

Topic: Web Scraping 27: Setup & Test Applications (WebScraper & Wikipedia)

Speaker: / Notebook: Django: Automating Common Tasks



[Web scraping](#) is an automatic method to obtain large amounts of data from websites ([see full documentation here](#))

1. To start, we need the libraries [BEAUTIFULSOUP](#) (which we previously download) and [REQUEST](#) Django library. Install these packages if these are NOT present in your REQUIREMENTS.TXT

```
$ pip install requests
```

AutomatingCommonTasks

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requirements.txt

```
1 amqp==5.2.0
2 asgiref==3.8.1
3 async-timeout==4.0.3
4 beautifulsoup4==4.12.3
5 billiard==4.2.0
6 celery==5.4.0
7 certifi==2024.7.4
8 charset-normalizer==3.3.2
9 click==8.1.7
10 click-didyoumean==0.3.1
11 click-plugins==1.1.1
12 click-repl==0.3.0
13 colorama==0.4.6
14 crispy-bootstrap5==2024.2
15 Django==4.2.14
16 django-anymail==11.1
17 django-ckeditor==6.7.1
18 django-crispy-forms==2.3
19 django-js-asset==2.2.0
20 idna==3.7
21 kombu==5.4.0
22 pillow==10.4.0
23 prompt_toolkit==3.0.47
24 python-dateutil==2.9.0.post0
25 python-decouple==3.8
26 redis==5.0.8
27 requests==2.32.3
28 six==1.16.0
29 soupsieve==2.6
30 sqlparse==0.5.1
31 typing_extensions==4.12.2
32 tzdata==2024.1
33 urllib3==2.2.2
34 vine==5.1.0
35 wcwidth==0.2.13
36
```

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https://pypi.org/project/beautifulsoup4/

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beautifulsoup4 4.12.3

✓ Latest version

Released: Jan 17, 2024

`pip install beautifulsoup4`

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Project description

Beautiful Soup is a library that makes it easy to scrape information from web pages. It sits atop an HTML or XML parser, providing Pythonic idioms for iterating, searching, and modifying the parse tree.

https://pypi.org/project/requests/

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requests 2.32.3

✓ Latest version

Released: May 29, 2024

`pip install requests`

Python HTTP for Humans.

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Project description

Requests

Requests is a simple, yet elegant, HTTP library.

```
>>> import requests
>>> r = requests.get('https://httpbin.org/basic-auth/user/pass', auth=('user', 'pass'))
>>> r.status_code
200
>>> r.headers['content-type']
'application/json; charset=utf8'
>>> r.encoding
'utf-8'
>>> r.text
'{"authenticated": true, ...}'
>>> r.json()
{'authenticated': True, ...}
```

Verified details [\(What is this?\)](#)
These details have been verified by PyPI

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2. Use the website, [WEBSCRAPERS.IO](https://webscrapers.io) for the TEST SITES.

https://webscraper.io

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Use the [TABLE PLAYGROUND](#) for testing.

Test Sites

[Semantically correct tables](#)[Tables without the thead tag](#)[Tables with multiple header rows](#)

Table playground

You can train using Table selector here.

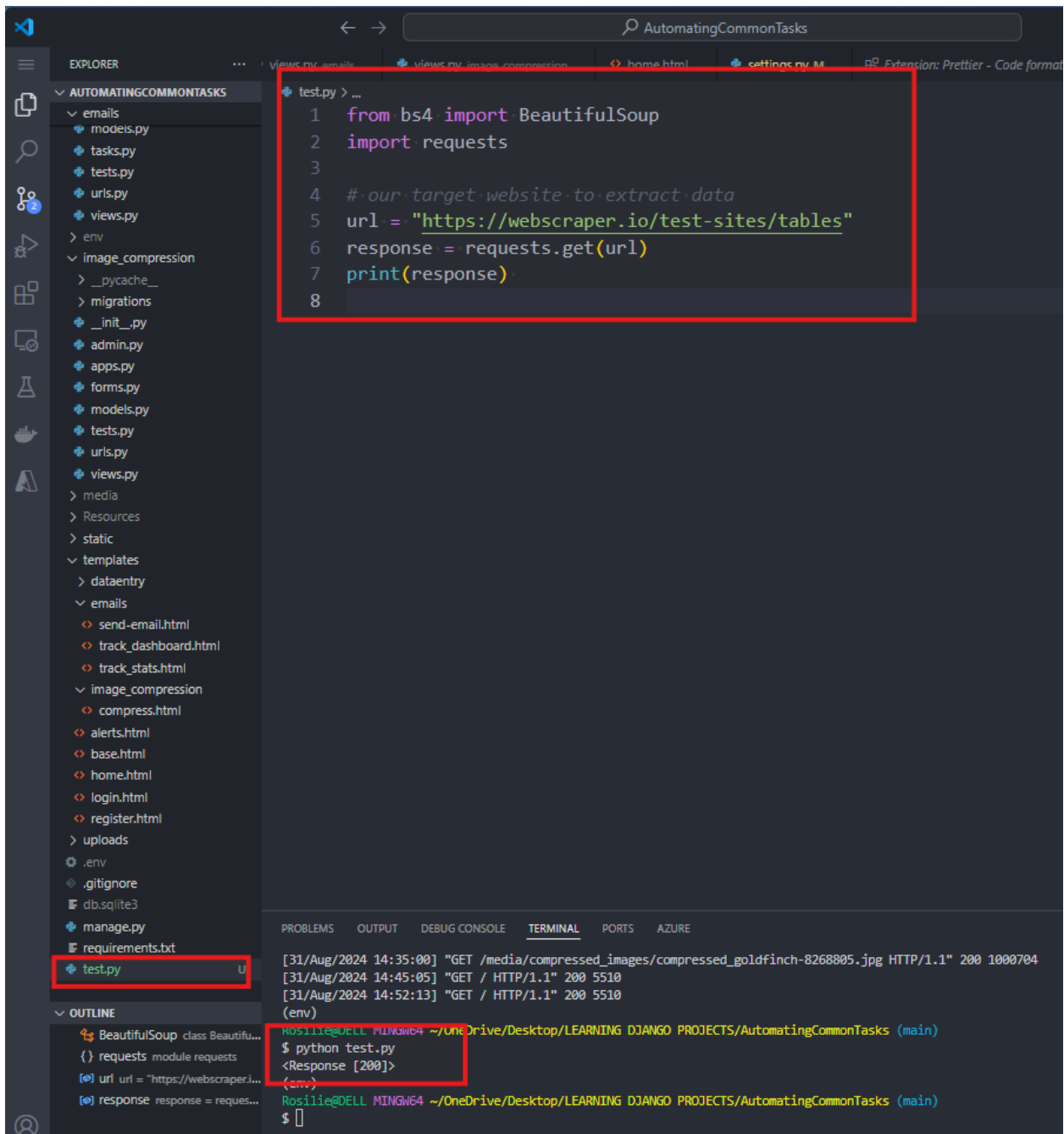
Semantically correct table with thead and tbody

Table selector automatically detects header and data rows.

#	First Name	Last Name	Username
1	Mark	Otto	@mdo
2	Jacob	Thornton	@fat
3	Larry	the Bird	@twitter

#	First Name	Last Name	Username
4	Harry	Potter	@hp
5	John	Snow	@dunno
6	Tim	Bean	@timbean

3. In the root directory, create a new file, TEST.PY and update:



4. Run this file using and it returns 200 - MEANING OK.

```
$ python test.py
```

```
(env)
Rosilie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
<Response [200]>
(env)
Rosilie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$
```

5. Use this as your [guide](#) for HTTP RESPONSES:

HTTP response status codes

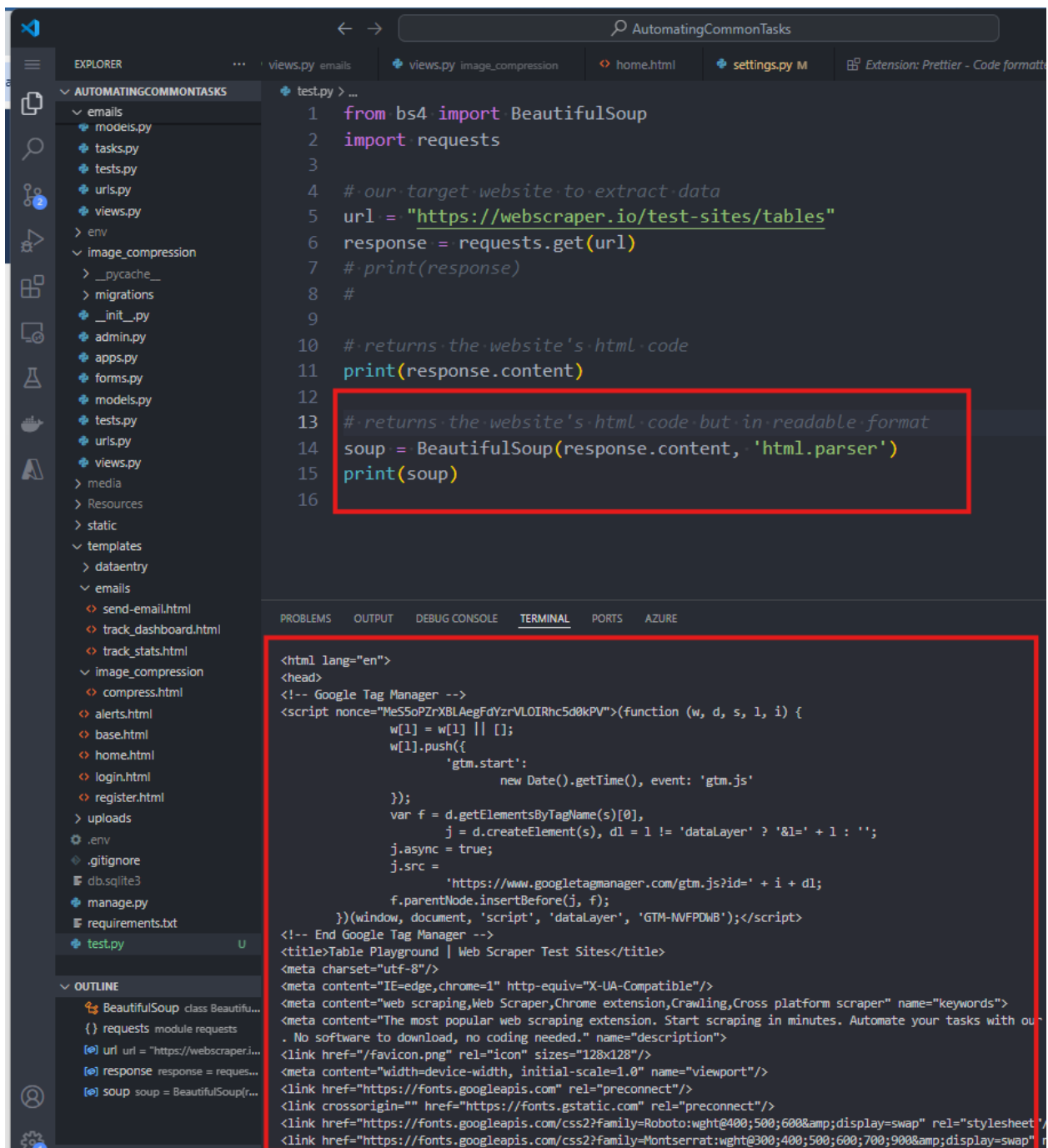
HTTP response status codes indicate whether a specific [HTTP](#) request has been successfully completed. Responses are grouped in five classes:

1. [Informational responses](#) (100 - 199)
2. [Successful responses](#) (200 - 299)
3. [Redirection messages](#) (300 - 399)
4. [Client error responses](#) (400 - 499)
5. [Server error responses](#) (500 - 599)

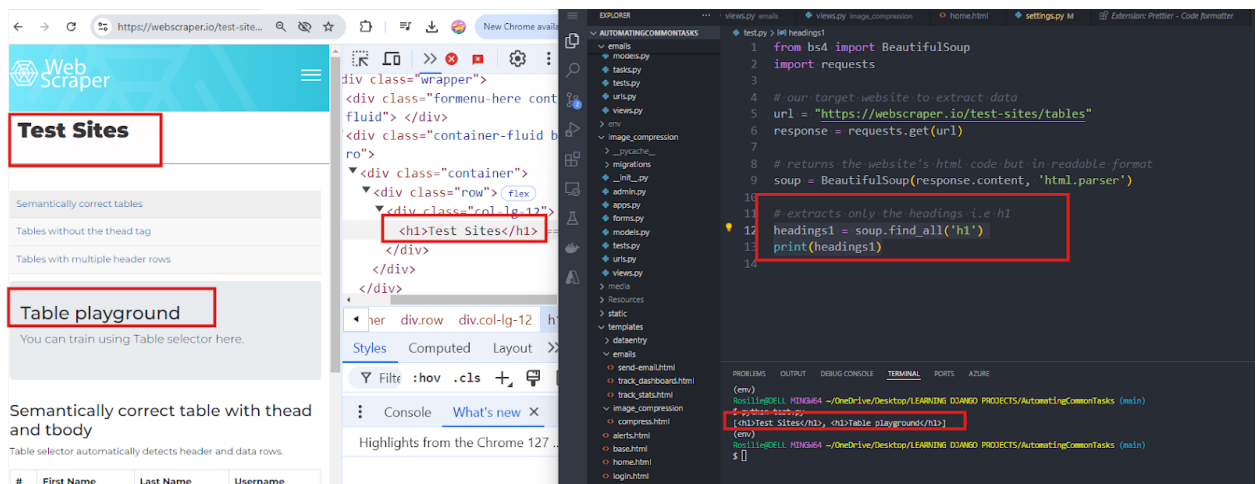
The status codes listed below are defined by [RFC 9110](#).

6. To get the website's HTML code, we type:

7. If we want to read the website's code in a more readable format, we can use BeautifulSoup.



8. To extract only certain portions of the website like H1 headings only



9. To extract the images:

The image shows a VS Code editor with a Python file named `test.py` and a terminal window. The Python code uses `requests` to fetch a page from `https://webscraper.io/test-sites/tables` and `BeautifulSoup` to parse the HTML. It finds all `h1` and `h2` tags, and all `img` tags, then prints the source of the first image. The terminal shows the command `python test.py` being executed, and the output displays the HTML structure of the test site, including the first image's alt and src attributes.

```
1 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
2 import requests
3
4 # our target website to extract data
5 url = "https://webscraper.io/test-sites/tables"
6 response = requests.get(url)
7
8 # returns the website's html code but in readable format
9 soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')
10
11 # extracts only the headings i.e h1
12 headings1 = soup.find_all('h1')
13 headings2 = soup.find_all('h2')
14 images = soup.find_all('img')
15 print(images[0]['src']) # extracts the first image source file
16
```

```
(env)
Rosllie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
[]
(env)
Rosllie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
/ img/logo_white.svg
(env)
Rosllie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$
```

10. To extract the information from the website's tables:

The image shows the 'Test Sites' page of the Web Scraper website. The page lists various test sites for training the web scraper. The 'Table playground' section is highlighted, showing a table with two parts: a 'Semantically correct table with thead and tbody' and a 'Table playground' section. The table contains user information, including first name, last name, and username.

#	First Name	Last Name	Username
1	Mark	Otto	@mdo
2	Jacob	Thornton	@fat
3	Larry	the Bird	@twitter

#	First Name	Last Name	Username
4	Harry	Potter	@hp
5	John	Snow	@dunno
6	Tim	Bean	@timbean

11. Extract only the LASTNAME OF THE SECOND TABLE:

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test.py

```
6 response = requests.get(url)
7
8 # returns the website's html code but in readable format
9 soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')
10
11 # extracts only the headings i.e. h1
12 headings1 = soup.find_all('h1')
13 headings2 = soup.find_all('h2')
14 images = soup.find_all('img')[0] # gets the first image
15
16 # extracts the tables
17 table = soup.find_all('table')[1] # gets the 2nd table
18 # returns everything starting at index 1 (excludes 'th')
19 rows = table.find_all('tr')[1:]
20
21 last_names = []
22 for row in rows:
23     print(row.find_all('td')[2].get_text()) # gets the value only w/o tags
24
```

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```
<td>@timbean</td>
</tr>]
(env)
Rosillie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
<td>Potter</td>
<td>Snow</td>
<td>Bean</td>
<env>
Rosillie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
<td>Potter</td>
<td>Snow</td>
<td>Bean</td>
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "C:\Users\Rosillie\OneDrive\Desktop\LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS\AutomatingCommonTasks\test.py", line 23, in <module>
    print(row.find_all('td')[2].get_text() # gets the value only w/o tags
AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'get_text'
(env)
Rosillie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
Potter
Snow
Bean
(env)
Rosillie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$
```

OUTLINE

- BeautifulSoup class Beautiful...
- () requests module requests
- url url = "https://webscraper.i...
- response response = reques...
- soup soup = BeautifulSoup(r...
- headings1 headings1 = sou...
- headings2 headings2 = sou...

TIMELINE

The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a project named 'AutomatingCommonTasks'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a file tree with folders like 'emails', 'image_compression', and 'templates', and various Python and HTML files. The main editor displays a Python script 'test.py' with the following code:

```
8 # returns the website's html code but in readable format
9 soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')
10
11 # extracts only the headings i.e h1
12 headings1 = soup.find_all('h1')
13 headings2 = soup.find_all('h2')
14 images = soup.find_all('img')[0] # gets the first image
15
16 # extracts the tables
17 table = soup.find_all('table')[1] # gets the 2nd table
18 # returns everything starting at index 1 (excludes 'th')
19 rows = table.find_all('tr')[1:]
20
21 last_names = []
22 for row in rows:
23     # adds the value only w/o tags
24     last_names.append(row.find_all('td')[2].get_text())
25 print(last_names)
26
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the execution of the script. It starts with a successful run, but then shows a traceback error:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "C:\Users\Rosilie\OneDrive\Desktop\LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS\AutomatingCommonTasks\test.py", line 23, in <module>
    print(row.find_all('td')[2].get_text() # gets the value only w/o tags
AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'get_text'
```

The error occurs because the script is trying to access the third column of the first data row, but the first data row only has two columns ('Potter', 'Snow'). The terminal output shows the first two rows of data: ['Potter', 'Snow'] and ['Bean'].

WEBSITE # 2: [WIKIPEDIA ON PYTHON](#)

The goal is to categorize the data types according to MUTABLE OR IMMUTABLE

We can update our TEST.PY AS:

The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor with a project named 'AutomatingCommonTasks'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a file tree with folders like 'emails', 'image_compression', 'media', 'resources', 'static', 'templates', and 'uploads'. The main editor displays a file named 'test.py' with the following Python code:

```
1 from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
2 import requests
3
4 # our target website to extract data
5 # url = "https://webscraper.io/test-sites/tables"
6 url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Python_(programming_language)"
7 response = requests.get(url)
8
9 # returns the website's html code but in readable format
10 soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')
11 # extracts the table using the class
12 datatype_table = soup.find(class_='wikitable')
13 print(datatype_table)
14
15
16 # THIS BLOCK IS FOR WEBSCRAPER WEBSITE: https://webscraper.io/test-sit
17 # # extracts only the headings i.e h1
18 # headings1 = soup.find_all('h1')
19 # headings2 = soup.find_all('h2')
20 # images = soup.find_all('img')[0] # gets the first image
21
22 # # extracts the tables
23 # table = soup.find_all('table')[1] # gets the 2nd table
```

The terminal output at the bottom shows the execution of the script:

```
(env)
HOST11@DESKTOP-MINKMB4: ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
<table class="wikitable">
<caption>Summary of Python 3's built-in types
</caption>
<tbody><tr>
<th>Type
</th>
<th><a href="/wiki/Immutable_object" title="Immutable object">Mutability</a>
</th>
<th>Description
</th>
<th>Syntax examples
</th></tr>
<tr>
<td><code>bool</code>
</td>
<td>immutable
</td>
```

13. Each data type has a tag 'TD' inside the 'TBODY.' We need to use this info then in our TEST.PY. Each table column can be accessed using an INDEX POSITION where INDEX 0 means our first column, INDEX 1 means our second column.

red by the language, but may be used by external tools such as mypy to errors.^{[113][114]} Mypy also supports a Python compiler called mypyc, which leverages type annotations for optimization.^[115]

Summary of Python 3's built-in types

Type	Mutability	Description	Syntax examples
bool	immutable	Boolean value	True False
bytearray	mutable	Sequence of bytes	bytearray(b'Some ASCII') bytearray([119, 105, 115])
bytes	immutable	Sequence of bytes	b'Some ASCII' b"Some ASCII" bytes([119, 105, 115])
complex	immutable	Complex number with real and imaginary parts	3+2.7j 3 + 2.7j
	mutable	Associative array (or dictionary) of key and value pairs; can contain mixed types (keys and values)	{'key1': 1.0, 3: False}

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14. Update TEST.PY as:

```

11 # extracts the table using the class
12 datatype_table = soup.find(class_='wikitable')
13 body = datatype_table.find('tbody')
14 rows = body.find_all('tr')[1:] # extracts all tr's starting at position 1
15
16 mutable_types = []
17 immutable_types = []
18
19
20 for row in rows:
21     data = row.find_all('td')
22     if data[1].get_text() == 'mutable\n': # gets the table column # 2
23         mutable_types.append(data[0].get_text()) # adds the data type
24     else:
25         immutable_types.append(data[0].get_text())
26
27 print('Mutable data types:', mutable_types)
28 print('=====')
29 print('Immutable data types:', immutable_types)
30
31
32 # THIS BLOCK IS FOR WEBCRAPER WEBSITE: https://webscraper.io/test-sites/table
33 # extracts only the headings i.e h1

```

Terminal Output:

```

(env)
NoSillie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
Mutable data types: ['bytearray\n', 'dict\n', 'list\n', 'set\n']
=====
Immutable data types: ['bool\n', 'bytes\n', 'complex\n', 'types.EllipsisType\n', 'float\n', 'frozenset\n', 'int\n', 'types.NoneType\n', 'types.NotImplementedType\n', 'range\n', 'str\n', 'tuple\n']
(env)

```

15. To remove the NEWLINE (\n), we can use the STRIP FUNCTION:

The image shows a VS Code editor with a project named 'AutomatingCommonTasks'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a file tree with folders like 'emails', 'image_compression', and 'media'. The main editor window displays a Python script 'test.py' with the following code:

```
11 # extracts the table using the class
12 datatype_table = soup.find(class_='wikitable')
13 body = datatype_table.find('tbody')
14 rows = body.find_all('tr')[1:] # extracts all tr's starting at position 1
15
16 mutable_types = []
17 immutable_types = []
18
19
20 for row in rows:
21     data = row.find_all('td')
22     if data[1].get_text() == 'mutable\n': # gets the table column # 2
23         mutable_types.append(data[0].get_text().strip()) # adds the data type
24     else:
25         immutable_types.append(data[0].get_text().strip())
26
27 print('Mutable data types:', mutable_types)
28 print('=====')
29 print('Immutable data types:', immutable_types)
30
31
32 # THIS BLOCK IS FOR WEBCRAPER WEBSITE: https://webscraper.io/test-sites/tables
33 # # extracts only the headings i.e. h1
```

The terminal window at the bottom shows the output of running the script:

```
(env)
Rosilie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
Mutable data types: ['bytearray\n', 'dict\n', 'list\n', 'set\n']
=====
Immutable data types: ['bool\n', 'bytes\n', 'complex\n', 'types.EllipsisType\n', 'float\n', 'frozenset\n', 'int\n', 'types.
NoneType\n', 'types.NotImplementedType\n', 'range\n', 'str\n', 'tuple\n']
(env)
Rosilie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
$ python test.py
Mutable data types: ['bytearray', 'dict', 'list', 'set']
=====
Immutable data types: ['bool', 'bytes', 'complex', 'types.EllipsisType', 'float', 'frozenset', 'int', 'types.NoneType', 'ty
pes.NotImplementedType', 'range', 'str', 'tuple']
(env)
Rosilie@DELL MINGW64 ~/OneDrive/Desktop/LEARNING DJANGO PROJECTS/AutomatingCommonTasks (main)
```

16. These information are needed for STOCK MARKET ANALYSIS.