

## STAGE-1 SCRAPER — ONE PAGE CANONICAL TEMPLATE

**Purpose:** Static website → clean structured data → JSON **Survives failures. No silent bugs. No RAM stupidity.**

### SYSTEM CONTRACT (READ THIS FIRST)

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INPUT    : URL
OUTPUT   : list[dict] → JSON
FAILURE  : handled, logged, never crashes silently
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### FILE: `scraper.py`

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import requests
import json
import time
import logging
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
from urllib.parse import urljoin
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Optional

# ----- LOGGING (NON-NEGOTIABLE) -----
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logging.basicConfig(
    level=logging.INFO,
    format="%(asctime)s | %(levelname)s | %(message)s"
)
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)

# ----- SCRAPER SYSTEM -----
class Stage1Scraper:
    """
    Stage-1 Static Website Scraper
    Sync • Production-Safe • Reusable
    """

    # ----- INIT = STATE ONLY -----
    def __init__(self, base_url: str):
        self.base_url = base_url
        self.headers = {
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        "User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0",
        "Accept-Language": "en-US,en;q=0.9"
    }
    self.data: list[dict] = []

# ----- NETWORK LAYER -----
def fetch_html(self, url: str) -> Optional[str]:
    """
    Talks to internet.
    Returns HTML or None.
    Never crashes the system.
    """
    try:
        response = requests.get(url, headers=self.headers,
timeout=10)

        if response.status_code == 200:
            response.encoding = "utf-8"
            return response.text

        logger.warning(f"{response.status_code} while fetching
{url}")
        return None

    except requests.RequestException as e:
        logger.error(f"Network error: {e}")
        return None

# ----- PARSE LAYER -----
def parse_html(self, html: str) -> BeautifulSoup:
    """
    HTML string -> DOM tree
    No logic. No validation.
    """
    return BeautifulSoup(html, "lxml")

# ----- VALIDATION GATE -----
def is_valid_record(self, item: dict) -> bool:
    """
    Bad data never enters the system.
    """
    return all(item.values())

# ----- EXTRACTION PIPELINE -----
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def extract_records(self, soup: BeautifulSoup) -> None:
    """
    DOM -> structured records

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extract → validate → append
"""
records = soup.find_all("article") # CHANGE PER SITE

for record in records:
    # ---- SELECTORS (MEANING-BASED, NOT CLASS-BASED) ----
    title = record.find("h3")
    price = record.find("p", class_="price_color")
    availability = record.find("p", class_="instock")

    item = {
        "title": title.get_text(strip=True) if title else
None,
        "price": price.get_text(strip=True) if price else
None,
        "availability": availability.get_text(strip=True)
if availability else None,
    }

    if not self.is_valid_record(item):
        continue

    self.data.append(item)

# ----- PAGINATION CONTROLLER -----
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def extract_all_pages(self) -> None:
    """
    Controls flow.
    Stops safely when pagination breaks.
    """
    current_url = self.base_url

    while True:
        html = self.fetch_html(current_url)
        if html is None:
            logger.info("Stopping: no HTML received")
            break

        soup = self.parse_html(html)
        self.extract_records(soup)

        logger.info(f"Scraped: {current_url}")
        time.sleep(1) # Respect server

        next_btn = soup.find("li", class_="next")
        if not next_btn:
            break

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        next_link = next_btn.find("a")["href"]
        current_url = urljoin(current_url, next_link)

# ----- SAVE OUTPUT -----
def save_to_json(self, filename: str = "data.json") -> None:
    path = Path(__file__).parent / filename
    with open(path, "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
        json.dump(self.data, f, indent=4, ensure_ascii=False)

# ----- ENTRY POINT -----
if __name__ == "__main__":
    BASE_URL = "https://example.com"

    scraper = Stage1Scraper(BASE_URL)
    scraper.extract_all_pages()
    scraper.save_to_json()

    logger.info(f"Total records scraped: {len(scraper.data)}")
```

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## HOW YOU USE THIS (IMPORTANT)

Every new static website:

You **ONLY** change:

1. `BASE_URL`
2. Selector logic inside `extract_records()`

You **NEVER** touch:

- fetch logic
- pagination loop structure
- validation gate
- logging
- save logic

That's how systems stay stable.

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## DEBUG FLOW (WHEN STUCK)

Read this **top to bottom**, no skipping:

1. Is `fetch_html` returning HTML?
2. Is soup being created?
3. Are records found?
4. Are selectors returning None?
5. Is validation skipping everything?
6. Are logs telling the truth?

No guessing. No panic. Just trace.

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## 🏁 FINAL MENTAL MODEL (LOCK THIS)

**Scraping is not extraction. Scraping is controlled failure handling.**

This template:

- keeps you calm
  - keeps code readable
  - scales to async later
  - makes you a **builder**, not a copier 🚀
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