PLEASE HAVE IN MIND THAT THIS FILE WILL BE UPDATED. THIS IS JUST QUICK RECAP WHAT THE APP DOES AND HOW IT IS WORKING FOR NOW.

PART I - scrap songs

POC

As a POC, I created a Python script that constantly runs on the machine and saves songs to the file.

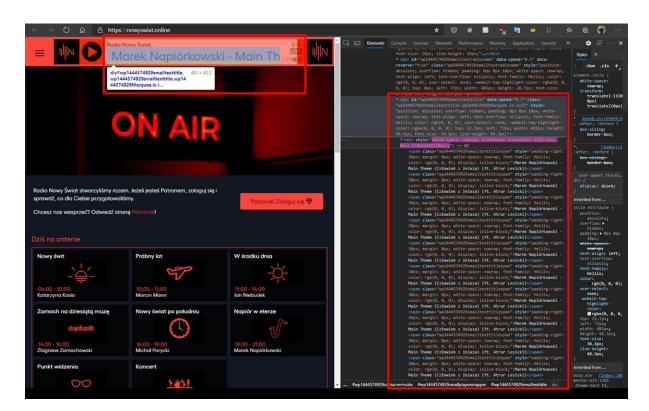
Having investigated the website (as there is any API), I thought about 3 ways to find titles of songs and make the POC done:

- 1. scrap main page using requests,
- 2. scrap main page using selenium,
- 3. get a title found on subpage (.txt file hosted on the server).

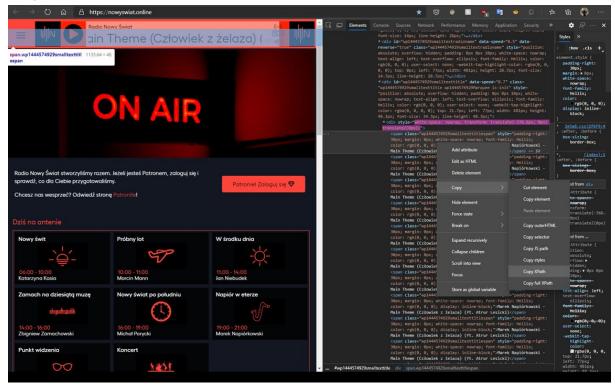
Requests

I used XPath, so I could find a title and scrap it directly.

However, it turned out that the page does not return the value of XPath. This could be caused because data is run by JavaScript (song's title is not in the website html). This is because (as I think) if a title is long and it cannot be displayed on the screen, the text flows from left to right (like text on TV news at the bottom of screen).



Copy XPath



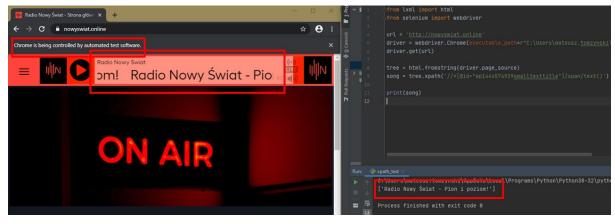
and try to request and get the value from XPath.

As a result, it returns an empty list.

Selenium

I did the same thing for selenium. The code for selenium opened a web browser (I used Google Chrome driver) and got value from XPath.

In the result, the current value was returned as an element of a list.



This solution works but I was not sure whether using selenium is the most convenient way to find a song's title.

Read file being hosted on subpage

Finally, I started digging into the page and found the subpage which in fact is the text file with currently playing song or - if no music is playing, the name of the radio.

This was my first solution which worked!

However... one day I loaded the page and saw that there is a subpage "Playlist". Then basically I could forget about my previous challenges.

Ready to take playlist

As I saw the new subpage "Playlist", I thought that scrapping songs' title will be as easy as I could not even imagine.

The playlist for the current day.



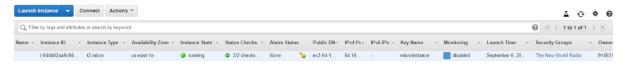
The only thing I had to do was to read songs and save them.

Run the script

This is how I run the script of POC for my first working solution.

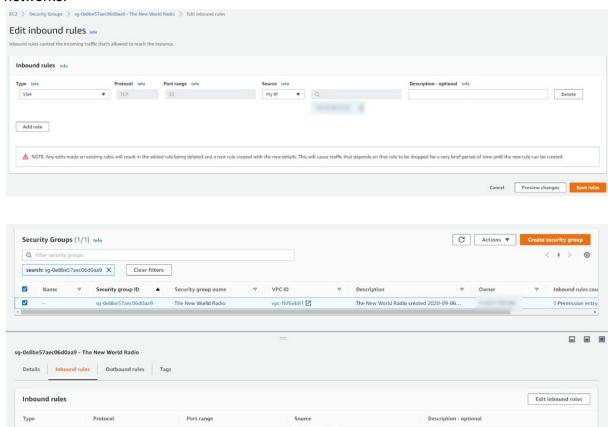
However, this will not work like described below! As a final solution I would like to use AWS Lambda

1. Script is running on AWS E2C micro machine



2. Security Group

The Security Group for the instance was modified. Inbound Rule was set up to allow connecting to SSH only using "My IP", so this prevents connection to my machine from other networks.



3. Create Key Pair for SSH connection



4. Connect to SSH via Putty

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login as: ec2-user
Authenticating with public key "imported-openssh-key"
Last login: Thu Sep 17 09:01:03 2020 from host

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5. See screen command

screen -1s

6. Script is running and outputting results (songs)

I have only one screen, so I can get it using screen -r

As you can see, the app prints songs to the console

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Glenn Frey - I've Got Mine
Shaka Ponk - Palabra Mi Amor
ZZ Top - Tush
Guns N' Roses - Sweet Child O' Mine
Yeah Yeah Yeahs - Zero
Stone Temple Pilots - Plush
LP - Lost On You
Earth, Wind & Fire - September
LCD Soundsystem - Daft Punk Is Playing At My House
Talk Talk - Life's What You Make It
David Bowie - Rebel Rebel
Dawid PodsiadÁo - MaÅomiasteczkowy
The Proclaimers - I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
George Michael - Too Funky
Klaxons - Golden Skans
Maxà mo Park - Books From Boxes
Anna Maria Jopek - Ja wysiadam
Al Wilson - The Snake
MÄynarski plays MÄynarski - RÄ'bmy swoje
Badly Drawn Boy - Disillusion
Culture Club - The War Song (Remastered 2003)
Billy Joel - We Didn't Start the Fire
Zu - Carbon
Zu - Je parle mal (feat. Benoît Blue Boy, Alain Ganne, Didier Melck, Buzz Harpo
, Olivier Poumay, Pascal Rosiak, Jeff Parade & Philippe Gilbert)
Sam Rivers - Downstairs Blues Upstairs
Tomasz ChyÅa Quintet - Bibi, Synkù, Bi
Skalpel - Abstr'action
Koudlam - Flying over the Black Hills with Crazy Horse
Acid Arab - Buzq Blues
Orchestre de la Paillotte - Kadia Blues
Royksopp - Church (Lost Tapes)
Daria Zawiakow - Nie Mamy Czasu
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7. Songs are saved in a text file

Using

tail TheNewWorldRadioSongs.txt

we can see the latest saved songs and compare them to those printed on screen terminal.

As you can see there is still an issue with encoding. The issue appears already on the website, so I will need to find the workaround for that.

PART II - Web Spotify API

Description to be updated