

Hands-on Lab : Web Scraping

Estimated time needed: **30 to 45** minutes

Objectives

In this lab you will perform the following:

- Extract information from a given web site
- Write the scraped data into a csv file.

Extract information from the given web site

You will extract the data from the below web site:

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In [1]: #this url contains the data you need to scrape
url = "https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DA0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/datasets/Programming"
```

The data you need to scrape is the **name of the programming language** and **average annual salary**.

It is a good idea to open the url in your web browser and study the contents of the web page before you start to scrape.

Import the required libraries

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In [2]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup # module for web scrapping.
import requests # module for downloading a web page
import pandas as pd # module for dataframes
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Download the webpage at the url

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In [3]: data = requests.get(url).text
```

Create a soup object

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In [4]: soup = BeautifulSoup(data,"html.parser")
```

Scrape the **Language name** and **annual average salary**.

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In [24]: #create an empty data frame
my_data = pd.DataFrame(columns=["Language Name", "Annual Average Salary"])

#isolate the body of the table, then loop through each row and find all the column values for each row
for row in soup.find("tbody").find_all("tr"):
    cols = row.find_all('td') # in html, a column is represented by the tag <td>
    language_name = cols[1].string # store the value in column 1 as language_name
    avg_salary = cols[3].string # store the value in column 3 as salary

    #append the data of each row to the table
    my_data = my_data.append({"Language Name":language_name, "Annual Average Salary":avg_salary}, ignore_index=True)

# drop the first row (headers)
my_data=my_data.iloc[1:, :]

my_data
```

Out [24]:

	Language Name	Annual Average Salary
1	Python	\$114,383
2	Java	\$101,013
3	R	\$92,037
4	Javascript	\$110,981
5	Swift	\$130,801
6	C++	\$113,865
7	C#	\$88,726
8	PHP	\$84,727
9	SQL	\$84,793
10	Go	\$94,082

Save the scrapped data into a file named *popular-languages.csv*

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In [25]: import csv
my_data.to_csv('popular-languages.csv', index=False, header=True)
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Change Log

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