

Web scraping with requests and BeautifulSoup

Components of a web page

- HTML contain the main content of the page.
- CSS add styling to make the page look nicer.
- JS Javascript files add interactivity to web pages.
- Images image formats, such as <u>JPG</u> and <u>PNG</u> allow web pages to show pictures.

HTML

tags, properties, ...

Python

- **child** a child is a tag inside another tag
- parent a parent is the tag another tag is inside
- **sibiling** a sibiling is a tag that is nested inside the same parent as another tag

Requests library

- pip install requests
- https://realpython.com/python-requests/

```
>>> response = requests.get('https://weather.com/weather/today/l/48.15,17.11')

<Response [200]>
```

Requests library

Status codes

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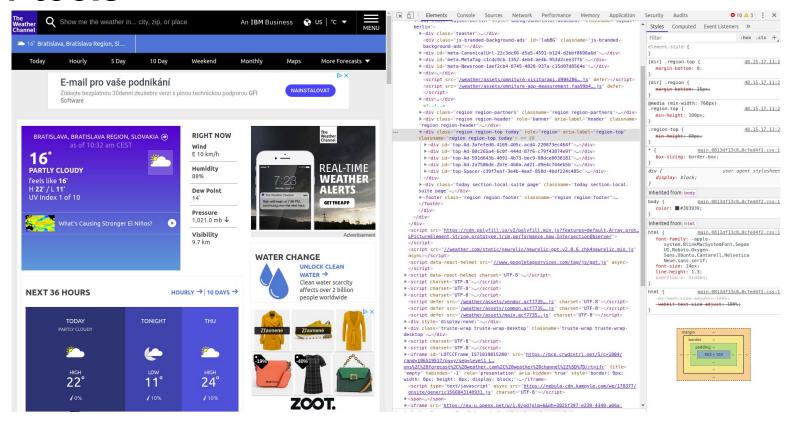
Request headers and query parameters

```
response = requests.get(
    'https://api.github.com/search/repositories',
    params={'q': 'requests+language:python'},
    headers={'Accept': 'application/vnd.github.v3.text-match+json'},
)
```

Other methods

```
>>> requests.post('https://httpbin.org/post', data={'key':'value'})
>>> requests.put('https://httpbin.org/put', data={'key':'value'})
>>> requests.delete('https://httpbin.org/delete')
>>> requests.head('https://httpbin.org/get')
>>> requests.patch('https://httpbin.org/patch', data={'key':'value'})
>>> requests.options('https://httpbin.org/get')
```

Dev tools



- pip install beautifulsoup4
- https://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/bs4/doc/

```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
soup = BeautifulSoup(response,
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print(soup.prettify())
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```
<html>
<head>
 <title>
  The Dormouse's story
 </title>
 </head>
 <body>
 <b>
   The Dormouse's story
  </b>
 Once upon a time there were three little sisters; and their names were
  <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/elsie" id="link1">
   Elsie
  </a>
  <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/lacie" id="link2">
   Lacie
  </a>
  and
  <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/tillie" id="link2">
   Tillie
  </a>
  ; and they lived at the bottom of a well.
 </body>
</html>
```

```
soup.title
# <title>The Dormouse's story</title>
soup.title.name
# 'title'
soup.title.string
# 'The Dormouse's story'
soup.title.parent.name
# 'head'
soup.p
# <b>The Dormouse's story</b>
soup.p['class']
# 'title'
soup.a
# <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/elsie" id="link1">Elsie</a>
soup.find all('a')
# [<a class="sister" href="http://example.com/elsie" id="link1">Elsie</a>,
# <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/lacie" id="link2">Lacie</a>,
# <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/tillie" id="link3">Tillie</a>]
soup.find(id="link3")
# <a class="sister" href="http://example.com/tillie" id="link3">Tillie</a>
list(soup.p.children)
# [<b>The Dormouse's story</b>]
```

```
soup.find_all(name, attrs)
soup.find_all("a", class_="sister")
soup.find_all("a", attrs={"class": "sister"})
soup.find(id="link2")
```

CSS selectors

- pa finds all a tags inside of a p tag
- body p > a finds all a tags directly inside of a p tag inside of a body tag
- p.outer-text finds all p tags with a class of outer-text
- **p#first** finds all p tags with an id of first
- body p.outer-text finds any p tags with a class of outer-text inside of a body tag

```
soup.select("div p")
```

extract text from the element

```
soup.select("div p")[0].get_text()
```

Send an email

https://www.afternerd.com/blog/how-to-send-an-email-using-python-and-smtplib/