

scraping

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This was all about data scrapping from a lawyer website, where I was to get personal data (name, company, phone, website, and location). This was an easy part as it involved using selenium together with chrome driver, then I used beautiful-soup to find the elements I needed in the DOM. A tricky part came in where I was to process the data, the dynamic rendering of the web made it a bit tricky but I managed in cleaning the data. First it was by finding the links to their profile, the visiting their profile to find data in a single request. All was left was saving the data in a CSV which I did with ease with the pandas framework.

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[ ]: # importing the needed libraries
from selenium import webdriver
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup as bs
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.service import Service
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.options import Options
import time
import random
import pandas as pd
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[ ]: # Set up Chrome options
chrome_options = Options()
chrome_options.add_argument("--headless")

driver = webdriver.Chrome()
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[ ]: x,y = 1,1

l_ = open("links.txt","a")
df = pd.DataFrame(columns=["name", "company", "phone", "link", "address"])

while True:
    # function to return source code
    url = f"https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page={x}"
    print(url)
    def next_page(x):
        x +=1
        driver.get(url)

    # Give the page some time to load
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        wait = driver.implicitly_wait(20)
        page_source = driver.page_source

        if not page_source:
            print("its the END!")
        return page_source, x

page_source , x = next_page(x)

# Open a file in write mode
with open("page_source.html", "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    f.write(page_source)

# # Close the WebDriver
# driver.quit()

# Parse the HTML source using BeautifulSoup
soup = bs(page_source, "html.parser")

# Find all ad elements
ads = soup.find_all(class_="gtm-tracking-container")
link_ = []

for ad in ads:
    links = ad.find_all("a")
    for i in range(len(links)):
        link = links[i]["href"]
        link_.append(link)
        driver.get(link)
        source = driver.page_source
        try:
            s = bs(source,"html.parser")
            name = s.find(class_="lawyer-name").text.strip()
            company = s.find(class_="contact-firm").text.strip()
            phone = s.find(class_="overridable-lawyer-phone-copy").text.
↪strip()

            # fax = s.find(class_="phone_call_initiated")
            website = s.find(class_="contact-website")
            _addresses = s.find(class_="contact-address").find("div")
            address = "".join(_ad.text.strip().replace("#","") for _ad in_
↪_addresses)

        except AttributeError:
            pass

    try:

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        a = website.find("a")["onclick"].strip("this.href=").strip(";
↪return true;")
        # comb_ = f"name:{name},company:{company},phone:{phone},link:
↪{a} ,address:{address}"
        comb_ = {"name":name,"company":company,"phone":phone,"link":
↪a,"address":address}

    except AttributeError as e:
        comb_ = {"name":name,"company":company,"phone":phone,"address":
↪address}

    df = df._append(comb_,ignore_index=True)
    # l_.write(comb_ + "\n")
    break
df.to_csv("data.csv", index="name")

time.sleep(random.uniform(3, 8))
# print(link_)

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0.1 On the terminal it should print out the page links

<https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page=1> <https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page=2> <https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page=3> <https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page=4>
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<https://www.avvo.com/personal-injury-lawyer/ca.html?page=25>

0.2 This is the data will be saved on the data.csv file

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