

Assignment

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1.0 Problem Statement:

Implement a command line program that can fetch web pages and saves them to disk for later retrieval and browsing.

Section 1

For example, if we invoked your program like this: `./fetch [https://www.google.com]` (`https://www.google.com`) then in our current directory we should have a file containing the contents of `www.google.com`. (i.e. `/home/myusername/www.google.com.html`).

Section 2

Record metadata about what was fetched:

- What was the date and time of the last fetch
- How many links are on the page
- How many images are on the page

Modify the script to print this metadata.

For example (it can work differently if you like)

2.0 Approaches/Discussion

- There are many approaches to this problem
- For **section-1**
- I have used [Python requests](#) library to get the URL Content
- From the command line if you run this command

- ```
python main.py --url https://www.google.com https://autify.com < ... >
```

- Demo

```
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % python main.py --url https://www.google.com https://autify.com
Web contents of URL: https://www.google.com Saved in the current directory
Web contents of URL: https://autify.com Saved in the current directory
```

- main function calls `downloadHTML` class which args as an argument.

- Then it will process each URL and save it in the local disk with the filename of the website name + `html`.

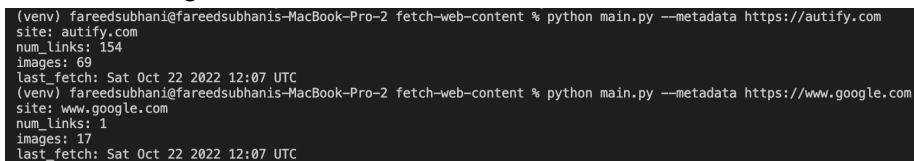
- Note that I have used **stream = True** in the GET Method and have used chunk\_size in each iter\_contents
- *REASON* : This avoids reading the content all at once into memory for large responses. Especially if we have to deal with large images/video files.

- For **section-2**

- From the command line if we execute this command

- `python main.py --metadata https://www.google.com`

- As shown in this image:



```
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % python main.py --metadata https://autify.com
site: autify.com
num_links: 154
images: 69
last_fetch: Sat Oct 22 2022 12:07 UTC
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % python main.py --metadata https://www.google.com
site: www.google.com
num_links: 1
images: 17
last_fetch: Sat Oct 22 2022 12:07 UTC
```

- We needed to find mainly three pieces of information
  - date and time of the last fetch
  - Number of links in the content
  - Number of Images in the content
- *Approach*
  - Last-Fetch:
    - I have used the Python os [stats](#) module to get the last date and time of the modified file.
    - Again I have used the [datetime](#) module and formatted the DateTime object using [strftime](#) in the desired output format.
  - Count of Images and URLs:
    - I have used the getMetadata class which again calls the ProcessMetadata class
    - I have used [BeautifulSoup](#) library to get the count of images and URL tags from the HTML file.

### 3.0 Testing and running

- System environment:
  - Python 3.9.0
  - MacBook-Pro(macOS Monterey v12.5)

- Directory Tree: -

```
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % tree . -L 2
.
├── Dockerfile
├── README.md
├── README.pdf
├── autify.com.html
├── images
│ ├── directory-tree.png
│ ├── fetch-content-demo.png
│ └── fetch-metadata-demo.png
├── main.py
├── proposed_design.drawio
├── proposed_design.png
├── requirements.txt
├── test
│ ├── autify.com.html
│ ├── www.google.com.html
│ └── www.yahoo.jp.html
├── venv
│ ├── bin
│ ├── include
│ ├── lib
│ ├── pyenv.cfg
│ ├── www.google.com.html
│ └── www.yahoo.jp.html
└── 6 directories, 17 files
```

- **Build and runing dockerfile**

- Build a docker file using the command below

```
docker build -t fetch .
```

```
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % docker build -t fetch .
[+] Building 8.2s (11/11) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 246B
=> [internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 2B
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim-buster
=> [1/6] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim-buster@sha256:f67facc70967f80bd81c3310106865a8dae20cc1bdbc18f01680709648f69d9f
=> [internal] load build context
=> => transferring context: 143.29kB
=> CACHED [2/6] WORKDIR /app
=> [3/6] RUN chmod -R 777 /app
=> [4/6] COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt
=> [5/6] RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
=> [6/6] COPY . .
=> exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> writing image sha256:dc72dadb86ac5e789c80a8e1e8b9ca17e5e3ba8f9352dda7f8d0794e93949cdf
=> naming to docker.io/library/fetch
```

- execute this command

```
docker run --rm -it fetch bash
```

- now you are in

```
root@build-image:/app# directory
```

- run the usual command i.e.

```
python main.py --url https://www.google.com
```

to fetch URL content and

```
python main.py --metadata https://www.google.com
```

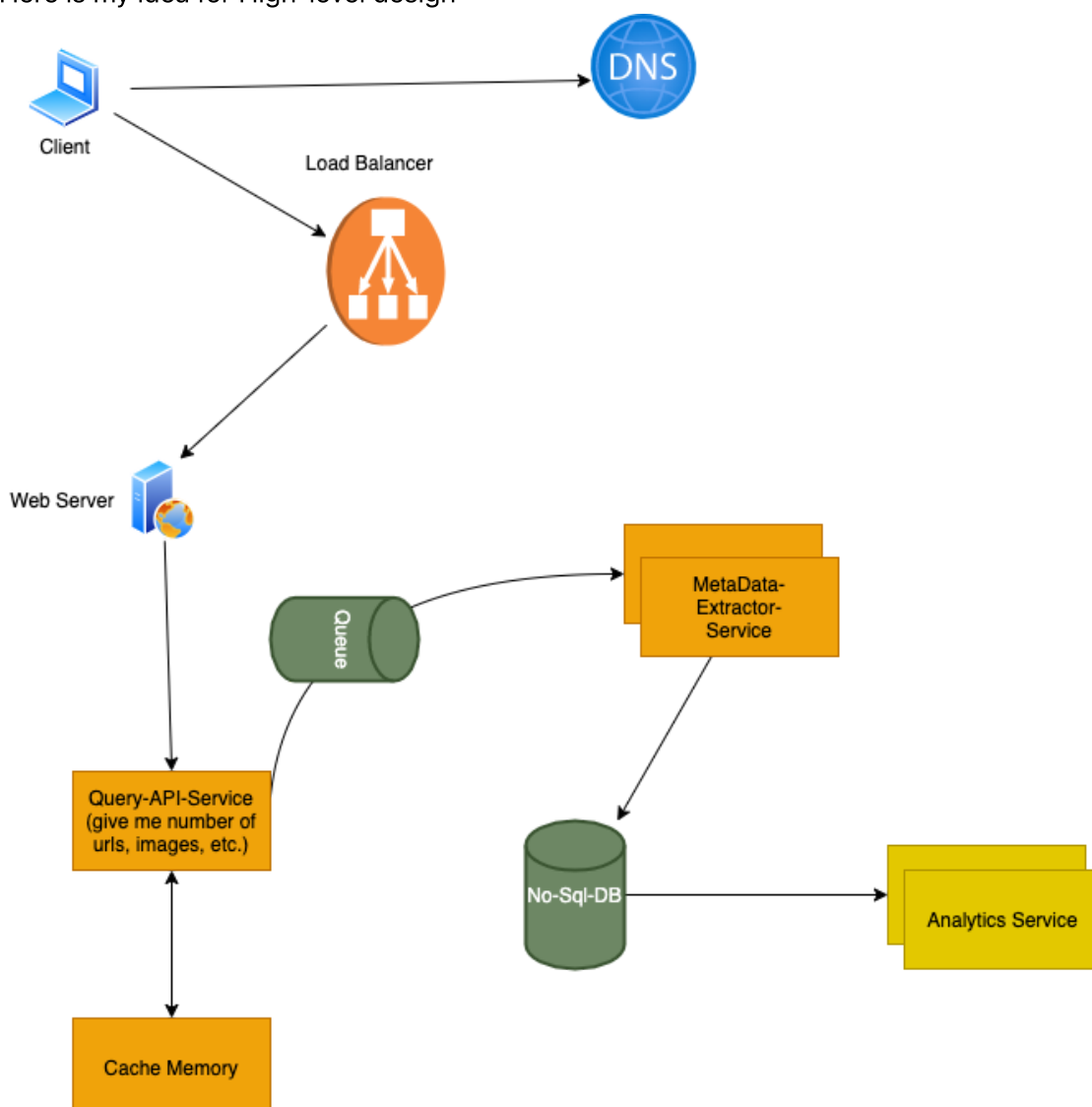
to get metadata of the URL

- here is a demo for the same

```
(venv) fareedsubhani@fareedsubhanis-MacBook-Pro-2 fetch-web-content % docker run --rm -it fetch bash
root@f1f28a68d51a:/app# ls -l
total 1312
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 202 Oct 22 12:20 Dockerfile
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3813 Oct 22 12:18 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 316940 Oct 22 12:01 README.pdf
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 858111 Oct 22 12:07 autify.com.html
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 22 12:20 images
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2885 Oct 22 12:07 main.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2068 Oct 22 12:01 proposed_design.drawio
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 70457 Oct 22 12:01 proposed_design.png
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 12 Oct 22 12:01 requirements.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 22 12:20 test
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Oct 22 12:20 venv
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 15176 Oct 22 12:07 www.google.com.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 37832 Oct 22 12:01 www.yahoo.jp.html
root@f1f28a68d51a:/app# python main.py --url https://www.google.com
Web contents of URL: https://www.google.com Saved in the current directory
root@f1f28a68d51a:/app# python main.py --metadata https://www.google.com
site: www.google.com
num_links: 1
images: 17
last_fetch: Sat Oct 22 2022 12:37 UTC
```

## 4.0 Future Design and Thoughts

- Due to time constraints I was not able to code it in a better way
- I could have introduced a feature like saving all the contents
- We can make the code more modular for better code-reusability
- We can introduce various design patterns.
- Of course, this solution is not very practical if needs to handle very large requests from the user.
- I have come to a design if I were designing this service
  - Here is my idea for High-level design



- Again this is also not a perfect solution As we can improve a lot of components
- Personally, I really enjoyed solving this problem, particularly scaling part, when we have to design and implement this service we have to think about scaling and best practices as well, Thank you!