

Web Scraping and Data Extraction Report

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Environment: Ubuntu Linux

Language: Python 3

This report documents the complete workflow of a web scraping project, including environment setup, script execution, data extraction, and validation. Screenshots are included to demonstrate successful execution.

1. Project Directory Setup

This screenshot shows the creation of the project directory and subfolders using Linux terminal commands. It confirms proper navigation, folder creation, and file initialization following best practices.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ cd Desktop
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ls
ubuntu-desktop-bootstrap_ubuntu-desktop-bootstrap.desktop
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ mkdir Rafayel_3487192016
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ls
Rafayel_3487192016
ubuntu-desktop-bootstrap_ubuntu-desktop-bootstrap.desktop
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ cd Rafayel_3487192016/
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016$ mkdir data
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016$ mkdir scripts
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016$ cd scripts/
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ touch task_1.py
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ ls
task_1.py
```

2. Python Script Creation and Execution

This screenshot demonstrates editing and running a Python script (task_1.py). The successful output confirms that the Python environment is correctly configured.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ nano task_1.py
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ python3 task_1.py
Please enter your nameRafayel
Hello, Rafayel!
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$
```

3. Web Scraper Execution and HTML Storage

This screenshot shows the execution of the web scraper script. A successful HTTP request is made and raw HTML data is saved locally for further processing.



4. HTML Content Verification

This screenshot verifies that the downloaded HTML file contains valid webpage content. The presence of metadata and page structure confirms successful data retrieval.

```
(.venv) ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ pip install requests
Collecting requests
  Downloading requests-2.32.5-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (4.9 kB)
Collecting charset_normalizer<4,>=2 (from requests)
  Downloading charset_normalizer-3.4.4-cp313-cp313-manylinux2014_aarch64.manylinux_2_17_aarch64.manylinux_2_28_aarch64.whl.metadata (37 kB)
Collecting idna<4,>=2.5 (from requests)
  Downloading idna-3.11-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (8.4 kB)
Collecting urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 (from requests)
  Downloading urllib3-2.6.3-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (6.9 kB)
Collecting certifi>=2017.4.17 (from requests)
  Downloading certifi-2026.1.4-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (2.5 kB)
Downloading requests-2.32.5-py3-none-any.whl (64 kB)
Downloading charset_normalizer-3.4.4-cp313-cp313-manylinux2014_aarch64.manylinux_2_17_aarch64.manylinux_2_28_aarch64.whl (147 kB)
Downloading idna-3.11-py3-none-any.whl (71 kB)
Downloading urllib3-2.6.3-py3-none-any.whl (131 kB)
Downloading certifi-2026.1.4-py3-none-any.whl (152 kB)
Installing collected packages: urllib3, idna, charset_normalizer, certifi, requests
Successfully installed certifi-2026.1.4 charset_normalizer-3.4.4 idna-3.11 requests-2.32.5 urllib3-2.6.3
(.venv) ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ pip install beautifulsoup4
Collecting beautifulsoup4
  Downloading beautifulsoup4-4.14.3-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (3.8 kB)
Collecting soupsieve>=1.6.1 (from beautifulsoup4)
  Downloading soupsieve-2.8.1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (4.6 kB)
Collecting typing_extensions>=4.0.0 (from beautifulsoup4)
  Downloading typing_extensions-4.15.0-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (3.3 kB)
Downloading beautifulsoup4-4.14.3-py3-none-any.whl (107 kB)
Downloading soupsieve-2.8.1-py3-none-any.whl (36 kB)
Downloading typing_extensions-4.15.0-py3-none-any.whl (44 kB)
Installing collected packages: typing_extensions, soupsieve, beautifulsoup4
Successfully installed beautifulsoup4-4.14.3 soupsieve-2.8.1 typing_extensions-4.15.0
```

5. Data Extraction and CSV Generation

This screenshot shows the parsing process using BeautifulSoup and the creation of structured CSV files. Both market and news data are extracted successfully.

```
(.venv) ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ python3 web_scraper.py
Request successful
HTML saved to ../data/raw_data/web_data.html
(.venv) ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$ head -n 10 ../data/raw_data/web_data.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html itemscope="" itemtype="https://schema.org/WebPage" lang="en" prefix="og=https://ogp.m
e/ns#">
<head>
  <meta content="website" property="og:type"/>
  <meta content="International: Top News And Analysis" property="og:title"/>
  <meta content="CNBC International is the world leader for news on business, technology, C
hina, trade, oil prices, the Middle East and markets." property="og:description"/>
  <meta content="https://www.cnbc.com/world/" property="og:url"/>
  <meta content="CNBC" property="og:site_name"/>
  <meta content="max-image-preview:large" name="robots"/>
  <meta content="telephone=no" name="format-detection"/>
(.venv) ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Rafayel_3487192016/scripts$
```

6. News Data Validation

This screenshot displays the news_data.csv file loaded into pandas. It confirms accurate extraction of timestamps, headlines, and links.

```
print(f"Storing data into {filepath}...")
with open(filepath, "w", newline="", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    writer = csv.DictWriter(f, fieldnames=data[0].keys())
    writer.writeheader()
    writer.writerows(data)

print("CSV created successfully")

def main():
    html = read_html_file(HTML_PATH)
    soup = BeautifulSoup(html, "html.parser")

    market_data = extract_market_data(soup)
    news_data = extract_latest_news(soup)

    write_csv(MARKET_CSV_PATH, market_data)
    write_csv(NEWS_CSV_PATH, news_data)

    print("Data filtering and storage completed.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

... Reading raw HTML data...
Filtering market banner fields...
Extracted 5 market records
Filtering latest news fields...
Extracted 30 news records
Storing data into market_data.csv...
CSV created successfully
Storing data into news_data.csv...
CSV created successfully
Data filtering and storage completed.
```

7. Market Data Validation

This screenshot shows market_data.csv loaded into pandas. The table confirms correct extraction of market indices, values, and percentage changes.

```
market_df = pd.read_csv('news_data.csv')

print(market_df.to_markdown(index=False))
```

| LatestNews_timestamp | title | link |
|----------------------|---|---|
| 10 Min Ago | Who will be next to implement an Australia-style under-16s social media ban? | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/18/uk-australia-style-under-16s-social-media-ban/index.html |
| 12 Hours Ago | nan | /investingclub/ |
| 13 Hours Ago | Trump threatens to sue JPMorgan Chase for 'debanking' him | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/trump-jpmorgan-chase-debanking.html |
| 15 Hours Ago | Trump: NATO members to face tariffs up to 25% until a Greenland deal is struck | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/trump-greenland-tariffs-nato.html |
| 16 Hours Ago | Led by Texas, states race to prove they can put bitcoin on public balance sheet | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/texas-us-states-budgets-bitcoin-cry/index.html |
| 17 Hours Ago | Unshaken: Why Brazilian stocks have looked past the Venezuela attack | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/unshaken-why-brazilian-stocks-have-not-fallen/index.html |
| 17 Hours Ago | Bestselling author: How to create better habits without relying on discipline | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/james-clear-how-to-create-better-habits/index.html |
| 18 Hours Ago | Warren Buffett: To maximize your potential, ask yourself this question | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/warren-buffett-to-maximize-your-potential/index.html |
| 18 Hours Ago | nan | /pro/ |
| 18 Hours Ago | nan | /pro/ |
| 18 Hours Ago | Buffett on parenting, giving up horse betting and why he stopped talking politics | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/warren-buffett-on-parenting-horse-betting/index.html |
| 18 Hours Ago | Unexpected expenses take 10% of retirees' income, on average, research shows | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/retirees-emergency-savings.html |
| 19 Hours Ago | Disney dominated the 2025 box office. Here's how it could keep the crown in 2026 | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/disney-dominated-2025-box-office-here-is-how-it-could-keep-the-crown-in-2026/index.html |
| 22 Hours Ago | The founders of billion-dollar AI startups are getting younger – here's why | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/17/billion-dollar-ai-startup-founders-are-getting-younger-here-is-why/index.html |
| January 16, 2026 | Elon Musk's xAI faces tougher road building data centers after EPA rule update | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/16/musks-xai-faces-tougher-road-expanding-data-centers/index.html |
| January 16, 2026 | Here's why Jim Cramer thinks chip stocks can go higher | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/16/heres-why-jim-cramer-thinks-chip-stocks-can-go-higher/index.html |
| January 16, 2026 | Cramer's Lightning Round: Sell Super Micro Computer | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/16/cramers-lightning-round-sell-super-micro-computer/index.html |
| January 16, 2026 | Cramer's week ahead: Earnings from Netflix, Intel, Capital One, McCormick | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/16/cramers-week-ahead-earnings-from-netflix-intel-capital-one-mccormick/index.html |
| January 16, 2026 | Google files to appeal search monopoly case | https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/16/google-files-to-appeal-search-monopoly-case/index.html |
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Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates an end-to-end web scraping pipeline using Python. By capturing live web data, storing raw HTML, extracting structured information, and validating outputs, the project highlights practical data engineering and automation skills.