InClassPractice-HTTP

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1 In-Class Coding Lab: Understanding The Foundations of Web APIs

1.0.1 Overview

This lab covers the foundations of what is necessary to properly use consume HTTP web service API's with Python . Here's what we will cover.

- 1. Understading requests and responses
- 2. Proper error handling
- 3. Parameter handling
- 4. Refactoring as a function

```
[3]: # Run this to make sure you have the pre-requisites! !pip install -q requests
```

1.1 Part 1: Understanding Requests and responses

In this part we learn about the Python requests module. http://docs.python-requests.org/en/master/user/quickstart/

This module makes it easy to write code to send HTTP requests over the internet and handle the responses. It will be the cornerstone of our API consumption in this course. While there are other modules which accomplish the same thing, requests is the most straightforward and easiest to use.

We'll begin by importing the modules we will need. We do this here so we won't need to include these lines in the other code we write in this lab.

```
[4]: # start by importing the modules we will need import requests import json
```

1.1.1 The request

As you learned in class and your assigned readings, the HTTP protocol has **verbs** which consititue the type of request you will send to the remote resource, or **url**. Based on the url and request type,

you will get a **response**.

The following line of code makes a **get** request (that's the HTTP verb) to Google's Geocoding API service. This service attempts to convert the address (in this case Syracuse University) into a set of coordinates global coordinates (Latitude and Longitude), so that location can be plotted on a map.

1.1.2 The response

The get() method returns a Response object variable. I called it response in this example but it could be called anything.

The HTTP response consists of a *status code* and *body*. The status code lets you know if the request worked, while the body of the response contains the actual data.

```
[6]: response.ok # did the request work?
```

[6]: False

```
[7]: #loading the data manually from the url as the API call is failing using JSON_ strequests.
```

[8]: dict

```
[11]: #understanding data
python_data
```

```
[11]: {'place_id': 8965671,
     'licence': 'Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0.
    http://osm.org/copyright',
     'osm_type': 'way',
     'osm_id': 156759804,
```

```
'lat': '43.0382595',
'lon': '-76.13340485792995',
'class': 'building',
'type': 'university',
'place_rank': 30,
'importance': 6.7679102769466e-05,
'addresstype': 'building',
'name': 'Hinds Hall',
'display_name': 'Hinds Hall, 110, Einhorn Family Walk, University Hill, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, 13210, United States',
'boundingbox': ['43.0381063', '43.0384558', '-76.1338816', '-76.1330212']}
```

1.1.3 De-Serializing JSON Text into Python object variables

In the case of **web site url's** the response body is **HTML**. This should be rendered in a web browser. But we're dealing with Web Service API's so...

In the case of **web API url's** the response body could be in a variety of formats from **plain text**, to **XML** or **JSON**. In this course we will only focus on JSON format because as we've seen these translate easily into Python object variables.

Let's convert the response to a Python object variable.

```
[12]: geodata = response.json() # try to decode the response from JSON format geodata # this is now a Python object variable
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/models.py:971, in Respons.
 ⇔json(self, **kwargs)
    970 try:
            return complexjson.loads(self.text, **kwargs)
--> 971
    972 except JSONDecodeError as e:
            # Catch JSON-related errors and raise as requests.JSONDecodeError
            # This aliases json.JSONDecodeError and simplejson.JSONDecodeError
    974
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/json/__init__.py:346, in loads(s, cls,_
 →object_hook, parse_float, parse_int, parse_constant, object_pairs_hook, **kw)
    343 if (cls is None and object_hook is None and
                parse_int is None and parse_float is None and
    344
                parse_constant is None and object_pairs_hook is None and not kw :
    345
--> 346
            return _default_decoder.decode(s)
    347 if cls is None:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/json/decoder.py:337, in JSONDecoder.decode(self,
 ⇔s, w)
    333 """Return the Python representation of ``s`` (a ``str`` instance
    334 containing a JSON document).
```

```
336 """
      --> 337 obj, end = self_raw_decode(s, idx=_w(s, 0).end())
          338 end = _w(s, end).end()
      File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/json/decoder.py:355, in JSONDecoder.
        →raw decode(self, s, idx)
          354 except StopIteration as err:
                  raise JSONDecodeError("Expecting value", s, err.value) from None
          356 return obj, end
      JSONDecodeError: Expecting value: line 1 column 1 (char 0)
      During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:
      JSONDecodeError
                                               Traceback (most recent call last)
      Cell In[12], line 1
      ---> 1 geodata = response.json() # try to decode the response from JSON forma
            2 geodata
                                        # this is now a Python object variable
      File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/models.py:975, in Respons.
       ⇔json(self, **kwargs)
                  return complexjson.loads(self.text, **kwargs)
          972 except JSONDecodeError as e:
                  # Catch JSON-related errors and raise as requests.JSONDecodeError
                  # This aliases json.JSONDecodeError and simplejson.JSONDecodeError
          974
                  raise RequestsJSONDecodeError(e.msg, e.doc, e.pos)
      --> 975
      JSONDecodeError: Expecting value: line 1 column 1 (char 0)
[15]: #assigning the body of response of url directly as the request url is not,
       →working upon API call
      geodata='{"place_id":8965671,"licence":"Data ⊚ OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL
       ⇔0382595", "lon": "-76.13340485792995", "class": "building", "type":

¬"university", "place_rank":30, "importance":6.
       ⇔767910276946697e-05, "addresstype": "building", "name": "Hinds, "
       →Hall", "display_name": "Hinds Hall, 110, Einhorn Family Walk, University Hill, □
       ⇔City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, 13210, United
       →States", "boundingbox": ["43.0381063", "43.0384558", "-76.1338816", "-76.
       →1330212"]}'
     geodata=json.loads(geodata)
     geodata
[15]: {'place_id': 8965671,
       'licence': 'Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0.
     http://osm.org/copyright',
```

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```
'osm_type': 'way',
'osm_id': 156759804,
'lat': '43.0382595',
'lon': '-76.13340485792995',
'class': 'building',
'type': 'university',
'place_rank': 30,
'importance': 6.767910276946697e-05,
'addresstype': 'building',
'name': 'Hinds Hall',
'display_name': 'Hinds Hall, 110, Einhorn Family Walk, University Hill, City of
Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, 13210, United States',
'boundingbox': ['43.0381063', '43.0384558', '-76.1338816', '-76.1330212']}
```

With our Python object, we can now walk the list of dictionary to retrieve the latitude and longitude

```
[16]: lat = geodata['lat']
lon =geodata['lon']
print(lat, lon)
```

43.0382595 -76.13340485792995

In the code above we "walked" the Python list of dictionary to get to the location

- geodata is a list
- geodata[0] is the first item in that list, a dictionary
- geodata[0]['lat'] is a dictionary key which represents the latitude
- geodata[0]['lon'] is a dictionary key which represents the longitude

It should be noted that this process will vary for each API you call, so its important to get accustomed to performing this task. You'll be doing it quite often.

One final thing to address. What is the type of lat and lon?

```
[17]: type(lat), type(lon)
```

```
[17]: (str, str)
```

Bummer they are strings. we want them to be floats so we will need to parse the strings with the float() function:

```
[18]: lat = float(geodata['lat'])
lon = float(geodata['lon'])
print("Latitude: %f, Longitude: %f" % (lat, lon))
```

Latitude: 43.038260, Longitude: -76.133405

1.2 What did we just do?

At this stage, the process for calling a WebAPI in JSON format using Python is the same, regardless of the API.

- 1. Use requests.get(url) to make an HTTP GET request to the url.
- 2. Assuming the response.ok we can response.json() to de-serialize the JSON into a Python object.
- 3. We then extract the information we need using the typical Python list and dict methods.

1.2.1 1.1 You Code

This url calls the GovTrack API, and retrieves information regarding the current President of the United States.

https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role?current=true&role_type=president

- 1. Use requests.get() to retrieve the contents of the API at this url.
- 2. Use response.json() to de-serialize the the response JSON text to a Python object.
- 3. Find and print the "name of the current president by locating it within the Python object.

HINT: to figure that out, click on the URL and view the content in your broswer.

```
[19]: # TODO Write code here
url = 'https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role?current=true&role_type=president'
url = 'https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role?current=true&role_type=president'
response = requests.get(url)
govtrackdata = response.json()
#govtrackdata

name = govtrackdata['objects'][0]['person']['name']
print(name)
```

President Joseph Biden [D]

1.3 Part 2: Parameter Handling

In the example above we hard-coded current=true and role type=president into the request:

```
url = 'https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role?current=true&role_type=president'
```

Likewise in the open stret map example we hard coded in the Hinds Hall Syracuse University part:

url = 'https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?q=Hinds+Hall+Syracuse+University&format=json

A better way to write this code is to allow for the **input** of any location and supply that to the service. To make this work we need to send parameters into the request as a dictionary. **Parameters** end up being built into a **Query String** on the url which serve as the **inputs into** the API Request.

This way we can geolocate any address!

You'll notice that on the url, we are passing **key-value pairs** the key is q and the value is Hinds+Hall+Syracuse+University. The other key is format and the value is json. Hey, Python dictionaries are also key-value pairs so:

```
[20]: |url = 'https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search' # base URL without_
       ⇔paramters after the "?"
      search = 'Hinds Hall Syracuse University'
      options = { 'q' : search, 'format' : 'json'}
      response = requests.get(url, params = options) # This builds the url
      print(f"Requested URL: {response.url}") # print the built url
      #geodata = response.json()
      geodata='{"place_id":8965671,"licence":"Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL
       →1.0. http://osm.org/copyright", "osm_type": "way", "osm_id":156759804, "lat": "43.
       ⇔0382595","lon":"-76.13340485792995","class":"building","type":

¬"university", "place_rank":30, "importance":6.
       ⇔767910276946697e-05, "addresstype": "building", "name": "Hinds⊔
       →Hall", "display name": "Hinds Hall, 110, Einhorn Family Walk, University Hill, ⊔
       ⇔City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, 13210, United
       →States", "boundingbox": ["43.0381063", "43.0384558", "-76.1338816", "-76.
       →1330212"]}'
      geodata=json.loads(geodata)
      geodata
      coords = { 'lat' : float(geodata['lat']), 'lng' : float(geodata['lon']) }
      print("Search for:", search)
      print("Coordinates:", coords)
      print(f"{search} is located at ({coords['lat']},{coords['lng']})")
```

```
Requested URL: https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search?q=Hinds+Hall+Syracuse+University&format=json
Search for: Hinds Hall Syracuse University
Coordinates: {'lat': 43.0382595, 'lng': -76.13340485792995}
Hinds Hall Syracuse University is located at (43.0382595, -76.13340485792995)
```

1.3.1 Looking up any address

RECALL: For requests.get(url, params = options) the part that says params = options is called a named argument, which is Python's way of specifying an optional function argument.

With our parameter now outside the url, we can easily re-write this code to work for any location! Go ahead and execute the code and input Queens, NY. This will retrieve the coordinates (40.728224,-73.794852)

```
[21]: url = 'https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search' # base URL without with without without without without with
```

```
Enter a loacation to Geocode: Queens, NY

Search for: Queens, NY

Coordinates: {'lat': 43.0382595, 'lng': -76.13340485792995}

Queens, NY is located at (43.0382595, -76.13340485792995)
```

1.4 This is so useful, it should be a function!

One thing you'll come to realize quickly is that your API calls should be wrapped in functions. This promotes **readability** and **code re-use**. For example:

```
[22]: def get_coordinates(search):
          url = 'https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/search' # base URL without ∪
        ⇔paramters after the "?"
          options = { 'q' : search, 'format' : 'json'}
          response = requests.get(url, params = options)
          #geodata = response.json()
          geodata='{"place_id":8965671,"licence":"Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, ⊔
       →ODbL 1.0. http://osm.org/copyright", "osm_type": "way", "osm_id":
        4156759804, "lat": "43.0382595", "lon": "-76.13340485792995", "class":
       →"building","type":"university","place rank":30,"importance":6.
       ⇔767910276946697e-05, "addresstype": "building", "name": "Hinds⊔
       Hall", "display name": "Hinds Hall, 110, Einhorn Family Walk, University Hill,
       ⇔City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, 13210, United United County, New York, 13210, United County
       →States", "boundingbox": ["43.0381063", "43.0384558", "-76.1338816", "-76.
       →1330212"]}'
          geodata=json.loads(geodata)
```

```
coords = { 'lat' : float(geodata['lat']), 'lng' : float(geodata['lon']) }
    return coords

# main program here:
location = input("Enter a location: ")
coords = get_coordinates(location)
print(f"{search} is located at ({coords['lat']},{coords['lng']})")
```

```
Enter a location: Queens, NY Queens, NY is located at (43.0382595,-76.13340485792995)
```

1.4.1 1.2 You Code: Debug

Get this code working!

The GovTrack API, allows you to retrieve information about people in Government with 4 different role types: senator, representative, president, vicepresident for example, when you add the role_type=president to the request URL you get the US president, when you add role_type=senator you get back US senators.

This code should present a drop down of roles. Upon selected the API is called for that role and then for each object in that role we print the ['person']['name'] as before.

HINT: If you are getting errors, click on the response URL to see the API output.

```
[23]: import requests
      from ipywidgets import interact
      roles = ['senator', 'representative', 'president', 'vicepresident']
      @interact(role_type=roles)
      def main(role_type):
          url = 'https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role'
          params = { 'current' : 'true', 'role_type' : role_type } #role_type is_\( \sigma_1 \)
       stored in the variable roles given under the input
          response = requests.get(url, params=params)
          print(f"Requested URL: {response.url}")
          # Ensuring the response was successful
          if response.status_code == 200:
              data = response.json() #brackets were missing
              for item in data['objects']:
                  print(item['person']['name']) # we have access the name of the
       ⇔person, stored as a list
          else:
              print(f"Error: Received status code {response.status_code}")
```

```
[24]: url = 'https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role'
params = { 'current' : 'true', 'role_type' : "?" }
response = requests.get(url, params = params)
print(f"Requested URL: {response.url}")
data = response.json
data
```

Requested URL: https://www.govtrack.us/api/v2/role?current=true&role_type=%3F

[24]: <bound method Response.json of <Response [400]>>

1.5 Other request methods

Not every API we call uses the get() method. Some use post() because the amount of data you provide it too large to place on the url. The HTTP POST method sends input data within the body of the request. It does NOT appear on the URL.

An example of an API that uses this method is the **Text-Processing.com** sentiment analysis service. http://text-processing.com/docs/sentiment.html This service will detect the sentiment or mood of text. You give the service some text, and it tells you whether that text is positive, negative or neutral. The JSON response has a key called **label** which provides the sentiment.

Examples:

```
[25]:  # 'you suck' == 'negative'
      url = 'http://text-processing.com/api/sentiment/'
      payload = { 'text' : 'you suck'}
      response = requests.post(url, data = payload)
      sentiment = response.json()
      sentiment
[25]: {'probability': {'neg': 0.520097595188211,
        'neutral': 0.3886824782142297,
        'pos': 0.479902404811789},
       'label': 'neg'}
[26]: # 'I love cheese' == 'positive'
      url = 'http://text-processing.com/api/sentiment/'
      payload = { 'text' : 'I love cheese'}
      response = requests.post(url, data = payload)
      sentiment = response.json()
      sentiment
[26]: {'probability': {'neg': 0.3866732207796809,
        'neutral': 0.18366003088446245,
        'pos': 0.6133267792203191},
       'label': 'pos'}
```

In the examples provided we used the post() method instead of the get() method. the post()

method has a named argument data which takes a dictionary of data, in HTTP parlance this is referred to as the **payload**. The payload is a dictionary and for **text-processing.com** it required a key **text** which holds the text you would like to process for sentiment.

Here's an example of processing the sentiment of a Tweet:

TWEET: Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't voluntarily leaving the Apprentice, he was fired by his bad (pathetic) ratings, not by me. Sad end to a great show SENTIMENT neg

1.6 Applications

Sentiment analysis is a useful tool for getting a sense of the mood of text. Any text can be analyzed and common applications are analyzing social media, blog comments, product reviews, and open-ended sections of surveys.

1.6.1 1.3 You Code

Use the above example to write a program which will input any text and print the sentiment using this API!

```
[32]: #TODO write code here

@interact(text_input=text_input)
def main(text_input):
    url = 'http://text-processing.com/api/sentiment/'
    payload = { 'text' : text_input }
    response = requests.post(url, data = payload)

# Ensuring the response was successful
if response.status_code == 200:
    data = response.json()
    print("TWEET:", text_input)
    print("SENTIMENT", sentiment['label'])
else:
    print(f"Error: Received status code {response.status_code}")
```

interactive(children=(Text(value="Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't voluntarily⊔ ⇒leaving the Apprentice, he was fired...

1.7 Troubleshooting

When you write code that depends on other people's code from around the Internet, there's a lot that can go wrong. Therefore we perscribe the following advice:

```
Assume anything that CAN go wrong WILL go wrong
```

Let's put this to the test with the following example where we call an API to get the IP Address of the computer making the call.

1.7.1 First Things First: Know Your Errors!

Above all, the #1 thing you should understand are the errors you get from Python and what they mean.

Case in point: This first example, which produces a JSONDecodeError on line 3.

```
[33]: url = "http://myip.ist652.com"
response = requests.get(url)
data = response.json()
print(data)
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
gaierror
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:203, in_
 →HTTPConnection._new_conn(self)
    202 try:
--> 203
            sock = connection.create connection(
    204
                (self._dns_host, self.port),
    205
                self.timeout,
                source address=self.source address,
    206
    207
                socket options=self.socket options,
    208
    209 except socket.gaierror as e:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/util/connection.py:60, in_
 acreate_connection(address, timeout, source_address, socket_options)
            raise LocationParseError(f"'{host}', label empty or too long") from
     58
 →None
---> 60 for res in socket getaddrinfo(host, port, family, socket SOCK_STREAM):
            af, socktype, proto, canonname, sa = res
     61
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/socket.py:962, in getaddrinfo(host, port, family
 →type, proto, flags)
    961 addrlist = []
--> 962 for res in _socket getaddrinfo(host, port, family, type, proto, flags):
            af, socktype, proto, canonname, sa = res
    963
gaierror: [Errno -2] Name or service not known
```

```
The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:
NameResolutionError
                                                                                                                                                                                                         Traceback (most recent call last)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:790, in_
      →HTTPConnectionPool.urlopen(self, method, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, url, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, url, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, timeout, pool_timeout, timeout, 
      →body_pos, preload_content, decode_content, **response kw)
                    789 # Make the request on the HTTPConnection object
 --> 790 response = self._make_request(
                    791
                                                         conn,
                   792
                                                         method
                   793
                                                         url,
                   794
                                                          timeout=timeout obj,
                   795
                                                         body=body,
                   796
                                                         headers=headers.
                   797
                                                         chunked=chunked
                   798
                                                         retries=retries.
                   799
                                                         response_conn=response_conn,
                   800
                                                         preload_content=preload_content,
                    801
                                                          decode_content=decode_content,
                    802
                                                          **response kw,
                    803)
                    805 # Everything went great!
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:496, in_
      →HTTPConnectionPool._make_request(self, conn, method, url, body, headers, urretries, timeout, chunked, response_conn, preload_content, decode_content, url, body, headers, urretries, timeout, chunked, response_conn, preload_content, decode_content, url, body, headers, url, body, header
      ⇔enforce_content_length)
                    495 try:
 --> 496
                                                          conn.request(
                    497
                                                                            method,
                    498
                                                                             url,
                   499
                                                                             body=body,
                    500
                                                                            headers=headers,
                    501
                                                                             chunked=chunked,
                    502
                                                                             preload_content=preload_content,
                    503
                                                                             decode content=decode content,
                    504
                                                                             enforce_content_length=enforce_content_length,
                    505
                   507 # We are swallowing BrokenPipeError (errno.EPIPE) since the server is
                    508 # legitimately able to close the connection after sending a validu
      ⇔response.
                    509 # With this behaviour, the received response is still readable.
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:395, in_
      ⊶HTTPConnection.request(self, method, url, body, headers, chunked, url, b
      opreload content, decode content, enforce content length)
                    394
                                                         self.putheader(header, value)
 --> 395 self.endheaders()
```

```
397 # If we're given a body we start sending that in chunks.
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:1289, in HTTPConnection.
 →endheaders(self, message_body, encode_chunked)
            raise CannotSendHeader()
   1288
-> 1289 self._send_output(message_body, encode_chunked=encode_chunked)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:1048, in HTTPConnection.
 ⇔ send output(self, message body, encode chunked)
   1047 del self. buffer[:]
-> 1048 self.send(msg)
   1050 if message_body is not None:
   1051
   1052
            # create a consistent interface to message_body
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:986, in HTTPConnection.send(self,
 →data)
    985 if self.auto_open:
--> 986
            self.connect()
    987 else:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:243, in___
 →HTTPConnection.connect(self)
    242 def connect(self) -> None:
--> 243
           self.sock = self._new_conn()
            if self._tunnel_host:
    244
                # If we're tunneling it means we're connected to our proxy.
    245
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:210, in_
 →HTTPConnection._new_conn(self)
    209 except socket.gaierror as e:
            raise NameResolutionError(self.host, self, e) from e
    211 except SocketTimeout as e:
NameResolutionError: <urllib3.connection.HTTPConnection object at ...
 →0x7f5935bd8d50>: Failed to resolve 'myip.ist652.com' ([Errno -2] Name or
 ⇔service not known)
The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
MaxRetryError
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/adapters.py:486, in ⊔
 HTTPAdapter.send(self, request, stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)
    485 try:
--> 486
            resp = conn.urlopen(
    487
                method=request.method,
                url=url,
    488
                body=request.body,
    489
```

```
490
                                  headers=request.headers,
         491
                                  redirect=False,
         492
                                  assert_same_host=False,
         493
                                  preload content=False,
         494
                                  decode content=False,
         495
                                  retries=self.max retries,
         496
                                  timeout=timeout,
         497
                                   chunked=chunked,
         498
         500 except (ProtocolError, OSError) as err:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:844, in_
  →HTTPConnectionPool.urlopen(self, method, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, url, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, url, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, url, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, url, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, url, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, url, body, headers, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, timeout, release_conn, timeout, release_timeout, release_conn, timeout, release_timeout, rel
   →body pos, preload content, decode content, **response kw)
                          new_e = ProtocolError("Connection aborted.", new_e)
--> 844 retries = retries.increment(
                          method, url, error=new_e, _pool=self, _stacktrace=sys.exc_info()[2]
         845
         846
         847 retries.sleep()
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/util/retry.py:515, in Retr.
   wincrement(self, method, url, response, error, _pool, _stacktrace)
         514
                          reason = error or ResponseError(cause)
--> 515
                          raise MaxRetryError(pool, url, reason) from reason # type:
   →ignore[arg-type]
         517 log.debug("Incremented Retry for (url='%s'): %r", url, new_retry)
MaxRetryError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='myip.ist652.com', port=80): Max retries
   →exceeded with url: / (Caused by NameResolutionError("<urllib3.connection.
   HTTPConnection object at 0x7f5935bd8d50>: Failed to resolve 'myip.ist652.com'
   →([Errno -2] Name or service not known)"))
During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:
ConnectionError
                                                                                           Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[33], line 2
             1 url = "http://myip.ist652.com"
----> 2 response = requests.get(url)
             3 data = response.json()
             4 print(data)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/api.py:73, in get(url, u
   →params, **kwargs)
           62 def get(url, params=None, **kwargs):
           63
                          r"""Sends a GET request.
           64
                          :param url: URL for the new :class: `Request` object.
           65
       (...)
```

```
70
                                     :rtype: requests.Response
               71
---> 73
                                     return request("get", url, params=params, **kwargs)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/api.py:59, in in in the conda in the conda
    →request(method, url, **kwargs)
               55 # By using the 'with' statement we are sure the session is closed, thus
   ⊶we
               56 # avoid leaving sockets open which can trigger a ResourceWarning in som
               57 # cases, and look like a memory leak in others.
               58 with sessions. Session() as session:
---> 59
                                     return session.request(method=method, url=url, **kwargs)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/sessions.py:589, in in the conda of the co
    →Session.request(self, method, url, params, data, headers, cookies, files, u
    →auth, timeout, allow_redirects, proxies, hooks, stream, verify, cert, json)
             584 send_kwargs = {
            585
                                     "timeout": timeout,
            586
                                      "allow redirects": allow redirects,
            587 }
            588 send_kwargs.update(settings)
--> 589 resp = self.send(prep, **send_kwargs)
             591 return resp
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/sessions.py:703, in_
    →Session.send(self, request, **kwargs)
            700 start = preferred_clock()
            702 # Send the request
--> 703 r = adapter.send(request, **kwargs)
            705 # Total elapsed time of the request (approximately)
            706 elapsed = preferred clock() - start
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/adapters.py:519, in_
    HTTPAdapter.send(self, request, stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)
                                     if isinstance(e.reason, SSLError):
                                                 # This branch is for urllib3 v1.22 and later.
            516
                                                 raise SSLError(e, request=request)
            517
--> 519
                                     raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
             521 except ClosedPoolError as e:
                                     raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
ConnectionError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='myip.ist652.com', port=80): Maxu
    oretries exceeded with url: / (Caused by NameResolutionError("<urllib3.
    -connection.HTTPConnection object at 0x7f5935bd8d50>: Failed to resolve 'myip.
    ⇒ist652.com' ([Errno -2] Name or service not known)"))
```

This means the response back we get from "http://myip.ist652.com" cannot be decoded from JSON to a Python object.

You might start looking there but you're making a HUGE assumption that the service "http://myip.ist652.com" is "working".

NEVER make this assumption!

KNOW whether or not its working!

There are a couple ways you can do this:

- print the response.url then click on it to see what happens.
- make regests throw an error on unsuccessful HTTP response codes.

Let's do both:

- we add print(response.url) to see the actual URL we are sending to the API.
- we add response.raise_for_status() which throws an exception if the response is not 200/OK.

```
[34]: url = "http://myip.ist652.com"
  response = requests.get(url)
  print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
  response.raise_for_status()
  data = response.json()
  print(data)
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
gaierror
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:203, in___
 →HTTPConnection._new_conn(self)
    202 try:
--> 203
            sock = connection.create_connection(
    204
                (self._dns_host, self.port),
    205
                self.timeout,
                source address=self.source address,
    206
                socket_options=self.socket_options,
    207
    208
    209 except socket.gaierror as e:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/util/connection.py:60, in_u
 Greate_connection(address, timeout, source_address, socket_options)
            raise LocationParseError(f"'{host}', label empty or too long") from
 →None
---> 60 for res in socket getaddrinfo(host, port, family, socket SOCK_STREAM):
            af, socktype, proto, canonname, sa = res
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/socket.py:962, in getaddrinfo(host, port, family
 ⇔type, proto, flags)
    961 addrlist = []
--> 962 for res in socket getaddrinfo(host, port, family, type, proto, flags):
            af, socktype, proto, canonname, sa = res
```

```
gaierror: [Errno -2] Name or service not known
The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:
NameResolutionError
                                                                                             Traceback (most recent call last)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:790, in_
   →HTTPConnectionPool.urlopen(self, method, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, retries, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, assert_same_host, url, body, headers, urredirect, assert_same_host, assert_sam
   →body_pos, preload_content, decode_content, **response_kw)
         789 # Make the request on the HTTPConnection object
--> 790 response = self._make_request(
         791
                          conn,
         792
                          method.
         793
                           url,
         794
                          timeout=timeout obj,
         795
                          body=body,
         796
                          headers=headers.
         797
                          chunked=chunked
         798
                          retries=retries,
         799
                          response_conn=response_conn,
                           preload content=preload content,
         800
         801
                          decode_content=decode_content,
         802
                           **response kw,
         803)
         805 # Everything went great!
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:496, in_
   HTTPConnectionPool. make request(self, conn, method, url, body, headers,
   retries, timeout, chunked, response_conn, preload_content, decode_content, u
   ⇔enforce_content_length)
         495 try:
--> 496
                           conn.request(
         497
                                   method,
         498
                                   url,
         499
                                   body=body,
         500
                                   headers=headers,
         501
                                    chunked=chunked.
         502
                                   preload content=preload content,
         503
                                   decode content=decode content,
         504
                                   enforce_content_length=enforce_content_length,
         505
         507 # We are swallowing BrokenPipeError (errno.EPIPE) since the server is
         508 # legitimately able to close the connection after sending a validu
         509 # With this behaviour, the received response is still readable.
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:395, in ⊔
  HTTPConnection.request(self, method, url, body, headers, chunked,
   spreload content, decode content, enforce content length)
```

```
self.putheader(header, value)
--> 395 self.endheaders()
    397 # If we're given a body we start sending that in chunks.
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:1289, in HTTPConnection.
 ⇔endheaders(self, message_body, encode_chunked)
            raise CannotSendHeader()
-> 1289 self._send_output(message_body, encode_chunked=encode_chunked)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:1048, in HTTPConnection.
 ⇔_send_output(self, message_body, encode_chunked)
   1047 del self._buffer[:]
-> 1048 self.send(msg)
   1050 if message_body is not None:
   1051
   1052
            # create a consistent interface to message_body
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/http/client.py:986, in HTTPConnection.send(self,
 ⇔data)
    985 if self.auto open:
            self.connect()
--> 986
    987 else:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:243, in_u
 →HTTPConnection.connect(self)
    242 def connect(self) -> None:
--> 243
            self.sock = self._new_conn()
    244
            if self._tunnel_host:
                # If we're tunneling it means we're connected to our proxy.
    245
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connection.py:210, in_
 →HTTPConnection._new_conn(self)
    209 except socket.gaierror as e:
            raise NameResolutionError(self.host, self, e) from e
--> 210
    211 except SocketTimeout as e:
NameResolutionError: <urllib3.connection.HTTPConnection object at ...
 →0x7f5935bda6d0>: Failed to resolve 'myip.ist652.com' ([Errno -2] Name or
 ⇒service not known)
The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:
MaxRetryError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/adapters.py:486, in_
 HTTPAdapter.send(self, request, stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)
    485 try:
            resp = conn.urlopen(
--> 486
    487
               method=request.method,
```

```
488
                 url=url,
    489
                 body=request.body,
    490
                 headers=request.headers,
    491
                 redirect=False,
    492
                 assert same host=False,
    493
                 preload content=False,
    494
                 decode content=False,
    495
                 retries=self.max retries,
    496
                  timeout=timeout,
    497
                  chunked=chunked.
    498
    500 except (ProtocolError, OSError) as err:
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py:844, in_
 →HTTPConnectionPool.urlopen(self, method, url, body, headers, retries, urledirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout, release_conn, chunked, url
 →body_pos, preload_content, decode_content, **response_kw)
             new_e = ProtocolError("Connection aborted.", new_e)
--> 844 retries = retries.increment(
             method, url, error=new_e, _pool=self, _stacktrace=sys.exc_info()[2]
    846
    847 retries.sleep()
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/urllib3/util/retry.py:515, in Retr.
 sincrement(self, method, url, response, error, pool, stacktrace)
             reason = error or ResponseError(cause)
--> 515
             raise MaxRetryError(_pool, url, reason) from reason # type:
 ⇒ignore[arg-type]
    517 log.debug("Incremented Retry for (url='%s'): %r", url, new_retry)
MaxRetryError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='myip.ist652.com', port=80): Max retries
 exceeded with url: / (Caused by NameResolutionError("<urllib3.connection.
HTTPConnection object at 0x7f5935bda6d0>: Failed to resolve 'myip.ist652.com'
 →([Errno -2] Name or service not known)"))
During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:
ConnectionError
                                              Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[34], line 2
      1 url = "http://myip.ist652.com"
----> 2 response = requests.get(url)
      3 print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
      4 response.raise_for_status()
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/api.py:73, in get(url, u
 →params, **kwargs)
     62 def get(url, params=None, **kwargs):
             r"""Sends a GET request.
     63
     64
```

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65
                          :param url: URL for the new :class: `Request` object.
       (...)
          70
                          :rtype: requests.Response
          71
                         return request("get", url, params=params, **kwargs)
---> 73
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/api.py:59, in in in the conda in the conda
   →request(method, url, **kwargs)
           55 # By using the 'with' statement we are sure the session is closed, thus
  →we
          56 # avoid leaving sockets open which can trigger a ResourceWarning in som
          57 # cases, and look like a memory leak in others.
          58 with sessions. Session() as session:
---> 59
                         return session.request(method=method, url=url, **kwargs)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/sessions.py:589, in_
   →Session.request(self, method, url, params, data, headers, cookies, files, u
   wauth, timeout, allow redirects, proxies, hooks, stream, verify, cert, json)
        584 send kwargs = {
        585
                         "timeout": timeout,
        586
                         "allow_redirects": allow_redirects,
        587 }
        588 send_kwargs.update(settings)
--> 589 resp = self.send(prep, **send_kwargs)
        591 return resp
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/sessions.py:703, in_
   →Session.send(self, request, **kwargs)
        700 start = preferred_clock()
        702 # Send the request
--> 703 r = adapter.send(request, **kwargs)
        705 # Total elapsed time of the request (approximately)
        706 elapsed = preferred clock() - start
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/adapters.py:519, in_
   HTTPAdapter.send(self, request, stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)
                         if isinstance(e.reason, SSLError):
        515
        516
                                  # This branch is for urllib3 v1.22 and later.
                                 raise SSLError(e, request=request)
        517
                         raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
--> 519
        521 except ClosedPoolError as e:
        522
                         raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
ConnectionError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='myip.ist652.com', port=80): Maxu
  retries exceeded with url: / (Caused by NameResolutionError("<urllib3. connection.HTTPConnection object at 0x7f5935bda6d0>: Failed to resolve 'myip.
   ⇒ist652.com' ([Errno -2] Name or service not known)"))
```

We no longer have a JSONDecodeError We now see the REAL error here an HTTPError response 503.

According to the HTTP Protocol spec, error 5xx means it's the server's problem. No amount of code will fix that. We need a different url.

Let's try this instead: https://whatismyipaddress.com/

```
[35]: url = "https://whatismyipaddress.com/"
  response = requests.get(url)
  print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
  response.raise_for_status()
  data = response.json()
  print(data)
```

Generated Url: https://whatismyipaddress.com/

```
HTTPError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[35], line 4
     2 response = requests.get(url)
      3 print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
----> 4 response raise for status()
     5 data = response.json()
      6 print(data)
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/models.py:1021, in_
 →Response.raise_for_status(self)
            http_error_msg = (
   1016
                f"{self.status_code} Server Error: {reason} for url: {self.url}
   1017
   1018
   1020 if http_error_msg:
           raise HTTPError(http_error_msg, response=self)
-> 1021
HTTPError: 403 Client Error: Forbidden for url: https://whatismyipaddress.com/
```

This no longer has an HTTPError, but now we are back to the JSONDecodeError. The response from the URL cannot be de-serialized from JSON text.

NOW you should check - if the output of the response isn't JSON, what is it?

There are two ways you can do this:

- Print the response.url and click on it to see if the output is JSON.
- print response.text which is the raw output from the response.

We already have the first, let's add the second.

```
[36]: url = "https://whatismyipaddress.com/"
response = requests.get(url)
```

```
print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
response.raise_for_status()
print(f"RAW RESPONSE: {response.text}")
data = response.json()
print(data)
```

Generated Url: https://whatismyipaddress.com/

```
HTTPError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[36], line 4
      2 response = requests.get(url)
      3 print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
----> 4 response raise for status()
      5 print(f"RAW RESPONSE: {response.text}")
      6 data = response.json()
File /opt/conda/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/models.py:1021, in_
 →Response.raise_for_status(self)
            http_error_msg = (
   1016
                f"{self.status_code} Server Error: {reason} for url: {self.url}
   1017
   1018
            )
   1020 if http_error_msg:
            raise HTTPError(http_error_msg, response=self)
-> 1021
HTTPError: 403 Client Error: Forbidden for url: https://whatismyipaddress.com/
```

As You can see, the response is:

Access Denied (BUA77). Contact support@whatismyipaddress.com

which is not at all what we expected. Again no amount of Python code will fix this, we need to call the right API, or change the URL of this API.

As a final step, let's try this service: http://httpbin.org/ip

```
[37]: url = "https://httpbin.org/ip"
  response = requests.get(url)
  print(f"Generated Url: {response.url}")
  response.raise_for_status()
  print(f"RAW RESPONSE: {response.text}")
  data = response.json()
  print(data)

Generated Url: https://httpbin.org/ip
  RAW RESPONSE: {
    "origin": "128.230.190.170"
}
```

```
{'origin': '128.230.190.170'}
```

Now that works!

The first is the raw response, and the second is the Python object.

To demonstrate its a python object, let's extract the IP Address from the origin key.

The intermediate print() statements have been removed since the code now works.

```
[67]: url = "https://httpbin.org/ip"
  response = requests.get(url)
  response.raise_for_status()
  data = response.json()
  print(f"MY IP ADDRESS: {data['origin']}")
```

MY IP ADDRESS: 128.230.190.170

1.8 Guidelines for Rewriting as a function

To make your code clear and easier to read, its a good idea to re-factor your working API call into a function. Here are the guidelines:

- DO NOT write the function until you get the code working. ALWAYS re-factor (rewrite) the WORKING code as a function.
- One API call per function. Don't do too much!
- Inputs into the API call such as query string parameters or POST body text should be function input parameters.
- The function should NOT return the entire response unless its required. Only return what is needed.
- use response.raise_for_status() to throw HTTPError exceptions. This way you will not be misled when there is a problem with the API and not your code.
- DO NOT handle errors in your function or account for contingencies. Error handling is the responsibity of the function's caller.

1.8.1 1.4 You Code

Refactor the code in the cell above into a function iplookup(). call the function to demonsrate it works.

```
[38]: # TODO Your Code Here
import requests

def iplookup():
    url = "https://httpbin.org/ip"
    response = requests.get(url)

# Raise an error if the request was unsuccessful
    response.raise_for_status()
```

```
# Extract and print the IP address from the response
data = response.json()
print(f"MY IP ADDRESS: {data['origin']}")
```

[39]: iplookup()

MY IP ADDRESS: 128.230.190.170

2 Metacognition

2.0.1 Rate your comfort level with this week's material so far.

1 ==> I don't understand this at all yet and need extra help. If you choose this please try to articulate that which you do not understand to the best of your ability in the questions and comments section below.

2 ==> I can do this with help or guidance from other people or resources. If you choose this level, please indicate HOW this person helped you in the questions and comments section below.

3 = > I can do this on my own without any help.

4 ==> I can do this on my own and can explain/teach how to do it to others.

--== Double-Click Here then Enter a Number 1 through 4 Below This Line ==-- 4