

# Data-X Fall 2018: Homework 8

## Webscraping

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In this homework, you will do some exercises with web-scraping.

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## Fun with Webscraping & Text manipulation

# 1. Statistics in Presidential Debates

Your first task is to scrape Presidential Debates from the Commission of Presidential Debates website: <http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=debate-transcripts> (<http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=debate-transcripts>).

To do this, you are not allowed to manually look up the URLs that you need, instead you have to scrape them. The root url to be scraped is the one listed above, namely: <http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=debate-transcripts> (<http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=debate-transcripts>)

1.

By using `requests` and `BeautifulSoup` find all the links / URLs on the website that links to transcriptions of **First Presidential Debates** from the years [2012, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996, 1988, 1984, 1976, 1960]. In total you should find 9 links / URLs tat fulfill this criteria. Print the urls.
2.

When you have a list of the URLs your task is to create a Data Frame with some statistics (see example of output below):

A.

Scrape the title of each link and use that as the column name in your Data Frame.

B.

Count how long the transcript of the debate is (as in the number of characters in transcription string). Feel free to include `\` characters in your count, but remove any breakline characters, i.e. `\n`. You will get credit if your count is +/- 10% from our result.

C.

Count how many times the word **war** was used in the different debates. Note that you have to convert the text in a smart way (to not count the word **warranty** for example, but counting **war.**, **war!**, **war**, or **War** etc.

D.

Also scrape the most common used word in the debate, and write how many times it was used. Note that you have to use the same strategy as in 3 in order to do this.

Print your final output result.

## Tips:

In order to solve the questions above, it can be useful to work with Regular Expressions and explore methods on strings like `.strip()`, `.replace()`, `.find()`, `.count()`, `.lower()` etc. Both are very powerful tools to do string processing in Python. To count common words for example I used a `Counter` object and a Regular expression pattern for only words, see example:

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from collections import Counter
import re

counts = Counter(re.findall(r"[\w']+", text.lower()))
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Read more about Regular Expressions here: <https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html> (<https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html>)

## Example output of all of the answers to Question 1.2:

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In [59]:

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import requests # The requests library is an
import bs4 as bs # BeautifulSoup4 is a Python library
import pandas as pd
from collections import Counter
import re
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In [60]:

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source = requests.get("http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=debate-transcripts")
soup = bs.BeautifulSoup(source.content, features='html.parser')
print(soup.body)
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<a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=news" id="tm-4">News</a>

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30. 2004 Debate Transcript">September 30, 2004: The First Bush-Kerry Presidential Debate</a></p></blockquote><hr/><p class="graytext">2000 Transcripts</p><blockquote><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-3-2000-transcript" title="October 3, 2000 Transcript">October 3, 2000: The First Gore-Bush Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-5-2000-debate-transcript" title="October 5, 2000 Debate Transcript">October 5, 2000: The Lieberman-Cheney Vice Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-11-2000-debate-transcript" title="October 11, 2000 Debate Transcript">October 11, 2000: The Second Gore-Bush Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-17-2000-debate-transcript" title="October 17, 2000 Debate Transcript">October 17, 2000: The Third Gore-Bush Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=2000-debate-transcripts-translations" title="Debate Transcript Translations">The 2000 Debate Transcripts: Transcripts of the debates translated into six languages</a></p></blockquote><hr/><p class="graytext">1996 Transcripts</p><blockquote><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-6-1996-debate-transcript" title="October 6, 1996 Debate Transcript">October 6, 1996: The First Clinton-Dole Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-9-1996-debate-transcript" title="October 9, 1996 Debate Transcript">October 9, 1996: The Gore-Kemp Vice Presidential Debate</a></p><p><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-16-1996-debate-transcript" title="October 16, 1996 Debate Transcript">October 16, 1996: The Second Clinton-Dole Presidential Debate</a></p></blockquote><hr/><p class="graytext">1992 Transcripts</p><blockquote><p>October 11, 1992: The First Clinton-Bush-Perot Presidential 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The Carter-Reagan Presidential Debate</a></p></blockquote><hr/><p class="graytext">1976 Transcripts</p><blockquote><dl><dt><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=september-23-1976-debate-transcript" title="September 23, 1976 Debate Transcript">September 23, 1976: The First Carter-Ford Presidential Debate</a></dt><dt><br/></dt><dt><a href="http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-6-1976-debate-transcript" title="October 6, 1976 Debate Transcript">October 6, 1976: The Second Carter-Ford Presidential

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<p>© COPYRIGHT 2015 THE COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.</p>
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In [61]: Debates = soup.find(id="content-sm")
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In [62]: # find all the links
link_result = list()
colname = list()
for p in Debates.find_all('a'):
    if 'The First' in p.text:
        link_result.append(p.get('href'))
        colname.append(p.text)
link_result
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Out[62]: ['http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-3-2012-debate-transcript',
'http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=2008-debate-transcript',
'http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=september-30-2004-debate-transcript',
'http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=october-3-2000-transcript',
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'http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=september-23-1976-debate-transcript',
'http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=september-26-1960-debate-transcript']
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In [63]: pd.DataFrame(columns=colname)
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Out[63]:

	<b>October 3, 2012: The First Obama-Romney Presidential Debate</b>	<b>September 26, 2008: The First McCain-Obama Presidential Debate</b>	<b>September 30, 2004: The First Bush-Kerry Presidential Debate</b>	<b>October 3, 2000: The First Gore-Bush Presidential Debate</b>	<b>October 6, 1996: The First Clinton-Dole Presidential Debate</b>	<b>September 25, 1988: The First Bush-Dukakis Presidential Debate</b>	<b>October 7, 1984: The First Reagan-Mondale Presidential Debate</b>	<b>September 23, 1976: The First Carter-Ford Presidential Debate</b>	<b>September 26, 1960: The First Kennedy-Nixon Presidential Debate</b>
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In [64]: # Count how long the transcript of the debate is
length_list = list()
for l in link_result:
    source = requests.get(l)
    soup = bs.BeautifulSoup(source.content, features='html.parser')
    text = soup.text.replace("\n", "")
    length_list.append(len(text))
length_list
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Out[64]: [97403, 185201, 85500, 93835, 95866, 90273, 89463, 83516, 63716]
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In [65]: # Count how many times the word war was used in the different debates
war_count = list()
for l in link_result:
    s = requests.get(l)
    soup = bs.BeautifulSoup(s.content, features='html.parser')
    plain_text = soup.text
    plain_text = plain_text.replace("\n", "").lower()
    found = re.findall(r'\bwar(?:es|s)?\b', plain_text)
    war_count.append(len(found))
war_count
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Out[65]: [5, 48, 64, 11, 15, 14, 3, 7, 3]
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In [66]: # scrape the most common used word in the debate, and write how many times it was used
most_common_w = list()
mcw_count=list()
for l in link_result:
    s = requests.get(l)
    soup = bs.BeautifulSoup(s.content, features='html.parser')
    plain_text = soup.text
    plain_text = plain_text.replace("\n", "").lower()
    c = Counter(re.findall(r"[\w']+", plain_text.lower()))
    most_common_w.append((c.most_common()[0][0]))
    mcw_count.append((c.most_common()[0][1]))
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In [67]: most_common_w
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Out[67]: ['the', 'the', 'the', 'the', 'the', 'the', 'the', 'the', 'the']
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In [68]: mcw_count

Out[68]: [758, 1471, 858, 920, 877, 804, 866, 857, 779]

In [69]: output=pd.DataFrame([length_list,war_count,most_common_w,mcw_count],columns=colname,
                                index=['Debates char length','War Count','Most common w','Most common w count'])
                                output

Out[69]:
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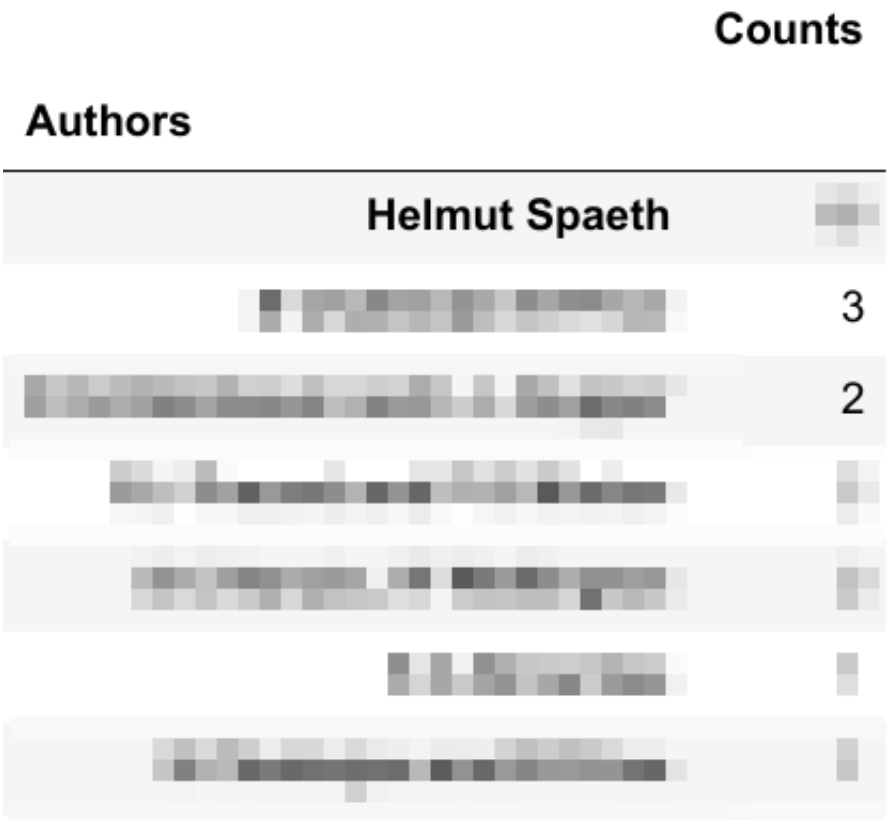
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Debates char length	97403	185201	85500	93835	95866	90273	89463	83516	63716
War Count	5	48	64	11	15	14	3	7	3
Most common w	the	the	the	the	the	the	the	the	the
Most common w count	758	1471	858	920	877	804	866	857	779

2. Download and read in specific line from many data sets

Scrape the first 27 data sets from this URL <http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/> (<http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/>) (i.e.x01.txt - x27.txt). Then, save the 5th line in each data set, this should be the name of the data set author (get rid of the # symbol, the white spaces and the comma at the end).

Count how many times (with a Python function) each author is the reference for one of the 27 data sets. Showcase your results, sorted, with the most common author name first and how many times he appeared in data sets. Use a Pandas DataFrame to show your results, see example. Print your final output result.

Example output of the answer for Question 2:



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In [70]: source2 = requests.get("http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/")
soup2 = bs.BeautifulSoup(source2.content, features='html.parser')
print(soup2.body)

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In [71]: # Scrape the first 27 data sets
url_result=list()
for p in soup2.find_all('a'):
    if '.txt' in p.text:
        url_result.append('http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/'+ p.get('href'))
url_result = url_result[0:27]
url_result
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Out[71]: ['http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/x01.txt',
'http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/x02.txt',
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'http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/regression/x27.txt']
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In [72]: # save the 5th line in each data set (author name)
author_list=list()

for l in url_result:
    source = requests.get(l)
    plain_text = source.text
    line = re.sub('[!@#$,]', '', plain_text.split('\n')[4])
    author_list.append(line.strip())
author_list
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Out[72]: ['Helmut Spaeth',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'R J Freund and P D Minton',
'D G Kleinbaum and L L Kupper',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'D G Kleinbaum and L L Kupper',
'K A Brownlee',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'Helmut Spaeth',
'S Chatterjee and B Price',
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'Helmut Spaeth',
'S Chatterjee B Price',
'S Chatterjee B Price',
'S Chatterjee B Price',
'S C Narula J F Wellington',
'S C Narula J F Wellington']
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In [73]: author_list= [y for x in author_list for y in x.split(' and ')]
author_list
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Out[73]: ['Helmut Spaeth',
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In [74]: author_str = ' '.join(author_list)
author_str
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Out[74]: 'Helmut Spaeth Helmut Spaeth Helmut Spaeth Helmut Spaeth Helmut Spaeth R J Freund P D Minton D G Kleinb
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In [75]: count_list =list()
Author = ['Helmut Spaeth','R J Freund','P D Minton','D G Kleinbaum','B Price', 'L L Kupper','K A Brownle
e','S Chatterjee','S C Narula J','F Wellington']
for name in Author:
    count_list.append(author_str.count(name))
count_list
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Out[75]: [16, 2, 2, 2, 4, 2, 1, 4, 2, 2]
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In [76]: a_df = pd.DataFrame({'Author': Author, 'Count': count_list})
a_df
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Out[76]:

	Author	Count
0	Helmut Spaeth	16
1	R J Freund	2
2	P D Minton	2
3	D G Kleinbaum	2
4	B Price	4
5	L L Kupper	2
6	K A Brownlee	1
7	S Chatterjee	4
8	S C Narula J	2
9	F Wellington	2

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In [77]: a_df.sort_values('Count',ascending=False)
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Out[77]:

	Author	Count
0	Helmut Spaeth	16
4	B Price	4
7	S Chatterjee	4
1	R J Freund	2
2	P D Minton	2
3	D G Kleinbaum	2
5	L L Kupper	2
8	S C Narula J	2
9	F Wellington	2
6	K A Brownlee	1