

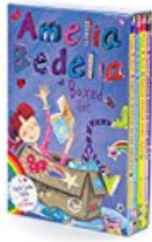
Explain **Inspection Tool**, **Multiple Level Parse** function.

## The Objective

In this tutorial we will scrape data from Amazon. Open link on browser <https://www.amazon.com/best-sellers-books-Amazon/zgbs/books> the page contain 100 best seller book will show up.

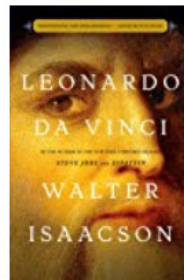
### Best Sellers in Books

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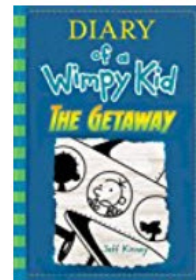
Amelia Bedelia Chapter...  
› Herman Parish  
★★★★★ 286  
Paperback  
\$6.95 ✓prime

2.



Leonardo da Vinci  
› Walter Isaacson  
★★★★★ 36  
Hardcover  
\$20.99 ✓prime

3.



The Getaway (Diary of a...  
› Jeff Kinney  
Hardcover  
\$8.37 ✓prime  
Release Date: November 7, 2017

The objective of this tutorial will be scrape following data item for each book and then save data to a csv file

- Sell order
- Book title
- Author

## Understand starting page

As every other scraping data project, first step should be about understand the page, how to extract it.

Open the `shell` with command

```
scrapy shell
```

From the `shell` , fetch the starting page with command

```
fetch('https://www.amazon.com/best-sellers-books-Amazon/zgbs/books')
```

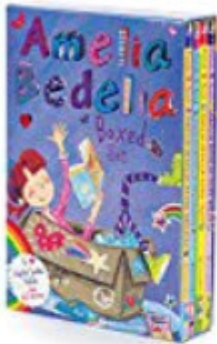
After `fetch` command, a `response` object is created. Let try to view the html source from `response` with command

```
response.text
```

Now let's inspect the page with developer tool from Chrome browser. Move mouse over one of the title, then right click, chose `inspect`.

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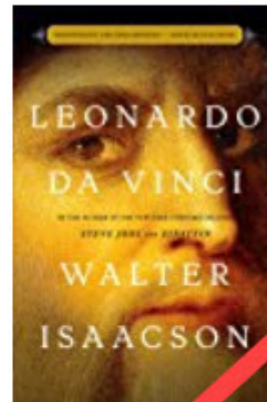
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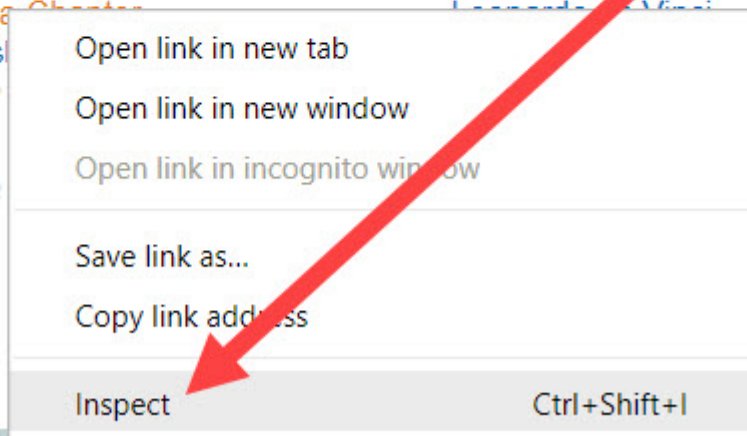
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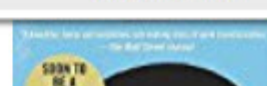
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From inspection, We could see strategy to extract information:

- Each book block is inside a `div` with class name `zg_itemImmersion`
- Inside father block the rank could be get by `span` tag with class name `zg_rankNumber`
- Inside father block the link to detail book information could be get by `a` tag with class name `a-link-normal`



Now try to extract the rank with css selector and `response` object

```
response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("span.zg_rankNumber::text").extract()
```

Rank show up

```
In [29]: response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("span.zg_rankNumber::text").extract()
Out[29]:
[u'\n      1.\n      ',
 u'\n      2.\n      ',
 u'\n      3.\n      ',
 u'\n      4.\n      ',
 u'\n      5.\n      ',
 u'\n      6.\n      ',
 u'\n      7.\n      ',
 u'\n      8.\n      ',
 u'\n      9.\n      ',
 u'\n     10.\n      ',
 u'\n     11.\n      ',
 u'\n     12.\n      ',
 u'\n     13.\n      ',
 u'\n     14.\n      ',
 u'\n     15.\n      ',
 u'\n     16.\n      ',
 u'\n     17.\n      ',
 u'\n     18.\n      ',
 u'\n     19.\n      ',
 u'\n     20.\n      ']
```

Let try to extract the detail book link

```
response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("a.a-link-normal::attr(href)").extract()
```

Return not just have detail link but also has product link, so we need to do filter when coding the `spider`

```
In [30]: response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("a.a-link-normal::attr(href)").extract()
Out[30]:
[u'/Amelia-Bedelia-Chapter-Book-Box/dp/0062334204?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1',
 u'/product-reviews/0062334204',
 u'/product-reviews/0062334204',
 u'/Leonardo-Vinci-Walter-Isaacson/dp/1501139150?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1',
 u'/product-reviews/1501139150',
 u'/product-reviews/1501139150',
```

That quite enough of start page understanding, let do project and spider.

## Get Detail Book Links

Create a new project call **amazon**

```
scrapy startproject amazon
```

Change current directory to amazon folder and create `spider` call **book**

```
scrapy genspider book www.amazon.com
```

Let change `start_urls` and `parse` function and you have some thing like this

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import scrapy

class BookSpider(scrapy.Spider):

    name = 'book'
    allowed_domains = ['www.amazon.com']
    start_urls = ['https://www.amazon.com/best-sellers-books-Amazon/zgbs/books']

    def parse(self, response):

        # extract data from response
        ranks = response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("span.zg_rankNumber::text").extract()
        links = response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("a.a-link-normal::attr(href)").extract()

        detail_links = []

        # filter product reviews link
        for link in links:
            if 'product-reviews' not in link:
                detail_links.append(link)

        for item in zip(ranks, detail_links):
            print item[0]
            print item[1]
```

Now try to run this `spider` with `crawl` command and you will get rank and detail link print out

```
scrapy crawl book
```

```
1.
```

```
/Amelia-Bedelia-Chapter-Book-Box/dp/0062334204?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1
```

```
2.
```

```
/Leonardo-Vinci-Walter-Isaacson/dp/1501139150?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1
```

## Define Scrape Data with Item

It is time to define data structure which we want to archive inside file `items.py` . Change file `items.py` as follow:

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

# Define here the models for your scraped items
#
# See documentation in:
# http://doc.scrapy.org/en/latest/topics/items.html

import scrapy

class AmazonItem(scrapy.Item):
    order = scrapy.Field()
    title = scrapy.Field()
    author = scrapy.Field()
```

## Multiple Levels Parsing

Back to spider file, from Amazon page structure. We see that, to get data we should have 2 levels of extraction.

- First extraction happen at starting url, and we could extract `order` and `detail link`
- From `detail link` , we continue to do another `request` , get the `response` and parse remain information : title, author, price, summary and cover image by another function call `parse_detail_info`

Now let change the `parse` function follow changing in file `items.py`

```

# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import scrapy
# import the item
from amazon.items import AmazonItem

class BookSpider(scrapy.Spider):

    name = 'book'
    allowed_domains = ['www.amazon.com']
    start_urls = ['https://www.amazon.com/best-sellers-books-Amazon/zgbs/books']

    def parse(self, response):

        # extract data from response
        orders = response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("span.zg_rankNumber::text").extract()
        links = response.css("div.zg_itemImmersion").css("a.a-link-normal::attr(href)").extract()

        detail_links = []

        # filter product reviews out
        for link in links:
            if 'product-reviews' not in link:
                detail_links.append('https://www.amazon.com/'+link)

        # create data item
        for item in zip(orders, detail_links):
            # create a new item
            new_item = AmazonItem()
            new_item['order'] = item[0]

            # # create a new request and get detail infor on parse detail
            request = scrapy.Request(url=item[1], callback=self.parse_detail_info)

            # transfer item to parse detail function
            request.meta['item'] = new_item

            yield request

    def parse_detail_info(self, response):
        item = response.meta['item']
        print item['order']
        print response.url

```

Note that with Amazon you need to specify the user agent inside `settings.py` file

```

# Need to have when want to crawl from Amazon
USER_AGENT = 'amazon (+https://tanpham.org)'

```

Now start the crawl and you will see function `parse_detail_info` work as expected.

# Scrape Book Title, Author, Intro

Let's go back to `shell` to see how to scrape data from detail book page. Try with one detail book page.

```
scrapy shell
```

```
fetch('https://www.amazon.com/Leonardo-Vinci-Walter-Isaacson/dp/1501139150/ref=zg_bs_books_1?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=7TPBA5D9KY75PJ6S8YHT')
```

Now do some inspection with Chrome developer tool. First item is book title

```
>>><div id="instantOrderUpdate_feature_div" class="feature" data-feature-name="instantOrderUpdate">...</div>
>><div id="companyCompliancePolicies_feature_div" class="feature" data-feature-name="companyCompliancePolicies">...</div>
>><div id="rightCol">...</div>
>><div id="leftCol">...</div>
>><div id="centerCol" class="centerColumn">
  >><div id="booksTitle" class="feature" data-feature-name="booksTitle">
    >><div class="a-section a-spacing-none">
      >><h1 id="title" class="a-size-large a-spacing-none">
        >><span id="productTitle" class="a-size-large">Leonardo da Vinci</span> == $0
        >><span class="a-size-medium a-color-secondary a-text-normal">Hardcover</span>
        >><!-- use pre formatted date that complies with legal requirement from media matrix -->
        >><span class="a-size-medium a-color-secondary a-text-normal">- October 17, 2017</span>
      >></h1>
    >></div>
  >><div id="byline" class="a-section a-spacing-micro bylineHidden feature">...</div>
  >></div>
>><div id="averageCustomerReviews_feature_div" class="feature" data-feature-name="averageCustomerReviews">...</div>
```

For book title, we could extract by finding `span` tag with `id=productTitle`

```
response.css('span#productTitle::text').extract()
```

For author name

```
response.css('a.contributorNameID::text').extract()
```

Now let modify the function `parse_detail_info` in file `book.py` so we will scrape book title and author name.

```
def parse_detail_info(self, response):

    item = response.meta['item']
    item['title'] = response.css('span#productTitle::text').extract()
    item['author'] = response.css('a.contributorNameID::text').extract()

    yield item
```

That it, let try `crawl` command to see item printed out

```
cd amazon
scrapy crawl book
```

```
{'author': [u'J.K. Rowling'],
'order': u'\n          17.\n          ',
'title': [u'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: The Illustrated Edition']}
```



Let's save data to csv with command

```
scrapy crawl book -o out_data.csv -t csv
```

And we have data

title	order	author
Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit	1	Chris Matthews
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	18	J.K. Rowling
Grant	19	Ron Chernow
The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Meet Me	17	Ree Drummond
Sisters First: Stories from Our Wild and Wonderful Past	15	Jenna Bush Hager
Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World	20	Max Lucado
Giraffes Can't Dance	16	Giles Andreae,Guy Parker-Rees
Obama: An Intimate Portrait	13	Pete Souza,Barack Obama
The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love-First Relationships	14	Gary Chapman
Two Kinds of Truth (A Harry Bosch Novel)	11	Michael Connelly
Milk and Honey	12	Rupi Kaur
The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck: A Counterintuitive New Way to Think about Money, Success, and Life	9	Mark Manson
Turtles All the Way Down	10	John Green