

# Python Web Scraper

Want to pull the latest working production version (if current version is still under development)?

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Run landing\_page.py to initialize the flask application and the web server. [\(See API Information Below\)](#)

**To get the part numbers:** The CSV file with the product number will be read by **read\_csv()** to have an iter\_ set of product numbers, *i\_s\_part\_nums*.

**To search the website:** (in this case newegg.com) the iter\_ set of part numbers, *i\_s\_part\_nums*, is stepped through per each individual part number to create a custom url for that product search, *part\_num*. This is passed into **get\_custom\_url()** to create a searchable page to scrape from.

**To get data off the site and store it into a Database:**

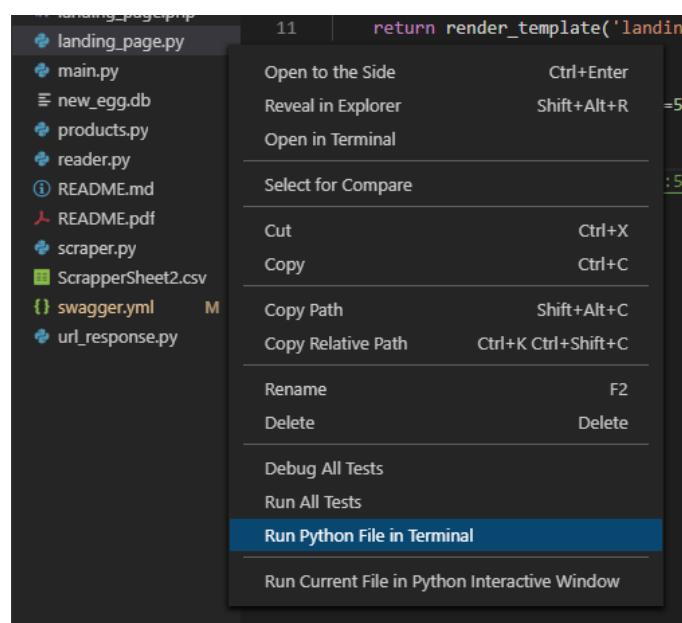
**get\_product\_details()** - The custom url must be opened and essentially parsed using **BeautifulSoup** a Python library for pulling data out of HTML and XML files. This data is basically looped through to find the right div/section for the product list results. Then the appropriate Title, Price, Image, etc.. are pulled into the sqlite3 database.

**API Information:** This web app has a built API to perform CRUD operations on it. Check out the functionality & test easily with swagger UI.

If the development server is not running:

*To Run The Development Server:*

- Right Click `landing_page.py`
- Run Python File in Terminal



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PS C:\Users\Preston\web_scraping_with_python\scraper\python_web_scraper> & C:/Users/Preston/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python38-32/python.exe c:/Users/Preston/web_scraping_with_python/scraper/python_web_scraper/landing_page.py
* Serving Flask app "landing_page" (lazy loading)
* Environment: production
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment.
Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Debug mode: on
* Restarting with stat
* Debugger is active!
* Debugger PIN: 281-484-291
* Running on http://0.0.0.0:5000/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)
127.0.0.1 - - [22/Nov/2019 12:31:49] "GET /api/ui/ HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [22/Nov/2019 12:31:49] "GET /api/swagger.json HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [22/Nov/2019 12:31:49] "GET /api/ui/images/favicon-32x32.png HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [22/Nov/2019 12:33:38] "GET /api/ui/ HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [22/Nov/2019 12:33:38] "GET /api/swagger.json HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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Then navigate to the swagger user interface.

<http://localhost:5000/api/ui/#/products> - For the expansion

The screenshot shows the Swagger Connexion Python Web Server interface. At the top, there's a green header bar with the 'swagger' logo, the URL 'http://localhost:5000/api/swagger.json', and a 'Explore' button. Below the header, the title 'Swagger Connexion Python Web Server' is displayed, followed by the subtext 'This is the swagger file that goes with our server code'. A section titled 'products' contains two operations: 'GET /products' (described as 'The products data structure supported by the server application') and 'GET /products/{part\_num}' (described as 'Read one product from the products list'). At the bottom left, there's a note '[ BASE URL: /api , API VERSION: 1.0.0 ]'.

<http://localhost:5000/api/ui/> - For Home Page

Here we can see all the operations

## Troubleshooting steps:

### VIRTUALENV

How to run virtualenv (env/scripts/activate.ps1) on windows powershell:

- 1) Navigate to dir
- 2) RUN: PS C:\Users\Preston\web\_scraping\_with\_python\scraper\python\_web\_scraper>  
**set-executionpolicy remotesigned**
- 3) [Y] Yes ... : y [enter]
- 4) RUN: PS C:\Users\Preston\web\_scraping\_with\_python\scraper\python\_web\_scraper>  
**.\env\scripts\activate.ps1**
- 5) (env) PS C:\Users\Preston\web\_scraping\_with\_python\scraper\python\_web\_scraper>  
      ^^^ env should appear before your path.

`python_web_scraper`

1. Take in .csv files as searchable product data
2. Create custom url handler to search newegg.com/PRODUCT\_PART\_NUMBER
3. Searching newegg's results and separating out whether products are found or not found
4. Selecting the best result-> pulling the Title, Price, and Product Image
5. Returning the found data for each .csv entry into a separate .csv style DB- sqlite3
6. Returning data to program and printing to screen products information