



# Web Crawler Practice

## Introduction to Web Crawler



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# About CCH

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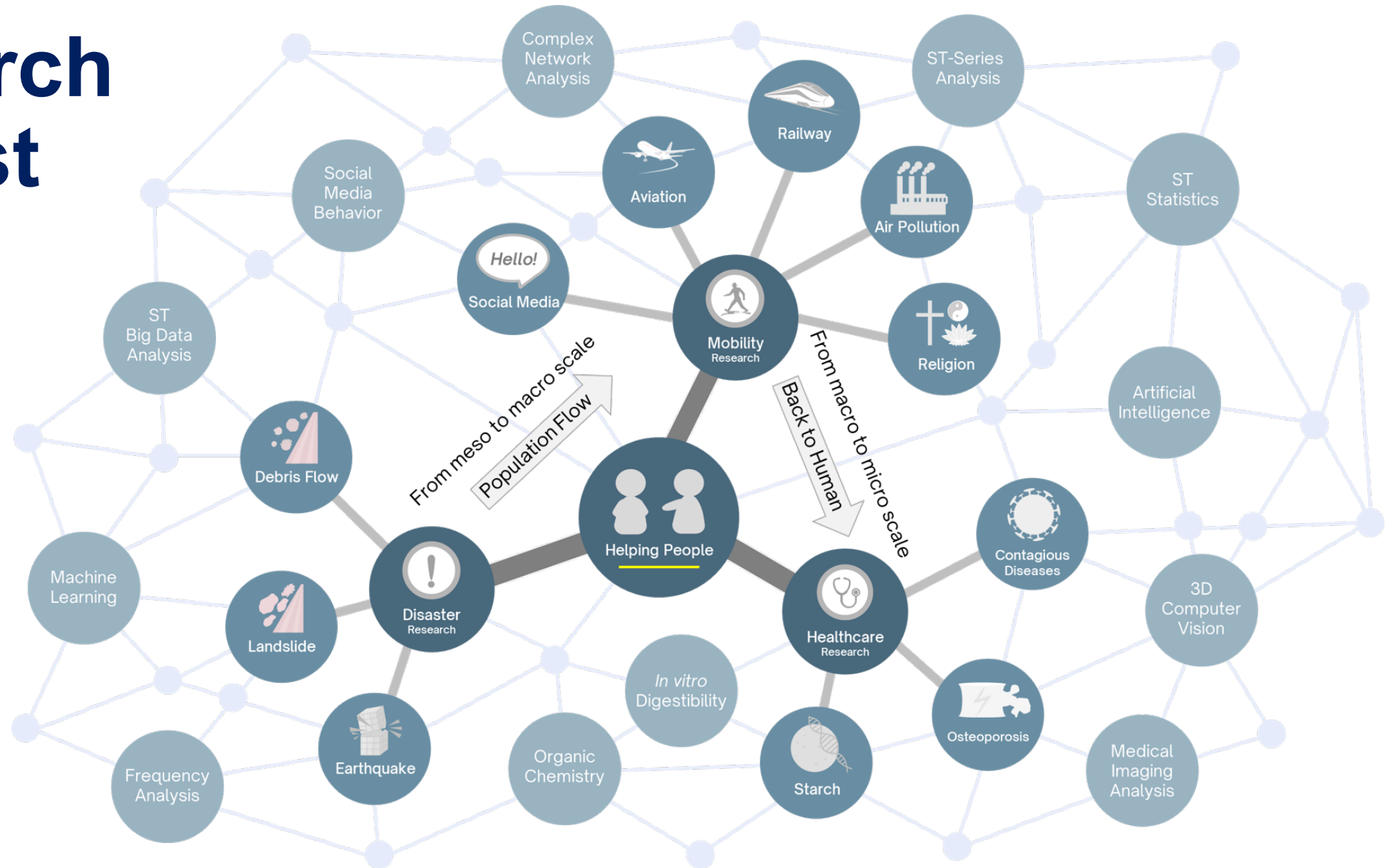
國立臺灣大學地理環境資源學系 碩士

實踐大學食品營養與保健生技學系 碩士

國立臺北教育大學社會與區域發展學系 學士



# Research Interest



# Previous Projects



Global Airline Alliance Airport Network



Timely Exposure Risk Estimation



COVID-19 Disease Transmission

Social Media Marketing

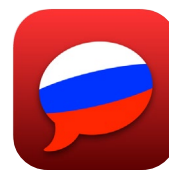


Spatiotemporal Religious Dissemination



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# Other Interests



Русский | Español | 日本語



My first Russian Book |  
Published in Nov. 2021



Exhibition Staff |  
Moscow, 2015



Exhibition Staff | St. Petersburg, 2015



Exhibition Staff | República Dominicana, 2015



Exhibition Staff | Colombia, 2015



Host | NTU Russian Night, 2017



ABC news | Paraguay, 2015  
Exhibition Staff | Paraguay, 2015

# Course Introduction

- Many datasets are available online and often consist of a vast amount of data. Downloading the entire dataset quickly can be a challenge. However, manually selecting data to download can result in missing important information.
- This course aims to teach you the most widely used web crawler package in Python for both static and dynamic websites, enabling you to efficiently download the desired datasets.

# Course Introduction

- Due to time limitations, we will not help you review Python programming; therefore, if you are not familiar with programming or Python.
- You may watch and practice with my Python programming tutorials:
- Detailed version: <https://toodou.github.io/UrbanGIS/index.html>
- Simplified version: <https://toodou.github.io/BigData/index.html>
- To be honest, we should be familiar with data preprocessing and cleaning, but if you are a hardworking learner. I believe that you will understand and be familiar with all of them.
- So, ... trust yourself ... you can make it!



# Course Introduction

Week	Date	Content
1	Feb. 19	Introduction to Web Crawler
2	Feb. 26	Web Crawler Ethics & Web Design (I) - HTML
3	Mar. 4	Web Design (II) - CSS (I)
4	Mar. 11	Web Design (III) - CSS (II)
5	Mar. 18	Web Design (IV) - JavaScript Basic
6	Mar. 25	Web Design (V) - Java Script Advance with XML and JSON
7	Apr. 1	Static Website Crawler - 批踢踢
<b>8</b>	<b>Apr. 8</b>	<b>Midterm Proposal Pitch</b>
9	Apr. 15	<b>[Video]</b> Solving the CAPTCHA
10	Apr. 22	<b>[Video]</b> Dynamic Website Crawler (I) - Selenium Introduction

Week	Date	Content
11	Apr. 29	Dynamic Website Crawler (II) - Dcard and 小紅書
12	May 6	Dynamic Website Crawler (III) - Treads and Instagram
13	May 13	Social Media API - Facebook & X API
14	May 20	Social Media Crawler Practice - Facebook
<b>15</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>Final Report Presentation</b>
16	Jun 3	Final Exam Week (no class)

# Grading Policy



All you have to do is study hard and feel free to ask question when you do not understand.



I believe that if you fulfill all required items, and then you will pass this course / get a high GPA.



Do not worry about the grade! The most important things is what you learn from this course.

Attendance	10%
Assignment	40%

Midterm Report	20%
Final Report	30%

# Midterm Report

- As a programming course, you must practice as much as possible. In general, using a use case could enhance the motivation to learn and search for related information to achieve your final goals.
- In the midterm report, you only have 3 minutes to present which website or online information you attempted to download. To clearly demonstrate the data you obtained, you need to leverage a website as a dashboard to perform your discoveries.
- The recommended report architecture is as follows:
- (1) Background (why?); (2) Target Website (brief intro.); (3) Target Info. (Detailed); (4) Expected Dashboard (fake demo)

# Final Report

- In the final presentation, each student has 5 – 6 minutes to present your online dashboard (website). The recommended report format is depicted as follows.
  - a) Background – Brief intro.
  - b) Target website – Screenshot with a brief intro.
  - c) Target Info. – Table, figure, and description
  - d) Introduce your dashboard – Charts with sufficient description

# Why do you need to take this course?

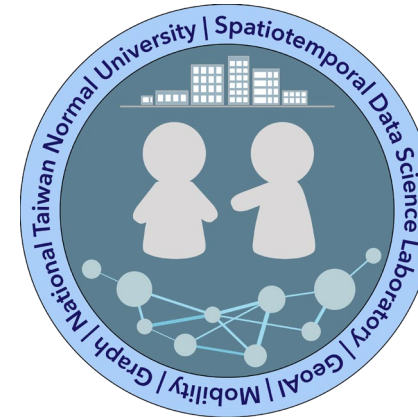
- As a member of the era of information explosion, most crucial information and data are available online; however, it is hard to manually obtain all data within a short time.
- In this course, we will teach you how to design your own (including getting your website to show up online) and how to get website information from static, dynamic, and social media.

# What will you learn from this course?

- According to the scheduled syllabus, you will learn ...
  - a) Website architecture (*HTML, CSS, and JS*)
  - b) Front-end design
  - c) GitHub
  - d) Animation
  - e) Visualization
  - f) Static website crawler
  - g) Dynamic website crawler

# Textbook

- We have no fixed textbook or online tutorials.
- You must continually search for the necessary information to accomplish your final project and all the problems.
- **Suggested sources:**
  - Ryan Mitchell (2024) *Web Scraping with Python (3rd)*. O'Reilly Media, Inc. ISBN: 9781098145354
  - Katharine Jarmul and Richard Lawson (2017) *Python Web Scraping (2nd)*. Packet. ISBN: 978-1-78646-258-9



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