

Web Scraping using Selenium - Website Login

Objectives:

- How to use Selenium to login a website

We will use following website to demonstrate

- <https://newsapi.org/login> (<https://newsapi.org/login>)

Install Python library selenium and webdriver_manager using pip .

```
In [1]: ▶ 1 !pip install selenium
        2 !pip install webdriver_manager
```

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Requirement already satisfied: selenium in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\envs\py
dot36\lib\site-packages (3.141.0)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3 in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\envs\pyd
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Requirement already satisfied: webdriver_manager in c:\users\isszq\anaconda
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Requirement already satisfied: requests in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\envs\py
dot36\lib\site-packages (from webdriver_manager) (2.24.0)
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Requirement already satisfied: configparser in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\env
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Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in c:\users\isszq\anacond
a3\envs\pydot36\lib\site-packages (from requests->webdriver_manager) (2020.
6.20)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3!=1.25.0,!>=1.25.1,<1.26,>=1.21.1 in
c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\envs\pydot36\lib\site-packages (from requests->web
driver_manager) (1.25.9)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\env
s\pydot36\lib\site-packages (from requests->webdriver_manager) (2.10)
Requirement already satisfied: chardet<4,>=3.0.2 in c:\users\isszq\anaconda
3\envs\pydot36\lib\site-packages (from requests->webdriver_manager) (3.0.4)
Requirement already satisfied: colorama in c:\users\isszq\anaconda3\envs\py
dot36\lib\site-packages (from crayons->webdriver_manager) (0.4.3)
```

Import libraries

```
In [2]: 1 from selenium import webdriver
2 from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
3 from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
4 from selenium.webdriver.support import expected_conditions as EC
5 from selenium.webdriver.support.wait import WebDriverWait
6
7 from webdriver_manager.chrome import ChromeDriverManager
```

1. Interaction with UI

Selenium not only help you to load web pages. It also able to interact with websites to simulate user actions, e.g. login to a website.

We will demonstrate how to login <https://newsapi.org> using Selenium.

Open Website

```
In [31]: 1 from selenium import webdriver
2 from webdriver_manager.chrome import ChromeDriverManager
3
4 browser = webdriver.Chrome(ChromeDriverManager().install())
5
6 url = 'https://newsapi.org/login'
7 browser.get(url)
```

[WDM] - Current google-chrome version is 83.0.4103
[WDM] - Get LATEST driver version for 83.0.4103
[WDM] - Driver [C:\Users\isszq\wdm\drivers\chromedriver\win32\83.0.4103.39\chromedriver.exe] found in cache

Identify Elements and Interact with Them

Find elements in the browser and create reference to them.

Inspect the text inputs for email and password. They are identified by `id` .

```
In [32]: 1 input_email = browser.find_element_by_id('Email')
2 input_password = browser.find_element_by_id('Password')
3 input_email
4 input_password
```

Out[32]: <selenium.webdriver.remote.webelement.WebElement (session="033065d6b5cacc881599d8cec0dcb8df", element="a8b9bb7b-cf1e-473e-98ae-1f5dbef4dbe8")>

Inspect the Login button. It contains a span with text `Login` .

```
In [33]: 1 button_login = browser.find_element_by_xpath('//button/span[contains(text, "Login")])
2 # button_login = browser.find_element_by_xpath('//button[@class="btn btn-primary"]')
3 button_login.text
```

Out[33]: 'Login'

Enter text into inputs using `send_keys()` function.

```
In [34]: 1 input_email.send_keys('mark.qj@gmail.com')
2 input_password.send_keys('abcd1234')
```

Simulate a click event on the button using `click()` function.

```
In [35]: 1 button_login.click()
```

Verification

How to verify whether login is successful?

- Identify an element on the web page after successful login.
- Check whether that element exists or not.

```
In [36]: 1 try:
2         button_logout = browser.find_element_by_xpath('//button/span[contains(text, "Logout")])
3         print('Login successful')
4     except:
5         print('Login failed')
```

Login successful

Clean Up

Always close the browser after the task is completed.

```
In [37]: 1 browser.close()
```