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ADS 509 Module 1: APIs and Web Scraping

This notebook has two parts. In the first part, you will scrape lyrics from AZLyrics.com. In the second part, you'll run code that verifies the completeness of your data pull.

For this assignment you have chosen two musical artists who have at least 20 songs with lyrics on AZLyrics.com. We start with pulling some information and analyzing them.

General Assignment Instructions

These instructions are included in every assignment, to remind you of the coding standards for the class. Feel free to delete this cell after reading it.

One sign of mature code is conforming to a style guide. We recommend the [Google Python Style Guide](#). If you use a different style guide, please include a cell with a link.

Your code should be relatively easy-to-read, sensibly commented, and clean. Writing code is a messy process, so please be sure to edit your final submission. Remove any cells that are not needed or parts of cells that contain unnecessary code. Remove inessential `import` statements and make sure that all such statements are moved into the designated cell.

Make use of non-code cells for written commentary. These cells should be grammatical and clearly written. In some of these cells you will have questions to answer. The questions will be marked by a "Q:" and will have a corresponding "A:" spot for you. *Make sure to answer every question marked with a **Q:** for full credit.*

Importing Libraries

```
In [ ]: import os
import datetime
import re
import shutil

# for the lyrics scrape section
import requests
import time
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
from collections import defaultdict, Counter
import random
```

Lyrics Scrape

This section asks you to pull data by scraping www.AZLyrics.com. In the notebooks where you do that work you are asked to store the data in specific ways.

```
In [ ]: # we'll use this dictionary to hold both the artist name and the link on AZlyr.
artists = {'frank_ocean': "https://www.azlyrics.com/f/frankocean.html",
          'sza': "https://www.azlyrics.com/s/sza.html"}

artists

Out[ ]: {'frank_ocean': 'https://www.azlyrics.com/f/frankocean.html',
        'sza': 'https://www.azlyrics.com/s/sza.html'}
```

A Note on Rate Limiting

The lyrics site, www.azlyrics.com, does not have an explicit maximum on number of requests in any one time, but in our testing it appears that too many requests in too short a time will cause the site to stop returning lyrics pages. (Entertainingly, the page that gets returned seems to only have the song title to [a Tom Jones song](#).)

Whenever you call `requests.get` to retrieve a page, put a `time.sleep(5 + 10*random.random())` on the next line. This will help you not to get blocked. If you *do* get blocked, which you can identify if the returned pages are not correct, just request a lyrics page through your browser. You'll be asked to perform a CAPTCHA and then your requests should start working again.

Part 1: Finding Links to Songs Lyrics

That general artist page has a list of all songs for that artist with links to the individual song pages.

Q: Take a look at the `robots.txt` page on www.azlyrics.com. (You can read more about these pages [here](#).) Is the scraping we are about to do allowed or disallowed by this page? How do you know?

A: The `robots.txt` file contains two entries. The first is to all developers (User-agent: *), which allows access to all pages except `/lyricsdb/` (home page) and `/song/`. The second entry is specific to User-agent 008 (a web crawling service provider) that restricts all access. This means that the artist-specific scraping that we will do for this assignment is allowed by the page.

```
In [ ]: # Let's set up a dictionary of lists to hold our links
lyrics_pages = defaultdict(list)
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for artist, artist_page in artists.items() :
    # request the page and sleep
    r = requests.get(artist_page)
    print(f"Artist: {artist}, Status Code: {r.status_code}")
    time.sleep(5 + 10*random.random())

    # parse html
    soup = BeautifulSoup(r.content, 'html.parser')

    # get links
    divs = [a['href'] for div in soup.find_all('div', class_='listalbum-item')]

    # append website name for full links
    full_links = [f"https://www.azlyrics.com{div}" for div in divs]

    # save each artist's links in lyrics_pages under the artist name
    lyrics_pages[artist]=full_links

```

Artist: frank_ocean, Status Code: 200

Artist: sza, Status Code: 200

```

In [ ]: for artist, links in lyrics_pages.items():
        print(f"Links for {artist}: {links}")

```

Let's make sure we have enough lyrics pages to scrape.

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In [ ]: for artist, lp in lyrics_pages.items() :
        assert(len(set(lp)) > 20)

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In [ ]: # Let's see how long it's going to take to pull these lyrics
        # if we're waiting `5 + 10*random.random()` seconds
        for artist, links in lyrics_pages.items() :
            print(f"For {artist} we have {len(links)}.")
            print(f"The full pull will take for this artist will take {round(len(links)

```

For frank_ocean we have 171.

The full pull will take for this artist will take 0.47 hours.

For sza we have 92.

The full pull will take for this artist will take 0.26 hours.

Part 2: Pulling Lyrics

Now that we have the links to our lyrics pages, let's go scrape them! Here are the steps for this part.

1. Create an empty folder in our repo called "lyrics".
2. Iterate over the artists in `lyrics_pages`.
3. Create a subfolder in lyrics with the artist's name. For instance, if the artist was Cher you'd have `lyrics/cher/` in your repo.
4. Iterate over the pages.
5. Request the page and extract the lyrics from the returned HTML file using BeautifulSoup.
6. Use the function below, `generate_filename_from_url`, to create a filename based on the lyrics page, then write the lyrics to a text file with that name.

```
In [ ]: def generate_filename_from_link(link) :

    if not link :
        return None

    # drop the http or https and the html
    name = link.replace("https", "").replace("http", "")
    name = link.replace(".html", "")

    name = name.replace("/lyrics/", "")

    # Replace useless chareacters with UNDERSCORE
    name = name.replace(":/", "").replace(".", "_").replace("/", "_")

    # drop other text
    name = name.replace('httpswww_azlyrics_com', '')
    # tack on .txt
    name = name + ".txt"

    return(name)
```

```
In [ ]: # Make the lyrics folder here. If you'd like to practice your programming, add
# that checks to see if the folder exists. If it does, then use shutil.rmtree

if os.path.isdir("lyrics") :
    shutil.rmtree("lyrics/")

os.mkdir("lyrics")
```

```
In [ ]: url_stub = "https://www.azlyrics.com"
start = time.time()

total_pages = 0

for artist, links in lyrics_pages.items():
    # build a subfolder for the artist
    if os.path.isdir(f"lyrics/{artist}") :
        shutil.rmtree(f"lyrics/{artist}")
```

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os.mkdir(f"lyrics/{artist}")

# iterate over each link
# request the page and sleep
for link in links[:20]:
    r = requests.get(link)
    print(f"Status Code: {r.status_code}")
    time.sleep(5 + 10*random.random())
    print(f"{artist}, {link}")

    # parse html
    soup = BeautifulSoup(r.content, 'html.parser')

    # extract title and lyrics
    title_element = soup.select("body > div.container.main-page > div.row > div.col > h1")
    title_element = title_element[0].text.replace("'", '') #strip for only
    if lyrics_element:
        print('Title extracted successfully')
    else:
        print('Title not found')
    lyrics_element = soup.select("body > div.container.main-page > div.row > div.col > p")
    # need to delete special characters
    if lyrics_element:
        print('Lyrics extracted successfully')
    else:
        print('Lyrics not found')
    lyrics = '\n'.join([div.get_text(separator='\n') for div in lyrics_element])

    # print title and lyrics
    # print(f"{title_element}\n\n{lyrics}")

    # generate filename
    filename=(f"lyrics/{artist}/{generate_filename_from_link(link)}")
    # write lyrics to text file
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        file.write(f"{title_element}\n\n{lyrics}")

    print(f"Lyrics written to {filename}")

# Use this space to carry out the following steps:

# 1. Build a subfolder for the artist
# 2. Iterate over the lyrics pages
# 3. Request the lyrics page.
#    # Don't forget to add a line like `time.sleep(5 + 10*random.random())`
#    # to sleep after making the request
# 4. Extract the title and lyrics from the page.
# 5. Write out the title, two returns ('\n'), and the lyrics. Use `generate_filename`
#    to generate the filename.

# Remember to pull at least 20 songs per artist. It may be fun to pull all

```

Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/strawberryswing.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_strawberryswing.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/novacane.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_novacane.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/wealltry.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_wealltry.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/bitchestalkinmetalgearsolid.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_bitchestalkinmetalgearsolid.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/songsforwomen.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_songsforwomen.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/lovecrimes.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_lovecrimes.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/therewillbetears.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_therewillbetears.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/swimgood.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_swimgood.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/dust.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_dust.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/americanwedding.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_americanwedding.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/naturefeels.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_naturefeels.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/acuraintegurl.html>
Title extracted successfully

Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_acuraintegurl.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/bedtimestory.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_bedtimestory.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/blasted.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_blasted.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/bricksandsteel.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_bricksandsteel.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/brokenpieces.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_brokenpieces.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/cantbethelasttime.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_cantbethelasttime.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/dayaway.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_dayaway.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/denim.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_denim.txt
Status Code: 200
frank_ocean, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/frankocean/done.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/frank_ocean/frankocean_done.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/bed.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_bed.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/euphraxia.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_euphraxia.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/advil.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_advil.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/timetravelundone.html>
Title extracted successfully

Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_timetravelundone.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/crackdreams.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_crackdreams.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/country.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_country.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/onceuponahigh.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_onceuponahigh.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/castles.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_castles.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/terrordome.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_terrordome.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/aftermath.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_aftermath.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/theodyssey.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_theodyssey.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/pray.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_pray.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/icemoon.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_icemoon.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/wings.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_wings.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/kismet.html>
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_kismet.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/ur.html>
Title extracted successfully


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Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_ur.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/childsplay.html
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics not found
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_childsplay.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/julia.html
Title not found
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_julia.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/warmwinds.html
Title extracted successfully
Lyrics not found
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_warmwinds.txt
Status Code: 200
sza, https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sza/hiiijack.html
Title not found
Lyrics extracted successfully
Lyrics written to lyrics/sza/sza_hiiijack.txt

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```
In [ ]: print(f"Total run time was {round((time.time() - start)/3600,2)} hours.")
```

Total run time was 0.27 hours.

Evaluation

This assignment asks you to pull data by scraping www.AZLyrics.com. After you have finished the above sections, run all the cells in this notebook. Print this to PDF and submit it, per the instructions.

```
In [ ]: # Simple word extractor from Peter Norvig: https://norvig.com/spell-correct.html
def words(text):
    return re.findall(r'\w+', text.lower())
```

Checking Lyrics

The output from your lyrics scrape should be stored in files located in this path from the directory: `/lyrics/[Artist Name]/[filename from URL]`. This code summarizes the information at a high level to help the instructor evaluate your work.

```
In [ ]: artist_folders = os.listdir("lyrics/")
artist_folders = [f for f in artist_folders if os.path.isdir("lyrics/" + f)]

for artist in artist_folders :
    artist_files = os.listdir("lyrics/" + artist)
    artist_files = [f for f in artist_files if 'txt' in f or 'csv' in f or 'tsv' in f]

    print(f"For {artist} we have {len(artist_files)} files.")
```

```
artist_words = []

for f_name in artist_files :
    with open("lyrics/" + artist + "/" + f_name) as infile :
        artist_words.extend(words(infile.read()))

print(f"For {artist} we have roughly {len(artist_words)} words, {len(set(a
```

For sza we have 20 files.

For sza we have roughly 4754 words, 776 are unique.

For frank_ocean we have 20 files.

For frank_ocean we have roughly 7311 words, 1022 are unique.