Crawler - HW1 (Scrapy)

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Summary

This project is an implementation of a crawler which scrapes stocks data from FipIran, using Python 3.8, Scrapy and SqlAlchemy.

Project Structure

The project mainly consists of 3 parts.

- 1. A command line interface.
- 2. A spider that crawls the web pages.
- 3. A database handler which stores and reads data in and from SqlLite.

Crawling Stock Names

In the fipiran.py file we implement an spider which firstly, sends Get request to 'http://www.fipiran.com/Market/LupBourse' and retrieves the names of the stocks (336 at the time)

```
def parse_stock_names(self, response):
    response_string = response.body.decode("utf-8")
    extractor = Extractor(response_string[response_string.index("<table"):
    response_string.index("</table>")])
    extractor.parse()
    names = [row[0] for row in extractor.return_list()]
    for name in names:
        time.sleep(1)
```

Crawling Stock Daily Information

The second part of the spider is a function that crawls http://www.fipiran.com/Symbol/HistoryPricePaging and passes rows number to get a specific amount of data in each crawl.

```
def make_stock_info_parser(self, stock_id, is_update, is_last):
    def parse(response):
        infos = json.loads(response.body)['data']
        for info in infos:
            info["stock_id"] = stock_id
            info_object = StocksDailyInfo(info)
            db_handler.add_info_for_stock(stock_id, info_object)
        if is_last:
            if is_update:
                print("WAITING...")
                time.sleep(3600 * 24 * 1)
                print("STARTED UPDATE")
                yield scrapy.Request(url=self.first_page_url,
callback=self.parse_stock_names,dont_filter=True)
        return parse
```

Database

The databasehandler.py script handles all database transactions using sqlAlchemy library and ORM:

```
def init database(self):
    session class = sessionmaker(bind=engine)
```