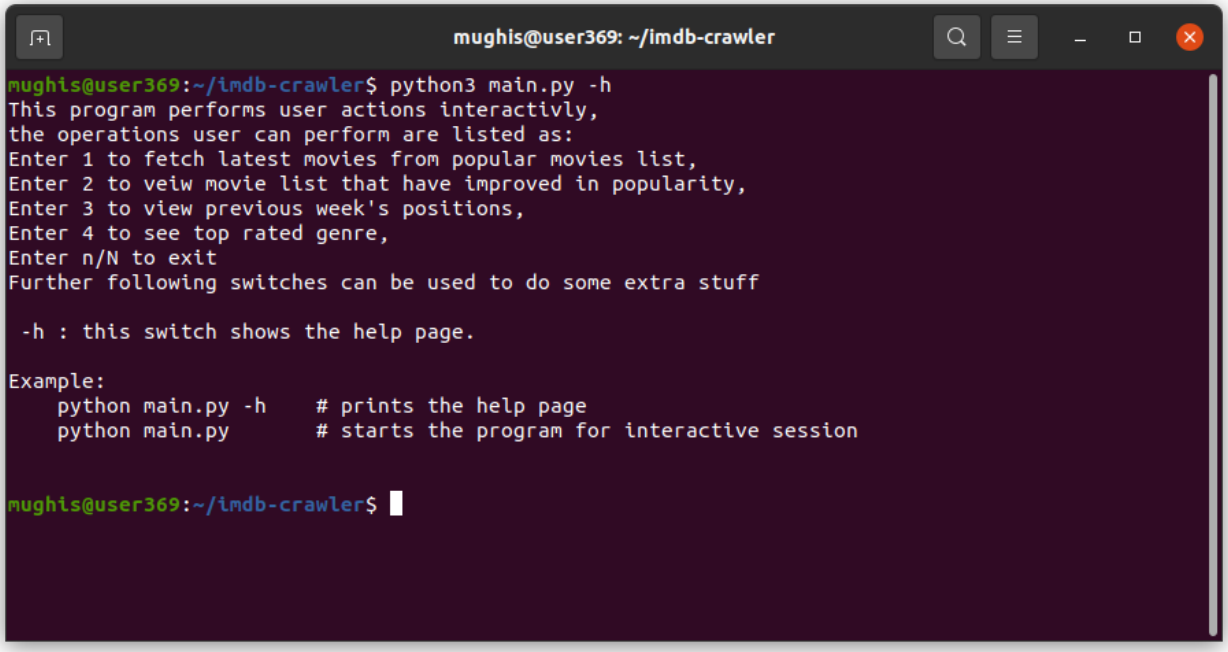
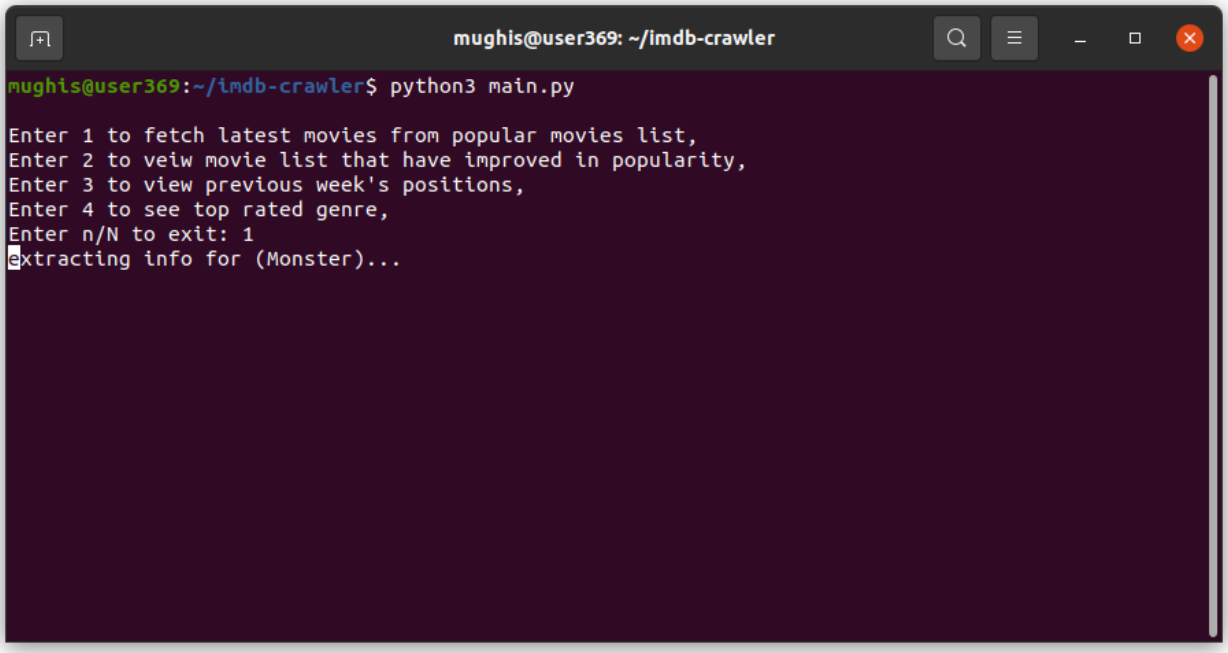
a) Output

imdb_crawler is started like a normal python script. However, it takes one additional argument for help.



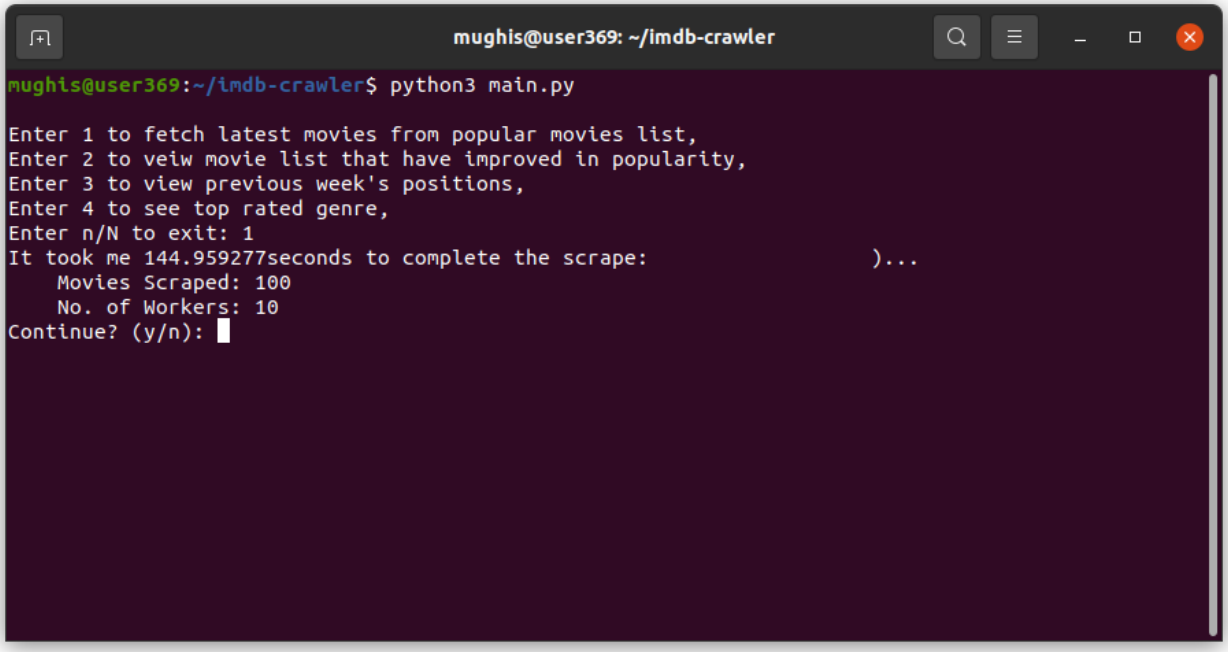
Screenshot shows help page of program

1 – scrapping from most popular page(IMDB)



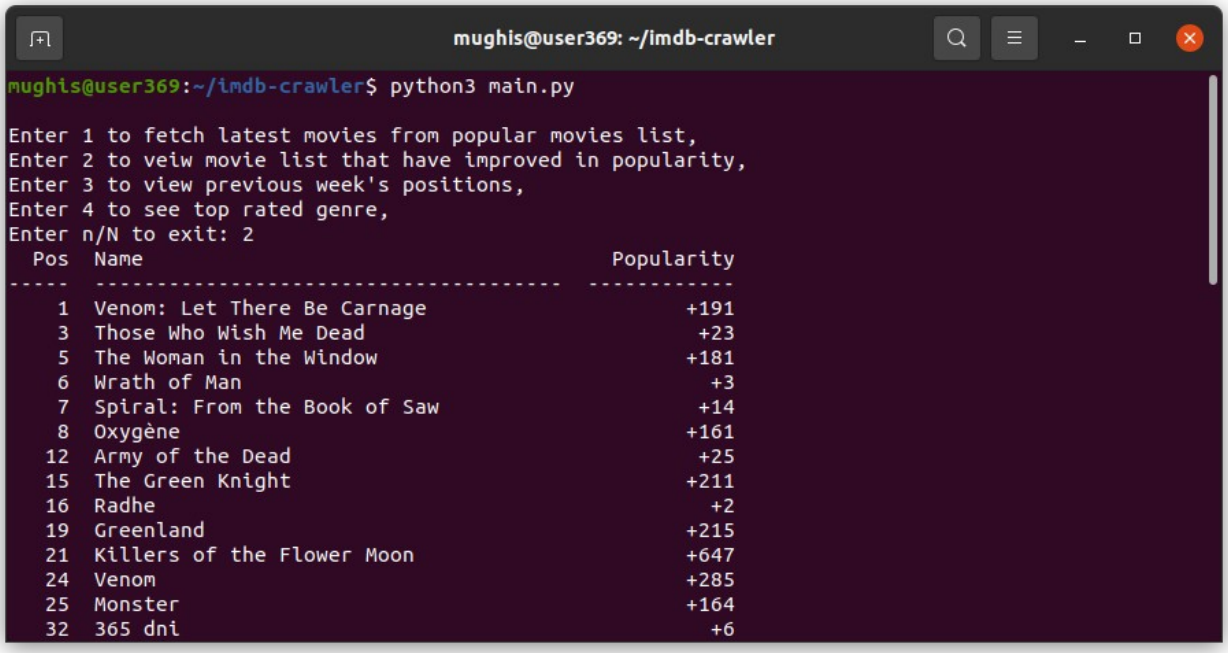
Screenshot shows program running in scrape mode

After completing the scrape it prints out the stats and prompt user if the user wants to continue using the program.



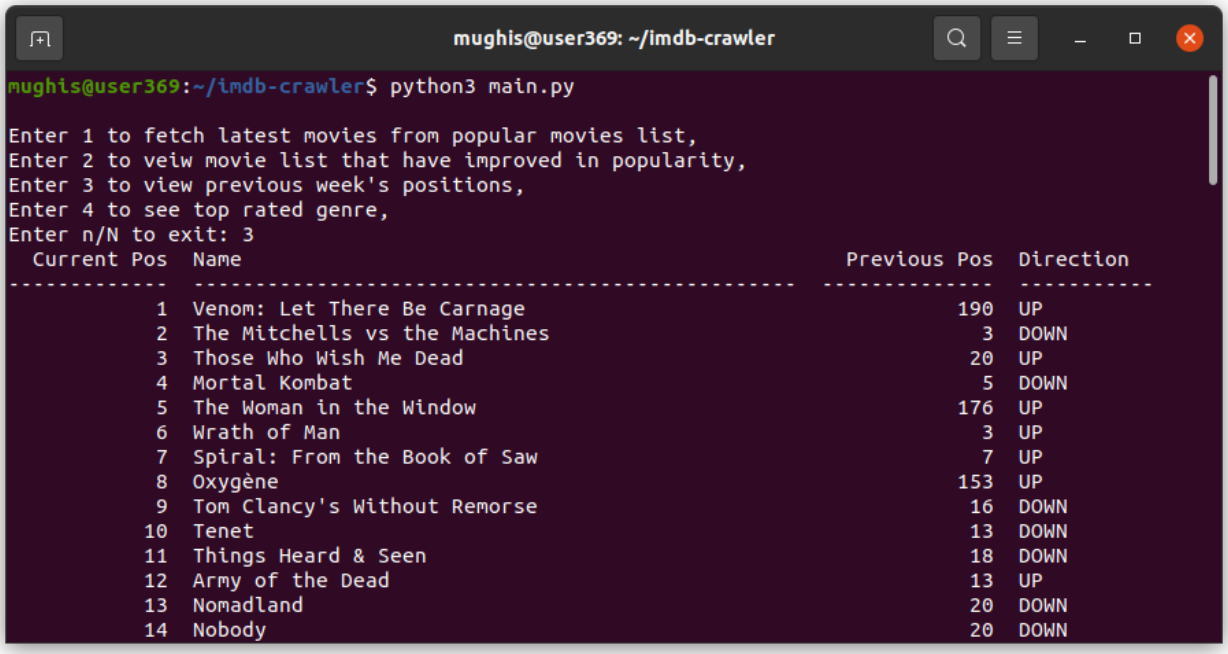
Screenshot shows a completed scrape

2 – View list of movies that have +ev popularity



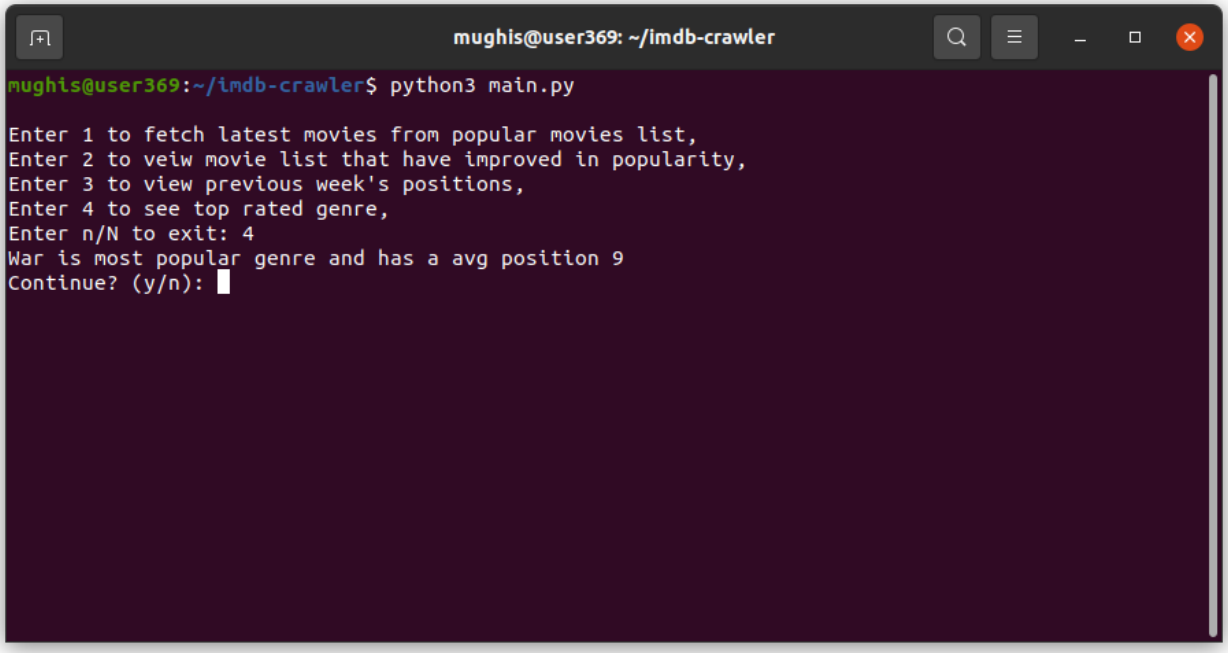
Screenshot shows movies that are increased in popularity

3 – List the position of previous week for all movies
This list is obtained by subtracting/adding the popularity from the position.



Screenshot shows list of movies with previous week's position

4 – Top rated genre from the list



The score is calculated by creating a dictionary of genres and their corresponding position values in a list. This list of position is further used to evaluate the average position for each genre the lower the value the higher genre rating.

b) Technology Stack Used

- Python 3.7
- Requests
- BaeutifulSoup4 (BS4)
- JSON

- As I love to code in python, so there was no confusion about the programming language.
- I chose the requests module for its simplicity.
- For extracting information from HTML, BS4 is used as the parsing was not much intensive. Besides BS4 have much less overhead than Scrappy and Selenium and it has no third-party dependencies.
- JSON is selected over CSV due to its flexible and comprehensive structure.

c) Time it Took

It took me almost 4-5 hours to complete the task but not in a single sitting.

d) Improvements

If I had more time I would've

- Removed the code redundancy in some places.
- Followed object oriented pattern
- Made the output look more cleaner
- Made a simple user interface
- Improve top rated genre calculation (taking average is not that reliable)