

API

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outline

references

- see py file

API: what is it

- ◇ API=Application Programming Interface
- ◇ basically an interface to get internet data
- ◇ most major websites have API
- ◇ you can connect to API and get data
- ◇ major websites run on top of databases, eg google, twitter
- ◇ API is a way to access that database

API v web scraping

- ◇ web scrping is getting data from internet by hand
 - flexible—can do any website
 - but has to write the code to extract information
 - time consuming, better use API
 - we'll just do API
- ◇ if you want data from website without API
 - let me know and we'll try to scrap it