



Web Scraping

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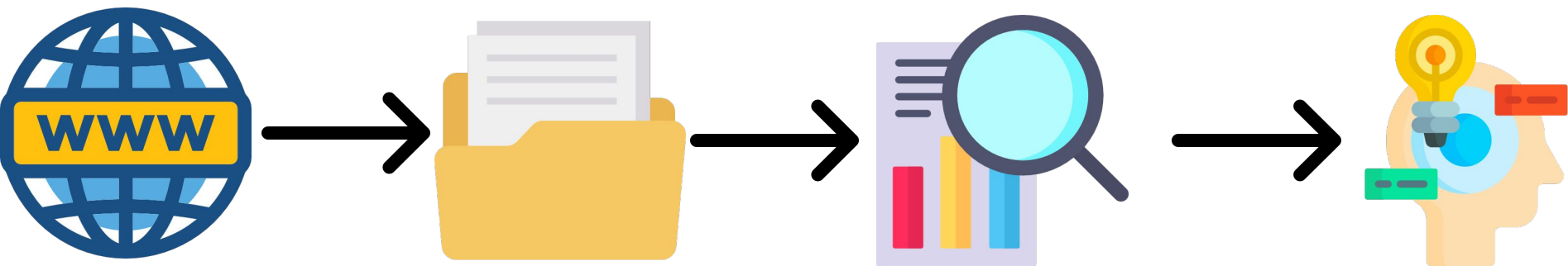
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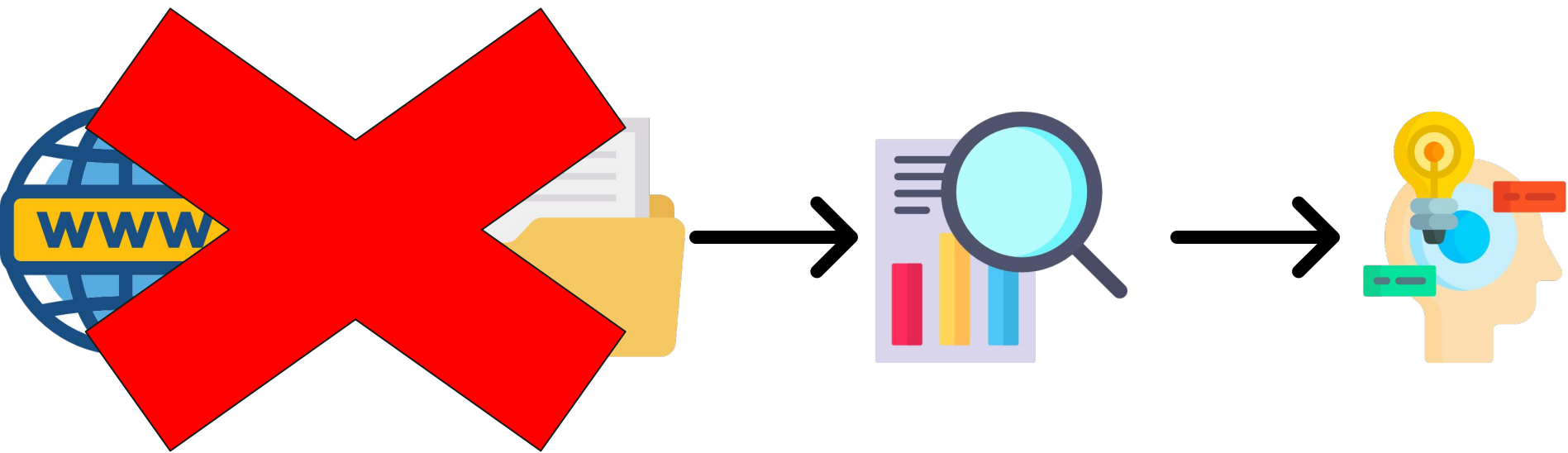
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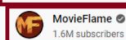
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2	India ^[Note 3]	1,327,250,000	January 30, 2018	17.5%	Official population clock [↗]
3	United States ^[Note 4]	326,542,000	January 30, 2018	4.3%	Official population clock [↗]
4	Indonesia	261,890,900	July 1, 2017	3.45%	Official annual projection [↗]
5	Pakistan	210,421,000	January 30, 2018	2.77%	Official population clock [↗]
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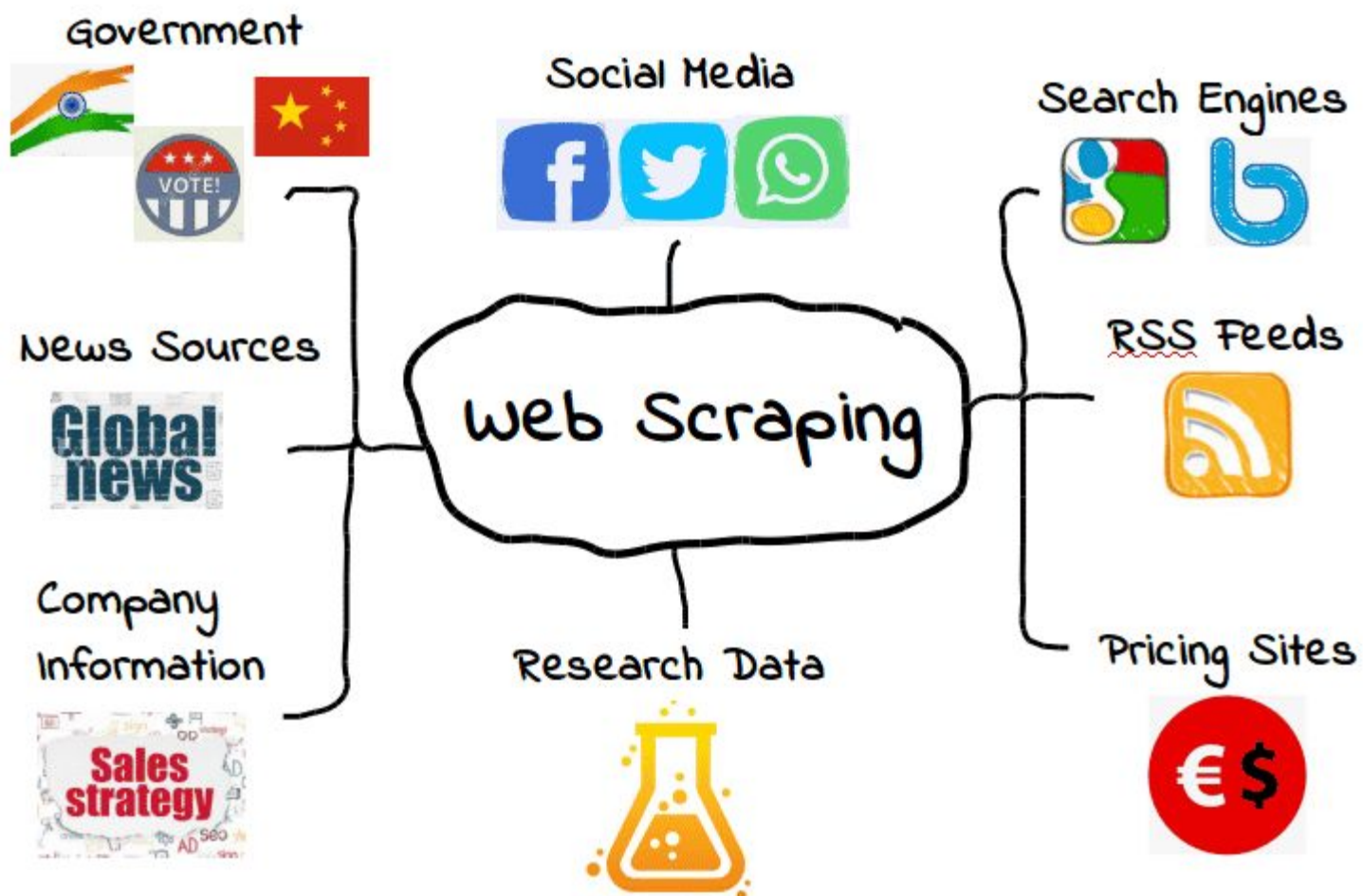


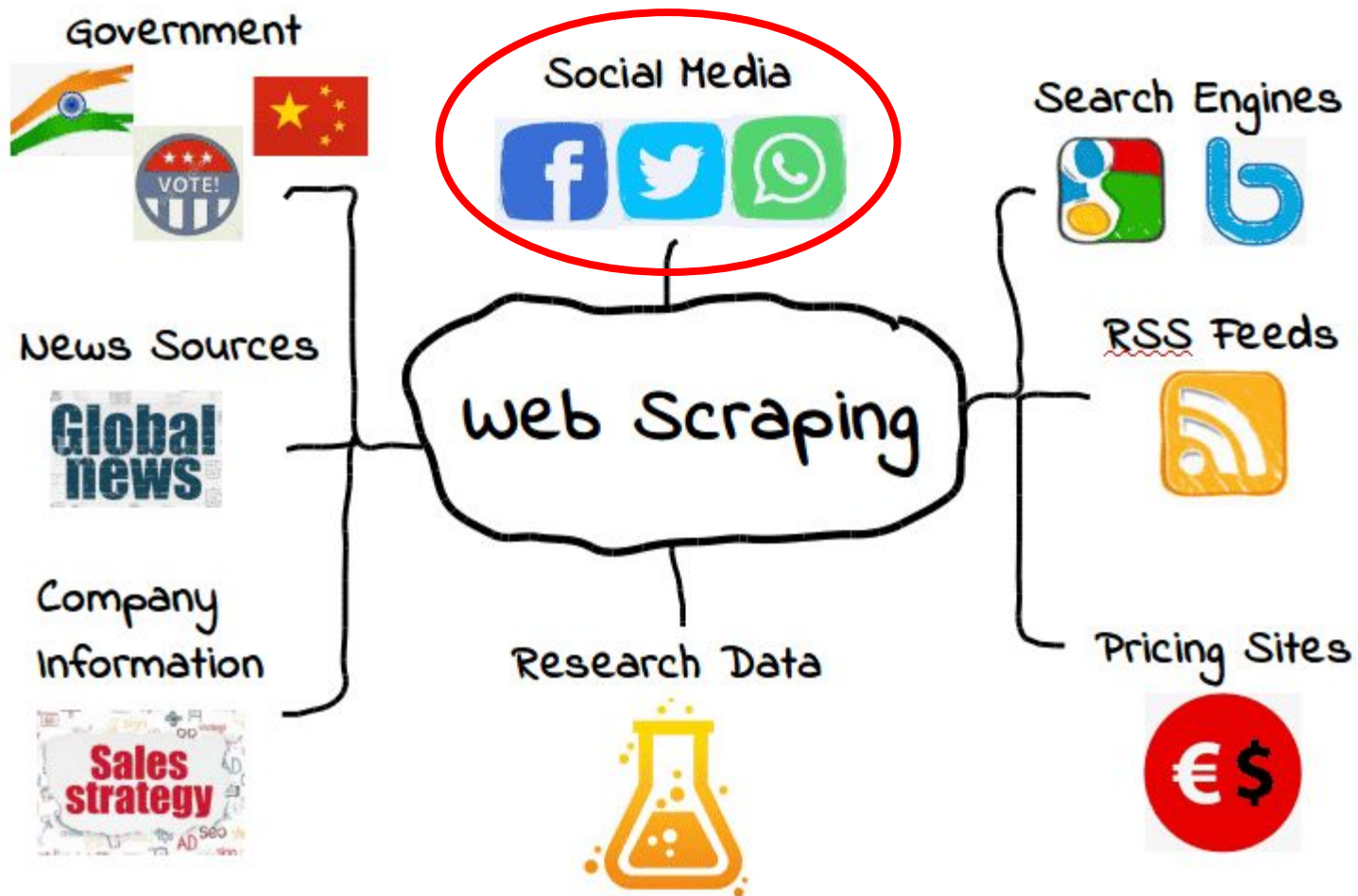
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Web Scraping

The activity of gathering data from the web both manually or automatically.









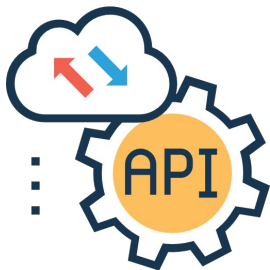
Crawling through APIs

Obtaining data through Web API

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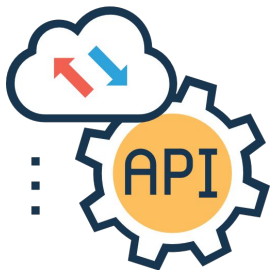


An **Application Programming Interface (API)** is a framework to communicate with an external entity (human or robot) with the goal of performing operations of different kind.

Advantages:

- Introduces an abstraction to the callers, hiding them technical details
- Defines a response format that is common among the different calls

Obtaining data through Web API



Nel nostro caso ci concentreremo sulle **Web API**, riconoscibili tramite URL che possono essere contattate attraverso appositi parametri.

We are going to focus on the **Web APIs**, recognizable by an URL that can be called using proper parameters

A typical API structure is the following:

<http://example.com/the-api-route/parameters>

Examples:

- <https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1590755506112823296>
- <https://mastodon.uno/users/billgates/followers>
- https://ipstack.com/ipstack_api.php?ip=151.100.179.62

**Demo: obtaining information
regarding our IP address
through Web API**

Web API and social media

Exposing APIs that can be queried from the outside is a state of the art from many online services.

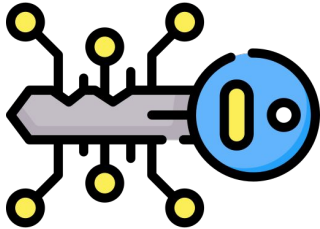


Social media offers these kind of features. Specifically:

- **Facebook/Instagram:** offers a service named [Crowdtangle](#) which allows the download of posts from both platforms
- **Twitter:** runs a [Developer Program](#) that offers access to their API to collect several kind of information
- **YouTube:** via [YouTube Data API](#) we can obtain metadata about video and users
- **Reddit:** offers a [developer API](#) framework to collect information about comments and posts

Web API and social media

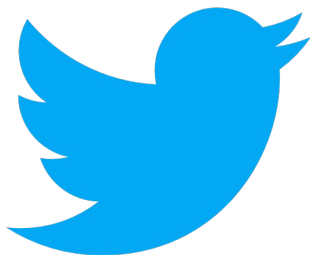
These kind of API requires a **authentication** and a **configuration** phase before performing the requests



- Calling the APIs by only using the URL will result in a 403 error
- These kind of APIs are usually subjected to limitations that affects the number of possible request per minute



Twitter Developer Platform



Twitter is a social media which is known for its data transparency and its willingness to collaborate with developers and researchers

- Communicating with Twitter requires to sign up to [Twitter Developer Platform](#), which offers documentation and a test environment about their API
- Usually, these APIs are called by using a programming language that creates requests from scratch or that employs an external library

In our examples we are going to use [tweepy](#) package for Python

Demo: accessing Twitter APIs through tweepy library



Perform requests to undocumented APIs



Sometimes, the API we would like to interact with does not provide a proper documentation.

For example:

<https://www.nytimes.com/search?dropmab=false&query=python&sort=best> provides all the articles that include the term *python*, but there is no documentation that explains its usage.

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To discover the API requested under the hood, we usually refer to the **inspector tool** provided by Web Browsers.

On Google Chrome, we can access them using the *Inspect* function or by pressing F12.

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Gab



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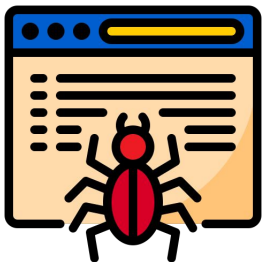
Gab is an example of a social media whose API are not documented, but they are still accessible once authenticated to the website

Demo: communicate with Gab APIs

Writing Web Crawlers

Obtaining web data through crawlers

Let's suppose we are interested in obtaining the content of the following page:

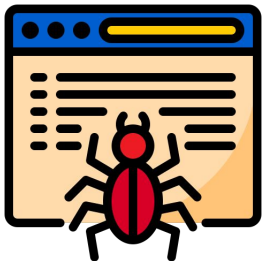


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Obtaining web data through crawlers

To our current knowledge, we would look for the API that provides the content on the website.



However, the page content is static and it purely relies on the HTML.

How can we overcome this problem? By **crawling and analyzing the HTML**, of course.

Demo: crawling HTML content from a webpage



BeautifulSoup

Beautiful Soup, so rich and green,
Waiting in a hot tureen!
Who for such dainties would not stoop?
Soup of the evening, beautiful Soup!

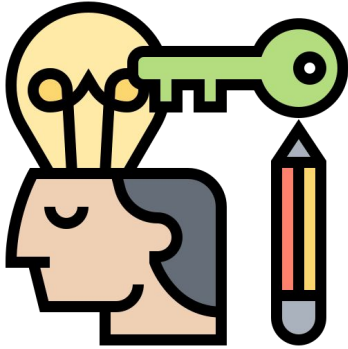
BeautifulSoup is a Python library that helps with the crawling and management of HTML elements, providing a structured way of extracting information from a desired web page.

We will be using the BeautifulSoup4 library, which can be installed with the following command:

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pip install beautifulsoup4
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Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents: Intellectual Property 101

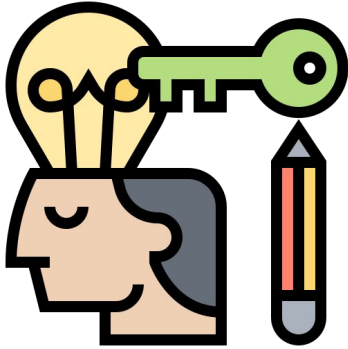
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There are three basic types of Intellectual Property:

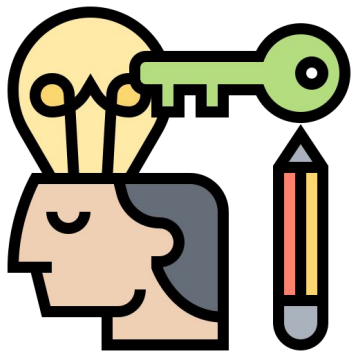
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In the context of web scraping, we need to take into account the [Trespass to chattels](#) tort, whereby the infringing party has intentionally interfered with another person's lawful possession of a chattel (movable personal property).

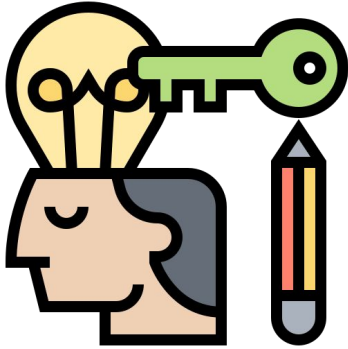
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Three criteria need to be met for a web scraper to violate trespass to chattels:

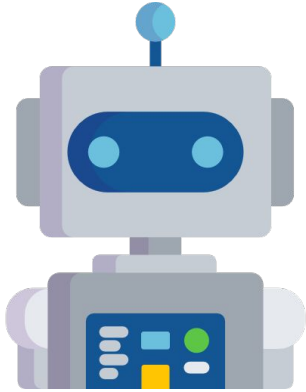
1. **Lack of consent:** because web servers are open to everyone, they are generally “giving consent” to web scrapers as well. However, many websites’ Terms of Service agreements specifically prohibit the use of scrapers.
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3. **Intentionally:** we know what our scraper does, so whenever we obtain data, we do it intentionally

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We must meet all three of these criteria for trespass to chattels to apply. However, if we are violating a Terms of Service agreement, but not causing actual harm, we might be violating the copyright law, the DMCA, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

robots.txt and Terms of Service

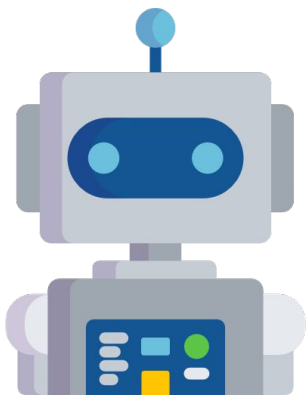


A **robots.txt** file tells search engine crawlers which URLs the crawler can access on your site. This is used mainly to avoid overloading your site with requests; **it is not a mechanism for keeping a web page out of Google**. To keep a web page out of Google, [block indexing with noindex](#) or password-protect the page

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# Friendly, low-speed bots are welcome viewing article pages, but not
# dynamically generated pages please.
#
# Inktomi's "Slurp" can read a minimum delay between hits; if your bot supports
# such a thing using the 'Crawl-delay' or another instruction, please let us
# know.
#
# There is a special exception for API mobileview to allow dynamic mobile web &
# app views to load section content.
# These views aren't HTTP-cached but use parser cache aggressively and don't
# expose special: pages etc.
#
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Disallow: /w/
Disallow: /trap/
Disallow: /wiki/Especial:Search
Disallow: /wiki/Especial%3ASearch
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robots.txt and Terms of Service



Most sites have a link to their **Terms of Service (TOS)** in the footer on every page.

The TOS contains more than just the rules for web crawlers and automated access; it often has information about what kind of information the website collects, what it does with it, and usually a legal disclaimer that the services provided by the website come without any express or implied warranty.

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