Web Data Collection with R JavaScript

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JavaScript



JavaScript

- has nothing to do with Java
- makes the internet slow despite broadband connections
- runs in your browser
- poses a hurdle to webscraping because often, the information you want is generated by JavaScript
- ▶ R (of cause) has no native way of evaluating JavaScript but browser engines have and we can use those

JavaScript

- ► Live Clicking
- ► Live Developer Tools

document.write("You did not see this coming right!?")