

Assignment - API and Web Scraping

1. Fetch API Data

Crypto Compare provides API on exchange rate. <https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/documentation> (<https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/documentation>)

You are to fetch exchange rates from SGD to JPY,USD,MYR,EUR using above API.

1. Make api call from python & fetch the response in a python dict.
2. Parse returned data from the API Response. For example,

```
{
  "JPY": 107.93,
  "INR": 84.82
}
```

3. Format the parsed information/data and save it into a csv file `fx_api.csv` with following format.

from_symbol	to_symbol	price	datetime
USD	INR	71	...
USD	SGD	1.37	...

Hint: Use python `time` or `datetime` module to get the current time.

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In [8]: 1 # https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/data/price?fsym=SGD&tsyms=JPY,USD,MYR
2 import requests
3
4 fsym = 'SGD'
5 tsyms = 'JPY,USD,MYR,EUR'
6 URL = f'https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/data/price?fsym={fsym}&tsyms={tsyms}'
7
8 response = requests.get(URL)
9
10 print(response.status_code)
11 rates = response.json()
12 print(rates)
```

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```
{'JPY': 78.2, 'USD': 0.7465, 'MYR': 3.141, 'EUR': 0.6325}
```

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In [14]: 1 # for k,v in data.items():
          2 #     print(k, v)
          3
          4 import csv
          5 from datetime import datetime
          6
          7 now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
          8
          9 data = [ [fsym, k, v, now] for k,v in rates.items() ]
         10 header = ['from_symbol', 'to_symbol', 'price', 'datetime']
         11
         12 with open('fx_api.csv', 'w', newline='') as f:
         13     writer = csv.writer(f)
         14     writer.writerow(header)
         15     writer.writerows(data)
         16

```

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In [15]: 1 !notepad fx_api.csv

```

2. Scrape static websites

Exchange Rates website <https://www.exchange-rates.org/converter> (<https://www.exchange-rates.org/converter>) provides a tool to calculate foreign currencies.

For example, to convert 1 USD to EUR, use URL <https://www.exchange-rates.org/converter/USD/EUR/1> (<https://www.exchange-rates.org/converter/USD/EUR/1>).

From the website, extract exchange rate data for following currency pairs. Save them into `fx_scrap.csv`.

from_symbol	to_symbol	price	datetime
SGD	EUR
SGD	HKD
SGD	USD
SGD	MYR

Noted: Use `bs4` library to parse the HTML

1. Look at the URL path parameter and decide how to pass inputs into URL.
2. Use `bs4` library to parse the html as show below.
3. You need to make mutiple requests.

```

In [11]: ▶ 1 import requests
2 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
3 from datetime import datetime
4 import csv
5
6 from_symbol = 'SGD'
7 to_symbols = ['EUR', 'HKD', 'USD', 'MYR']
8
9 now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
10
11 result = []
12 header = ['from_symbol', 'to_symbol', 'price', 'datetime']
13
14 for i in range(len(to_symbols)):
15     URL = f'https://www.exchange-rates.org/converter/{from_symbol}/{to_s
16
17     response = requests.get(URL)
18     html = response.text
19
20     soup = BeautifulSoup(html)
21
22     tag = soup.find('span', {'id': 'ctl00_M_lblToAmount'})
23     row = [from_symbol, to_symbols[i], float(tag.text), now]
24     print(row)
25     result.append(row)
26
27 print(result)
28
29 with open('fx_scrap.csv', 'w', newline='') as f:
30     writer = csv.writer(f)
31     writer.writerow(header)
32     writer.writerows(result)

```

```

['SGD', 'EUR', 0.62195, '2020-09-18 08:52:22']
['SGD', 'HKD', 5.7125, '2020-09-18 08:52:22']
['SGD', 'USD', 0.73709, '2020-09-18 08:52:22']
['SGD', 'MYR', 3.0369, '2020-09-18 08:52:22']
[['SGD', 'EUR', 0.62195, '2020-09-18 08:52:22'], ['SGD', 'HKD', 5.7125, '20
20-09-18 08:52:22'], ['SGD', 'USD', 0.73709, '2020-09-18 08:52:22'], ['SG
D', 'MYR', 3.0369, '2020-09-18 08:52:22']]

```

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In [12]: ▶ 1 !notepad fx_scrap.csv

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