

Automation Cheat Sheet



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Artificial Corner

File & Folder Operation

We can create folders and manipulate files in Python using Path.

Path

Import Path:
`from pathlib import Path`

Get current working directory:
`>>> Path.cwd()
'/Users/frank/Projects/DataScience'`

List directory content:
`>>> list(Path().iterdir())
[PosixPath('script1.py'), PosixPath('script2.py')]`

List directory content within a folder:
`>>> list(Path('Dataset').iterdir())`

Joining paths:
`>>> from pathlib import Path, PurePath
>>> PurePath.joinpath(Path.cwd(), 'Dataset')
'/Users/frank/Projects/DataScience/Dataset'`

Create a directory:
`>>> Path('Dataset2').mkdir()
>>> Path('Dataset2').mkdir(exist_ok=True)`

Rename a file:
`>>> current_path = Path('Data')
>>> target_path = Path('Dataset')
>>> Path.rename(current_path, target_path)`

Check existing file:
`>>> check_path = Path('Dataset')
>>> check_path.exists() # True/False`

Metadata:
`>>> path = Path('test/expenses.csv')
>>> path.parts
('test', 'expenses.csv')
>>> path.name
expenses.csv
>>> path.stem
expenses
>>> path.suffix
.csv`

Regex

We use regex to create patterns that help match text.

Metacharacters

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <code>\d</code> | Digit (0-9) |
| <code>\D</code> | No digits (0-9) |
| <code>\w</code> | Word Character (a-z, A-Z, 0-9, _) |
| <code>\W</code> | Not a Word Character |
| <code>\s</code> | Whitespace (space, tab, new line) |
| <code>\S</code> | No Whitespace (space, tab, new line) |
| <code>.</code> | Any character except new line |
| <code>\</code> | Ignores any special character |
| <code>^</code> | Beginning of a string |
| <code>\$</code> | End of a string |

Quantifiers & Groups

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <code>*</code> | 0 or more (greedy) |
| <code>+</code> | 1 or more (greedy) |
| <code>?</code> | 0 or 1 |
| <code>{3}</code> | Exact number |
| <code>{n,}</code> | More than n characters |
| <code>{3,4}</code> | Range of numbers (Min, Max) |
| <code>()</code> | Group |
| <code>[]</code> | Matches characters in brackets |
| <code>[^]</code> | Matches characters not in brackets |
| <code> </code> | Or |

Other Metacharacters

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <code>\b</code> | Word boundary |
| <code>\B</code> | No word boundary |
| <code>\1</code> | Reference |

Table Extraction

We can use camelot to extract tables from PDFs and pandas to extract tables from some websites.

PDF

Import library:
`import camelot`

Read PDF:
`tables=camelot.read_pdf('foo.pdf',
pages='1',
flavor='lattice')`

Export tables:
`tables.export('foo.csv',
f='csv',
compress=True)`

Export first table to a CSV file:
`tables[0].to_csv('foo.csv')`

Print as a dataframe:
`print(tables[0].df)`

Websites

Import library:
`import pandas as pd`

Read table:
`tables=pd.read_html('https://xyz.com')`

Printing table:
`print(tables[0])`

Send Email & Message

With Python we can send emails and WhatsApp messages.

Email

Import libraries:

```
import smtplib
import ssl
from email.message import EmailMessage
```

Set variables:

```
email_sender = 'Write-sender-here'
email_password = 'Write-passwords-here'
email_receiver = 'Write-receiver-here'
```

```
subject = 'Check this out!'
body = """
I've just published a new video on YouTube
"""
```

Send email:

```
em = EmailMessage()
em['From'] = email_sender
em['To'] = email_receiver
em['Subject'] = subject
em.set_content(body)
context = ssl.create_default_context()
```

```
with smtplib.SMTP_SSL('smtp.gmail.com', 465, context=context) as smtp:
    smtp.login(email_sender, email_password)
    smtp.sendmail(email_sender, email_receiver, em.as_string())
```

WhatsApp

Import libraries:

```
import pywhatkit
```

Send message to a contact:

```
# syntax: phone number with country code, message, hour and minutes
pywhatkit.sendwhatmsg('+1xxxxxxxx', 'Message 1', 18, 52)
```

Send message to a contact and close tab after 2 seconds:

```
# syntax: same as above plus wait_time, tab_close and close_time
pywhatkit.sendwhatmsg("+1xxxxxxxx", "Message 2", 18, 55, 15, True, 2)
```

Send message to a group:

```
# syntax: group id, message, hour and minutes
pywhatkit.sendwhatmsg_to_group("write-id-here", "Message 3", 19, 2)
```

Create Reports

We can create an Excel report in Python using openpyxl.

Excel

Create workbook:

```
from openpyxl import Workbook

wb = Workbook() # create workbook
ws = wb.active # grab active worksheet
ws['C1'] = 10 # assign data to a cell
wb.save("report.xlsx") # save workbook
```

Working with existing workbook:

```
from openpyxl import load_workbook
```

```
wb = load_workbook('pivot_table.xlsx')
sheet = wb['Report'] # grab worksheet "Report"
```

Cell references:

```
min_column = wb.active.min_column
max_column = wb.active.max_column
min_row = wb.active.min_row
max_row = wb.active.max_row
```

Create Barchart:

```
from openpyxl.chart import BarChart, Reference
barchart = BarChart()
```

Locate data:

```
data = Reference(sheet,
                  min_col=min_column+1,
                  max_col=max_column,
                  min_row=min_row,
                  max_row=max_row)
```

Locate categories:

```
categories = Reference(sheet,
                        min_col=min_column,
                        max_col=min_column,
                        min_row=min_row+1,
                        max_row=max_row)
```

Add data and categories:

```
barchart.add_data(data, titles_from_data=True)
barchart.set_categories(categories)
```

Add chart:

```
sheet.add_chart(barchart, "B12")
```

Save existing workbook:

```
wb.save('report_2021.xlsx')
```

Web Automation

Web automation is the process of automating web actions like clicking on buttons, selecting elements within dropdowns, etc.

The most popular tool to do this in Python is Selenium.

Selenium 4

Note that there are a few changes between Selenium 3.x versions and Selenium 4.

Import libraries:

```
from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.service import Service
```

```
web="www.google.com"
path='introduce chromedriver path'
service = Service(executable_path=path)
driver = webdriver.Chrome(service=service)
driver.get(web)
```

Find an element

```
driver.find_element(by="id", value="...")
```

Find elements

```
driver.find_elements(by="xpath", value="...") # returns a list
```

Quit driver

```
driver.quit()
```

Getting the text

```
data = element.text
```

Implicit Waits

```
import time
time.sleep(2)
```

Explicit Waits

```
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import WebDriverWait
from selenium.webdriver.support import expected_conditions as EC
```

```
WebDriverWait(driver, 5).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, 'id_name')))
```

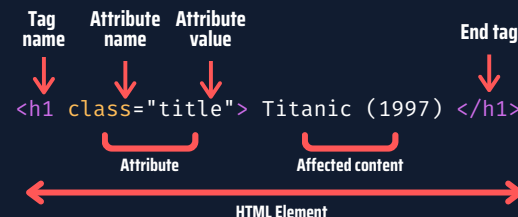
Wait 5 seconds until an element is clickable

Options: Headless mode, change window size

```
from selenium.webdriver.chrome.options import Options
options = Options()
options.headless = True
options.add_argument('window-size=1920x1080')
driver = webdriver.Chrome(service=service, options=options)
```

HTML for Web Automation

Let's take a look at the HTML element syntax.

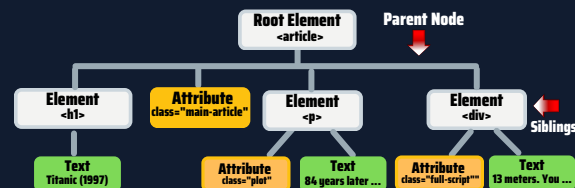


This is a single HTML element, but the HTML code behind a website has hundreds of them.

HTML code example

```
<article class="main-article">
  <h1> Titanic (1997) </h1>
  <p class="plot"> 84 years later ... </p>
  <div class="full-script"> 13 meters. You ... </div>
</article>
```

The HTML code is structured with "nodes". Each rectangle below represents a node (element, attribute and text nodes)



- The "root node" is the top node. In this example, <article> is the root.
- Every node has exactly one "parent", except the root. The <h1> node's parent is the <article> node.
- "Siblings" are nodes with the same parent.
- One of the best ways to find an element is building its XPath

XPath

We need to learn how to build an XPath to properly work with Selenium.

XPath Syntax

An XPath usually contains a tag name, attribute name, and attribute value.

```
//tagName[@AttributeName="Value"]
```

Let's check some examples to locate the article, title, and transcript elements of the HTML code we used before.

```
//article[@class="main-article"]  
//h1  
//div[@class="full-script"]
```

XPath Functions and Operators

XPath functions

```
//tag[contains(@AttributeName, "Value")]
```

XPath Operators: and, or

```
//tag[(expression 1) and (expression 2)]
```

XPath Special Characters

| | |
|-----|---|
| / | Selects the children from the node set on the left side of this character |
| // | Specifies that the matching node set should be located at any level within the document |
| • | Specifies the current context should be used (refers to present node) |
| .. | Refers to a parent node |
| * | A wildcard character that selects all elements or attributes regardless of names |
| @ | Select an attribute |
| () | Grouping an XPath expression |
| [n] | Indicates that a node with index "n" should be selected |

Google Sheets

Google Sheets is a cloud-based spreadsheet application that can store data in a structured way just like most database management systems. We can connect Google Sheets with Python by enabling the API and downloading our credentials.

Import libraries:

```
from gspread  
from oauth2client.service_account import ServiceAccountCredentials
```

Connect to Google Sheets:

```
scope = ['https://www.googleapis.com/auth/spreadsheets',  
        "https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive"]
```

```
credentials=ServiceAccountCredentials.from_json_keyfile_name("credentials.json",  
                                                            scope)
```

```
client = gspread.authorize(credentials)
```

Create a blank spreadsheet:

```
sheet = client.create("FirstSheet")
```

Sharing Sheet:

```
sheet.share('write-your-email-here', perm_type='user', role='writer')
```

Save spreadsheet to specific folder (first manually share the folder with the client email)

```
client.create("SecondSheet", folder_id='write-id-here')
```

Open a spreadsheet:

```
sheet = client.open("SecondSheet").sheet1
```

Read csv with Pandas and export df to a sheet:

```
df = pd.read_csv('football_news.csv')  
sheet.update([df.columns.values.tolist()] + df.values.tolist())
```

Print all the data:

```
sheet.get_all_records()
```

Append a new row:

```
new_row = ['0', 'title0', 'subtitle0', 'link0']  
sheet.append_row(new_row)
```

Insert a new row at index 2:

```
sheet.insert_row(new_row, index=2)
```

Update a cell using A1 notation:

```
sheet.update('A54', 'Hello World')
```

Update a range:

```
sheet.update('A54:D54', [['51', 'title51', 'subtitle51', 'link51']])
```

Update cell using row and column coordinates:

```
sheet.update_cell(54, 1, 'Updated Data')
```

Pandas Cheat Sheet

Pandas provides data analysis tools for Python. All of the following code examples refer to the dataframe below.

df =

| | col1 | col2 |
|---|------|------|
| A | 1 | 4 |
| B | 2 | 5 |
| C | 3 | 6 |

← axis 1

← axis 0

Getting Started

Import pandas:

```
import pandas as pd
```

Create a series:

```
s = pd.Series([1, 2, 3],
              index=['A', 'B', 'C'],
              name='col1')
```

Create a dataframe:

```
data = [[1, 4], [2, 5], [3, 6]]
index = ['A', 'B', 'C']
df = pd.DataFrame(data, index=index,
                  columns=['col1', 'col2'])
```

Read a csv file with pandas:

```
df = pd.read_csv('filename.csv')
```

Advanced parameters:

```
df = pd.read_csv('filename.csv', sep=',',
                 names=['col1', 'col2'],
                 index_col=0,
                 encoding='utf-8',
                 nrows=3)
```

Selecting rows and columns

Select single column:

```
df['col1']
```

Select multiple columns:

```
df[['col1', 'col2']]
```

Show first/last n rows:

```
df.head(2)
df.tail(2)
```

Select rows by index values:

```
df.loc['A'] df.loc[['A', 'B']]
```

Select rows by position:

```
df.iloc[1] df.iloc[1:]
```

Data wrangling

Filter by value:

```
df[df['col1'] > 1]
```

Sort by one column:

```
df.sort_values('col1')
```

Sort by columns:

```
df.sort_values(['col1', 'col2'],
               ascending=[False, True])
```

Identify duplicate rows:

```
df.duplicated()
```

Drop duplicates:

```
df = df.drop_duplicates(['col1'])
```

Clone a data frame:

```
clone = df.copy()
```

Concatenate multiple dataframes vertically:

```
df2 = df + 5 # new dataframe
pd.concat([df, df2])
```

Concatenate multiple dataframes horizontally:

```
df3 = pd.DataFrame([[7],[8],[9]],
                   index=['A','B','C'],
                   columns=['col3'])
```

```
pd.concat([df, df3], axis=1)
```

Data export

Data as NumPy array:

```
df.values
```

Save data as CSV file:

```
df.to_csv('output.csv', sep=',')
```

Format a dataframe as tabular string:

```
df.to_string()
```

Convert a dataframe to a dictionary:

```
df.to_dict()
```

Save a dataframe as an Excel table:

```
df.to_excel('output.xlsx')
```

Pivot and Pivot Table

Read csv file:

```
df_sales=pd.read_excel(
    'supermarket_sales.xlsx')
```

Make pivot table:

```
df_sales.pivot_table(index='Gender',
                     aggfunc='sum')
```

Make a pivot tables that says how much male and female spend in each category:

```
df_sales.pivot_table(index='Gender',
                     columns='Product line',
                     values='Total',
                     aggfunc='sum')
```

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