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# Introduction

## 1 Part 1 - webscraping

### 1.1 Question 1

We want to retrieve data for the players and the teams. The starting URL to do this are http://www.basketball-reference.com/players/ and http://www.basketball-reference.com/teams/ respectively.

### 1.2 Question 2

#### 1.2.1 Question 2.a

The regular expression we use to identify the links is [^p] >< a href="(/players/./.+)".

- 1.2.2 Question 2.b
- 1.2.3 Question 2.c
- 1.3 Question 3
- 1.3.1 Question 3.a
- 1.3.2 Question 3.b

The method used to scrap the basic statistics and salaries data, is as follows:

- **Scraping phase** by analyzing the structure of the tables (HTML tags) into .csv files
- Adding an unique **Player ID** at each table constructed as follows: /playes/b/bryanko01.html becomes bbryanko01. Each player then can be accessed with its unique key
- Cleaning phase where some column's formats are modified so that they can be loaded and manipulated in the SQLite database

Among all statistics of the basketball players, scraping some tables are sufficient to do the analysis requested in Part 2 (see ?? he tables selected as player's statistics are below :

- Totals
- Per Game

These tables deals with statistics by season (Totals) and by game (Per Game) which is enough to conduct the requested analysis. However, since tables are not exactly identical (HTML tags), scraping them wasn't as easy as expected. Numerous specialties have had to be taken in consideration.

As an example, here is referenced a special case encountered in Totals and Per Game tables when the player qualified to All-Star games. Next to the Season value, a star appears. Below the HTML code corresponding to the Totals table of Kobe Bryant.

( )Scraping these web pages had been tricky in which the code should catch all these specialties. For further information about the code providing the player's statistics scraper, see the player<sub>s</sub> $tatistics_BS.pyfile$ .

The output tables could be find in Data/Part2/3b folder.

### 1.3.3 Question 3.c

( )Scraping the player's salaries tables require to scrap two main tables :

- Salaries (previous salaries)
- Contract (current and futures contracts if any)

Thus, the method is to merge these two tables. Here again, some specialties on tables structure render the scraping tricky. Indeed, Contract table doesn't have a thead, tbody and tfoot tag. So its scraping is done differently. Furthermore, salary's format is \$15,000,000 for instance. Unchanged, salary cannot be loaded to the SQLite database. Dollar symbol and commas have been removed so that the new salary's format is 15000000 (Cleaning phase).

- 1.3.4 Question 3.d
- 1.4 Question 4
- 1.4.1 Question 4.a
- 1.4.2 Question 4.b
- 1.5 Question 5

## 2 Part 2

## 2.1 Question 1

Below is the database structure of the differents tables. In total, there are 7 tables. The principal key for tables in figure 1, 2, 3 and 4 is playerid. For others tables, figure 5, 6 and 7, the principal key is teamid.

playerid	varchar(12)	'playerid' varchar(12) NOT NULL
name	varchar(56)	'name' varchar(56) NOT NULL
position1	varchar(2)	`position1` varchar(2)
position2	varchar(2)	'position2' varchar(2)
position3	varchar(2)	'position3' varchar(2)
shoots	char(1)	`shoots` char(1)
height	integer	`height` integer
weight	integer	`weight` integer
odob	date	'dob' date
city	varchar(56)	`city` varchar(56)
state	varchar(56)	`state` varchar(56)
experience	integer	`experience` integer
dod	date	'dod' date

 ${\tt Figure~1-Profile~table~schema.}~Source~:~SQLite~Browser$ 

playerid	varchar(12)	`playerid` varchar(12) NOT NULI
season	integer	`season` integer
age	integer	`age` integer
team	char(3)	`team` char(3)
league	char(3)	`league` char(3)
position	varchar(6)	'position' varchar(6)
g	integer	`g` integer
gs	integer	`gs` integer
mp	integer	`mp` integer
fg	integer	`fg` integer
fga	integer	`fga` integer
fg_percent	double	`fg_percent` double
three_point	integer	`three_point` integer
three_point_a	integer	`three_point_a` integer
three_point_percent	double	`three_point_percent` double
two_point	integer	`two_point` integer
two_point_a	integer	`two_point_a` integer
two_point_percent	double	`two_point_percent` double
efg_percent	double	`efg_percent` double
ft	integer	`ft` integer
fta	integer	`fta` integer
ft_percent	double	`ft_percent` double
orb	integer	`orb` integer
drb	integer	`drb` integer
trb	integer	`trb` integer
ast	integer	`ast` integer
stl	integer	`stl` integer
blk	integer	`blk` integer
tov	integer	`tov` integer
pf	integer	`pf` integer
		`pts` integer

Figure 2 – Player's Totals table schema  $Source: SQLite\ Browser$ 

### 2.2 Question 2

Active players during 2011-2012 season According to the SQLite script question<sub>2</sub>.sqlinSQLdirectory, the 2012 season among the 4288 players into tal.

Distribution in each position  $\,$  ---- 20 C 91 C-PF 1 PF 90 PF-SF 1 PG 78 SF 86 SF-PF 1 SG 84

	1 (10)	
playerid	varchar(12)	`playerid` varchar(12) NOT NULI
season	integer	`season` integer
age	integer	`age` integer
team	char(3)	`team` char(3)
league	char(3)	`league` char(3)
position	varchar(6)	`position` varchar(6)
g	integer	`g` integer
gs	integer	`gs` integer
mp	double	`mp` double
g fg	double	`fg` double
ga fga	double	`fga` double
fg_percent	double	`fg_percent` double
three_point	integer	`three_point` integer
three_point_a	double	`three_point_a` double
three_point_percent	double	`three_point_percent` double
two_point	integer	`two_point` integer
two_point_a	double	`two_point_a` double
two_point_percent	double	`two_point_percent` double
ft	double	`ft` double
fta fta	double	`fta` double
ft_percent	double	`ft_percent` double
orb	double	`orb` double
drb	double	`drb` double
trb	double	`trb` double
ast	double	`ast` double
stl	double	`stl` double
blk	double	`blk` double
tov	double	`tov` double
pf	double	`pf` double
pts	double	`pts` double

FIGURE 3 – Player's Per Game table schema  $Source: SQLite\ Browser$ 

playerid	varchar(12)	'playerid' varchar(12) NOT NULL
season	integer	`season` integer
team team	varchar(24)	`team` varchar(24)
league	char(3)	`league` char(3)
salary	integer	`salary` integer

Figure 4 – Salary table schema  $Source: SQLite\ Browser$ 

playerID	TEXT	'playerID' TEXT
active	TEXT	`active` TEXT

Figure 5 – Active Players table schema  $Source:SQLite\ Browser$ 

teamid	varchar(12)	`teamid` varchar(12) NOT NULL
city	varchar(24)	`city` varchar(24)
state	varchar(24)	`state` varchar(24)
season	integer	`season` integer
first_season	integer	`first_season` integer
last_season	integer	`last_season` integer
wins wins	integer	`wins` integer
losses	integer	`losses` integer
winlose_percent	double	`winlose_percent` double
playoff_app	integer	`playoff_app` integer
championships	integer	`championships` integer

Figure 6 – Team Information table schema  $Source:SQLite\ Browser$ 

Average age avg age = 30.01

Average weight avg weight = 219.947

Average experience avg experience = 7.35

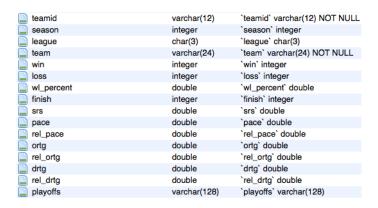


Figure 7 – Team Statistics table schema  $Source: SQLite\ Browser$ 

Average salary in the season avg salary = 4699756.0

Average salary in the career avg career sal = 36147056.02

- 2.3 Question 3
- 2.3.1 Question 3.a
- 2.3.2 Question 3.b
- 2.3.3 Question 3.c
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- 2.4 Question 4
- 2.4.1 Question 4.a
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- 2.4.3 Question 4.c
- 2.5 Question 5

# Conclusion