Learn Log - Exeter MicroApp Coding Challenge: Pavitra Mohandas - SVCE

Day-1: (Friday, 30th Oct 2020)

- 1. Looked into the basics of web scrapping. Read through various articles in Medium.
- 2. Once understanding the basics, I was able to understand the requirements better and was initially looking through how urls are extracted from a given website.
- 3. I came across various packages like LinkGrabber, Urllib and BeautifulSoup for performing the operation.
- 4. Having looked into LinkGrabber, I was able to see that along with link other attributes such as Class, id, text, seo were returned.

Output:

- 5. Later, I looked into what internal and external links are in a website. I understood the concept and it was easy to correlate
- 6. Urllib's specific packages such as urlparse, urljoin for finding internal, external links.
- 7. I proceeded to code and I had to was able to arrive at the output that I desired
- 8. Being a visual learner, I was automatically drawn to Colorama package in python which will help us distinguish between internal and external links with various colors.
- 9. I decided to fix Green Color for Internal Link and Blue Color for External Link.
- 10. I tested it with two different websites,
 - 1. https://www.exeterpremedia.com/services/
 - 2. https://pythonspot.com/machine-learning/

Output:

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Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/blog/
Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/about-us/
Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/events/
Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/news/
Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/contact-us/
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Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/exeter-privacy-policy/
Internal link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com/terms-and-conditions/
External link: tel://+91-44-23452922
External link: tel://+44-20-3287-2783
External link: tel://+1-646-736-7767
External link: mailto://sales@exeterpremedia.com
External link: https://twitter.com/Exeter_Premedia
External link: https://www.linkedin.com/company/exeter-premedia-services
External link: https://www.facebook.com/exeterpremediaservices
External link: https://www.instagram.com/exeterpremedia/
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Work completed Today:

- 1. Getting all the links for a specific website.
- 2. Checking if a given URL is valid.
- 3. Classifying links in a given website as Internal or External.

Day-2:(Saturday, 31st October 2020)

- 1. Looked on how to identify titles from a given link. Was able to get title of the given URL only.
- 2. Took a very long time to check how the titles can be obtained for Top Level Pages.

Output:

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Title: Exeter - Privacy Policy - Exeter
Title: Exeter - All about authors and publishers
Title: Client - Exeter
Title: Exeter - Contact Us
Title: Exeter - Events
Title: Exeter - Services
Title: Exeter - News
Title: Exeter - Blog
Title: Exeter - Happy Authors and Delighted Publishers
Title: Terms and Conditions - Exeter
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- 3. Looked up online if any package was available to get homepage if a link is given as an input. Was unable to find any.
- 4. Derived the logic for printing the home page of a link if any other URL rather than home page is given.

Output:

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Home Page Link: https://www.exeterpremedia.com
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5. Understood what a meta tag is. Was able to write code for getting {key, value} pairs of meta name and content.

6. The number of internal links, external links, and total was calculated at the end of the day.

Output:

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Total External links: 10
Total Internal links: 11
Total links: 21
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- 7. Looked into how to obtain image urls from a given website. Discovered the package extraction.
- 8. Understood the logic of website size by looking through various websites. Found the size of an entire website.

Word Completed Today:

- 1. Page titles of all the top level pages obtained
- 2. Homepage given any link was derived
- 3. Meta Name and Meta Content values obtained
- 4. Total number of internal, external links obtained
- 5. Image URL from websites obtained
- 6. Website size obtained

Day-3:(Sunday, 1st November 2020)

- 1. Looked online to check for any packages to obtain entire website data. Came to know BeautifulSoup had a function called stripped_strings. Was able to get data in the form of list. Converted it into string.
- 2. Understood what stop words are and passed the string to stopwords to remove stop words present in the website
- 3. Classified unigram and bigram from the non-stop words data.
- 4. Found the 20 top frequencies for unigram and bigram. Arranged them in descending order.

- 5. Exported values such as Home Page Link, External Link, Internal Link, Title, Total External links, Total Internal links, Website Size, Data from website, Parsed Text to text file.
- 6. Exported values such as Meta_Name, Meta_Content, Unigram, Bigraam, Top 20 Unigram and Bigram, Image Url

Output:

CSV File:

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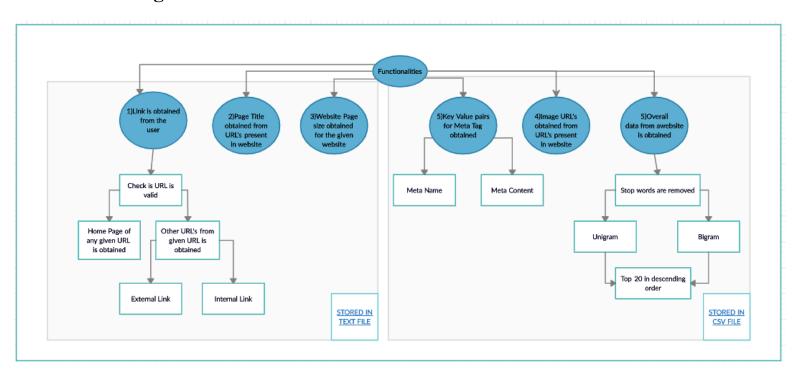
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Major Problems I encountered:

- 1. Setting up virtual environment was a pretty hard task. It took sometime to setup the Virtual environment for python.
- 2. Every data stored into variables was of different shape. Hence I initially faced a lot of errors while writing data to the CSV file. Was able to resolve the problem when I used ignore text in pandas.
- 3. A variable called 'bi' in my code was a generator. So while passing the data to the CSV file, I was facing errors. Resolved it by converting the generator to a list.
- 4. Accessing title from all the url's present in a website was a very tedious process.

Block Diagram:



In the above block diagram, I have explained all the functionalities which is available in the program that I have developed. The output file is stored in two formats based on the functionality.

Decisions Taken:

- 1. Initially used linkGrabber package for extracting links. But I was unable to perform operation for finding internal and external link. So I had to scrape it and then use Urllib library for performing the task of extracting all the urls.
- 2. Decided to have two different files to induce more readability to the code. Establishing certain data in the form of tables made it easy to understand.
- 3. Made sure to have a function for checking validity of URL since there are high chances for user to enter a value which might not be a valid URL.

Learning:

- 1. Understood the concepts related to web scrapping.
- 2. Learnt the packages involved in web scrapping.
- 3. Realized how python plays a very important role in development. It makes things really easy and the packages help save a lot of memory.
- 4. Various tags involved in web development.

Summary:

Personally, I was very happy that I got an opportunity to be a part of the MicroApp Challenge since, I was able to effectively use 52 hours in the last 2.5 days for solving a problem. I became very curious while performing the task and got very involved into researching stuff related to Web Scrapping. I got very excited when I was getting desired outputs for the given modules. Having attended 24 hour hackathones in the past, this challenge gave me the confidence that I will be able to attend 60 hour hackathons in future. After a very long time, my boredom came to an end and I was very delighted that I was able to finish the task which was given to me.