UnicodeDammit(
110
                requests.get(url, timeout=timeout).content,
                ["utf-8", "windows-1252"]).unicode_markup)
111
112
       except:
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html = ''
113
114
       return html
115
116 # curried version that prints URL
    def get_html_from_url_(url):
118
       return get_html_from_url(url, print_url = True, timeout = 5)
119
120 def process aTag(aTag, base url='https://www.cdc.gov'):
121
122
       aTag: bs4.element.Tag anchor element from soup
123
       base url: str base URL containing (or that could contain) anchor element
124
       Construct absolute URL from anchor's hypertext reference and base URL
125
       returns dict: { base_url, href, url, path, file_in, file_out, string }
126
127
       try:
          a href = aTag['href']
128
129
       except:
130
          print('Unable to extract href from anchor.')
131
          return None
132
       joined = urljoin(base_url, a_href)
133
       parsed = urlparse(joined)
       parsed = parsed._replace(scheme='https', params='', query='', fragment='')
134
135
       a url = parsed.geturl()
136
       a_path = parsed.path
137
       a dirname = os.path.dirname(a path)
138
       a_basename = os.path.basename(a_path)
139
       a_baseext = os.path.splitext(a_basename)
140
       # construct filename for local mirror if internet filename isn't *.htm*
141
       if a basename == '':
142
          m_filename = 'index.html'
        elif re.search(r'\.html?', a_fname) is None:
143 #
       elif a_baseext[1] == '':
144
145
          m_filename = a_baseext[0] + '.html'
146
147
          m filename = a basename
       m path = os.path.join(a dirname, m filename)
148
       a_text = aTag.get_text('|', strip = True)
149
150
       return dict(base=base url, href=a href, url=a url, path=a path,
151
          filename=a_basename, mirror_path=m_path, string=a_text)
152
153 # UnsortedAttributes formatter adapted from BeautifulSoup documentation
154 # from bs4.formatter import HTMLFormatter
155 # renders formatted HTML as close to input as feasible, with nice indents
156 class UnsortedAttributes(HTMLFormatter):
157
       def attributes(self, tag):
158
          for k, v in tag.attrs.items():
159
             yield k, v
160
161 # using UnsortedAttributes in this way can yield invalid HTML
162 # because of < or > in open text not being rendered as &lt; or &gt;
163 # not sure how to prevent sorting and ensure valid code
164 # (short of hacking BeautifulSoup source)
165
166 #%% 2. Functions for minimally processing HTML files as bytes or strings
167
168 def calculate_mirror_dirs(paths):
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"Given set of paths (with or without filenames), determine unique folders"
169
       dirnames = [os.path.dirname(path) for path in paths]
170
171
       dirnames = sorted(set(dirnames))
172
       return dirnames
173
174 def create_mirror_tree(base_path, dirnames):
175
176
       Nondestructively constructs directory tree for journal archive mirror based
177
       on paths in URLs to be retrieved.
178
179
       Parameters
180
       base path : str
181
          base of path in which to construct journal mirror directory tree.
182
       dirnames : str
          list of paths to graft onto base path and populate with HTML files
183
184
185
       Returns
186
       None
187
188
       from os import makedirs
189
       from os.path import join, expanduser, normpath
190
       # process paths to separate head from tail
191
192
       # get unique set of path heads
       base path = normpath(expanduser(base path))
193
194
       norm_paths = [normpath(join(base_path, dir[1:] if dir[0]=='/' else dir))
195
                      for dir in dirnames]
196
197
       # clean up base path, then try to construct tree
198
199
          makedirs(base_path, exist_ok=True) # the rest will work iff this does
200
          for norm path in norm paths:
201
              makedirs(norm path, exist ok=True)
          print(f"Successfully made directories from {base_path}")
202
203
          return dict(base path = [base path], paths = dirnames,
204
                       norm paths = norm paths)
205
       except: # could try to trap each possible error type
          print(f"Unable to make directories from {base path}")
206
          return None
207
208
209 # retrieve unprocessed HTML and immediately write it to local mirror
210 def mirror raw html(url, mirror path, timeout = 1, print url = True):
       """Use requests.get to retrieve raw (bytes) version of HTML file
211
212
       and write unprocessed HTML to local mirror."""
213
       if(print url):
214
          # print('.', end = '')
          print(f'Processing URL {url}', end = '')
215
216
          b0 = requests.get(url, timeout = timeout).content
217
218
       except:
219
          b0 = b''
220
       with open(mirror_path, 'bw') as file_out:
221
           file out.write(b0)
222
       if(print url):
223
           print('.')
224
       return len(b0)
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226 # Small utilities to separate sequence of operations on HTML
227 # x b take bytes; x u take strings (UTF-8)
228 # sub(' ?(\langle \rangle) ?', r'\1') works in well-formed HTML
229 def html_reduce_space_b(str_b):
230
       str_b = re.sub(br'\s+', b' ', str_b)
       # str b = re.sub(b' ?(<|>) ?', br'\1', str b)
231
232
       return str b
233
234 def html insert newlines b(str b):
235
       # assumes result of html_reduce_space_b(); judiciously insert newlines
236
       str_b = re.sub(b'>(.)', br'>\n\1', str_b)
237
       str_b = re.sub(br'([^\n])<', br'\1\n<', str_b)
238
       return str b
239
240 def html to unicode b(str b):
241
       # converts raw HTML (bytes) to Unicode HTML (str)
242
       str_u = UnicodeDammit(str_b, ['utf-8', 'windows-1252']).unicode_markup
243
       return str u
244
245 def html reduce space u(str u):
       str_u = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', str_u)
246
       \# str_u = re.sub('?(<|>)?', r'\1', str_u)
247
248
       return str_u
249
250 def html_insert_newlines_u(str_u):
251
       # assumes result of html_reduce_space_u(); judiciously insert newlines
252
       str_u = re.sub('>(.)', r'>\n\1', str_u)
253
       str u = re.sub(r'([^\n])<', r'\n<', str u)
254
       return str_u
255
256 def html prettify u(str u):
257
       str_u = BeautifulSoup(str_u, 'lxml')\
258
          .prettify(formatter = 'minimal')
259
          # .prettify(formatter = UnsortedAttributes())
260
       return str u
261
262 def trim leading space u(str u):
263
       # assumes result of basic_prettify()
       return re.sub(r'^\s+', '', str_u, flags=re.M)
264
265
266 # Functions to work with local mirror
267 def mirror raw to uni(b path, u path, counter = None):
       "Mirror local, unprocessed HTML to local, lightly processed HTML."
268
269
       if counter is not None:
          print(f'{counter:05d}', end = '')
270
271
       b0 = read raw html(b path)
272
       u0 = html_to_unicode_b(b0)
                                        # convert bytes to UTF-8
273
       u00 = html_reduce_space_u(u0)
                                        # scrub u0 of excess space (esp. \r)
274
       u02 = html prettify u(u00)
                                        # prettify u00
275
       u03 = trim leading space u(u02) # scrub u02 of leading spaces
       with open(u_path, 'w') as file_out:
276
277
           file out.write(u03)
278
       if counter is not None:
279
          print('.', end = ' ')
280
       return None
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281
282 def read_raw_html(path):
       "Read raw (bytes) local copy of HTML file."
283
       with open(path, 'rb') as file_in:
284
285
          raw_html = file_in.read()
       return raw_html
286
287
288 def read_uni_html(path):
289
       "Read Unicode (UTF-8 string) local copy of HTML file."
       with open(path, 'r') as file_in:
290
291
          uni_html = file_in.read()
292
       return uni_html
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