

## Web scraping using lxml

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import lxml.html as web
from lxml.etree import XPath
import math
import csv
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baseUrl="http://books.toscrape.com/"
bookUrl=baseUrl+"catalogue/category/books/childrens_11/index.html"
pageUrl=baseUrl+"catalogue/category/books/childrens_11/page-" #page-1, pag
columns=['title','price','stock','imageUrl','rating','url'] #for CSV head
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## Empty dataSet and default page values

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dataSet=[]
page=1
totalPages=1
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## Save dataSet to CSV file

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def writeto_csv(data,filename,columns):
    with open(filename,'w+',newline='',encoding="UTF-8") as file:
        writer = csv.DictWriter(file,fieldnames=columns)
        writer.writeheader()
        writer = csv.writer(file)
        for element in data:
            writer.writerow([element])
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# Web scraping loop
while page <= totalPages:
    source = web.parse(pageUrl + str(page) + ".html").getroot() # Read and parse the page

    # Pagination handling
    if page == 1:
        perpageArticles = source.xpath("//form[@class='form-horizontal']/input[@name='perpage']/@value")
        totalArticles = source.xpath("//form[@class='form-horizontal']/input[@name='total']/@value")

        if perpageArticles and totalArticles:
            totalPages = math.ceil(int(totalArticles[0]) / int(perpageArticles[0]))

    print("TotalPages found:", totalPages)

print(f"Processing Page {page} from {totalPages}")

# Paths for individual elements
articles = source.xpath("//ol[contains(@class,'row')]/li[position()>0]")
titlePath = "../article[contains(@class,'product_pod')]/h3/a/@title"
linkPath = "../article[contains(@class,'product_pod')]/h3/a/@href"
pricePath = "../article/div[2]/p[contains(@class,'price_color')]/text()"
stockPath = "../article/div[2]/p[contains(@class,'availability')]/text()"
imagePath = "../article/div[1]/div[contains(@class,'image_container')]/img/@src"
ratingPath = "../article/p[contains(@class,'star-rating')]/@class"

# Iterate through all articles
for row in articles:
    title = row.xpath(titlePath)[0].strip() if row.xpath(titlePath) else ""
    link = row.xpath(linkPath)[0].replace('.././.././', baseUrl + 'catalogue/') if row.xpath(linkPath) else ""
    price = row.xpath(pricePath)[0] if row.xpath(pricePath) else ""
    availability = row.xpath(stockPath)[0].strip() if row.xpath(stockPath) else ""
    image = row.xpath(imagePath)[0].replace('.././.././.././', baseUrl).strip() if row.xpath(imagePath) else ""
    rating = row.xpath(ratingPath)[0].replace('star-rating', '').strip() if row.xpath(ratingPath) else ""

    # Add to dataset if title is not missing
    if title:
        dataSet.append([title, price, availability, image, rating, link])

print("Rows in Dataset:", len(dataSet))
page += 1 # Increment page for loop

# Print total number of elements collected
print(f"Total items collected: {len(dataSet)}")

# Save the dataset to a CSV file
writeto_csv(dataSet, 'books.csv', columns)

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... TotalPages found: 1
Processing Page 1 from 1
Rows in Dataset: 20
Total items collected: 20

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## Book.csv

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webScraping > books.csv
1 title,price,stock,imageUrl,rating,url
2 Birdsong: A Story in Pictures,£54.64,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/birdsong-a-story-in-pictures_975/index.html
3 The Bear and the Piano,£36.89,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-bear-and-the-piano_967/index.html
4 The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse,£56.13,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-secret-of-dreadwillow-carse_944/index.html
5 The White Cat and the Monk: A Retelling of the Poem "Pangur Bán",£58.08,,Four,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-white-cat-and-the-monk-a-retelling-of-the-poem-pangur-ban_865
6 Little Red,£13.47,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/little-red_817/index.html
7 Walt Disney's Alice in Wonderland,£12.96,,Five,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/walt-disneys-alice-in-wonderland_777/index.html
8 Twenty Yawns,£22.08,,Two,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/twenty-yawns_773/index.html
9 Rain Fish,£23.57,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/rain-fish_728/index.html
10 Once Was a Time,£18.28,,Two,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/once-was-a-time_724/index.html
11 Luis Paints the World,£53.95,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/luis-paints-the-world_714/index.html
12 Nap-a-Roo,£25.08,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/nap-a-roo_567/index.html
13 The Whale,£35.96,,Four,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-whale_581/index.html
14 "Shrunkken Treasures: Literary Classics, Short, Sweet, and Silly",£52.87,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/shrunkken-treasures-literary-classics-short-sweet-and-silly_484/
15 Raymie Nightingale,£34.41,,Two,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/raymie-nightingale_482/index.html
16 Playing from the Heart,£32.38,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/playing-from-the-heart_481/index.html
17 Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood,£22.54,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/maybe-something-beautiful-how-art-transformed-a-neighborhood_386/index
18 The Wild Robot,£56.07,,Three,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-wild-robot_288/index.html
19 The Thing About Jellyfish,£48.77,,One,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-thing-about-jellyfish_283/index.html
20 The Lonely Ones,£43.59,,Five,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-lonely-ones_261/index.html
21 The Day the Crayons Came Home (Crayons),£26.33,,Five,http://books.toscrape.com/catalogue/the-day-the-crayons-came-home-crayons_241/index.html
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