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Bot 機器人



Bot, spider or crawler

Bot is useful

- Extract data from other sources
 - e.g. random numbers from random.org
 - e.g. word correction by google
- Commit data to other destinations
 - e.g. vote cheating or Search Engine Optimization (搜尋引擎最佳化, SEO)
- Automation
 - e.g. backup (daily archive user data and ftp it out)
- It could be performed by-request or periodically

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True Random Number Service

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What's this fuss about *true* randomness?

Perhaps you have wondered how predictable machines like computers can generate randomness. In reality, most random numbers used in computer programs are *pseudo-random*, which means they are generated in a predictable fashion using a mathematical formula. This is fine for many purposes, but it may not be random in the way you expect if you're used to dice rolls and lottery drawings.

RANDOM.ORG offers *true* random numbers to anyone on the Internet. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. People use RANDOM.ORG for holding drawings, lotteries and sweepstakes, to drive games and gambling sites, for scientific applications and for art and music. The service has existed since 1998 and was built by [Dr Mads Haahr](#) of the [School of Computer Science and Statistics](#) at Trinity College, Dublin in Ireland. Today, RANDOM.ORG is operated by Randomness and Integrity Services Ltd.

As of today, RANDOM.ORG has generated 1.17 trillion random bits for the Internet community.

True Random Number Generator
Min:
Max:

Result:

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Games and Gambling

[Lottery Quick Pick](#) is perhaps the Internet's most popular with over 170 lotteries

[Keno Quick Pick](#) for the popular game played at many casinos

[Coin Flipper](#) will give you heads or tails in many currencies

[Dice Roller](#) does exactly what it says on the tin

[Playing Card Shuffler](#) will draw cards from multiple shuffled decks

[Birdie Fund Generator](#) will create birdie holes for golf courses

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Random Integer Generator

Here are your random numbers:

54	93	14	48	91
66	73	65	32	85
82	85	60	72	48
88	87	60	80	38
70	3	26	20	51
3	3	67	55	50
2	26	34	47	87
65	15	79	5	84
67	44	96	15	75
54	90	1	65	65
48	44	62	16	12
71	18	96	52	75
80	84	84	75	49
29	82	42	82	45
19	56	9	73	6
17	28	49	86	74
14	24	41	71	4
94	61	30	55	62
46	37	100	63	47
66	89	32	9	76

You want to automate it

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Again!

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Note: The numbers are generated left to right, i.e., across columns.



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the next step you do

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Just get the content

- In Perl

- use LWP::Simple;
my \$content = get "http://www...";

- In PHP

- \$content =
file_get_contents("http://www...");

- In JavaScript (node.js)

- http.request({
 host: 'www.random.org',
 path: '/integers/?num=100...' ,
}, function(response){})

A more general way

- `curl -s 'http://www...'`
 - try the powerful **Unix** commands
 - `-s` indicates silent mode (up to you)
- In Perl, the **backquote**
 - ``curl ...``
- In PHP
 - `exec('curl ...')`
- In JavaScript, everything is asynchronous
 - `require('child_process')`
`.exec('curl', function(){})`

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22      88      33      2       34
81      86      12      86      17
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<form method="get" action="">
```

After this, what's
your next step?



How many

code you need

One line

```
/"data">(.+?)</s and print $1;
```

Regular Expression 正規表示式

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Regular expression

- A regular expression, or **regex** for short, is a pattern describing a set of strings that satisfy the pattern
 - e.g. **^A** means all strings that start with an ‘A’
 - in this slide, a string and its matched part is highlighted as Adam
 - in most regex engines (JavaScript, Perl, vi...), a regex is specified in between two slashes like **/^A/**

Literal character

- `a` matches `a`
- `a` matches `J``a``c``k` `i``s` `a` `b``o``y`
 - match the first occurrence
 - not ~~`J``a``c``k`~~ ~~`i``s`~~ `a` `b``o``y`
- Characters with special meanings
 - `[] \ . ^ $ | ? * { } + ()`
 - meta-characters
 - use backslash to escape them
 - matches `1+1=2` by `1\+1=2`

Character class/set

- Matches only one out of several characters
 - `[ae]` matches a or e
 - `gr[ae]y` matches gray or grey
 - `gr[ae]y` does not match ~~graey~~
- A hyphen inside a character class indicates range
 - `[0-9]` matches a single digit between 0 and 9
 - combine with single characters `[0-9a-zA-Z]`
- A caret after the opening square bracket indicates not
 - `q[^x]` matches question but not ~~Iraq~~

Shorthand character classes

- \d matches a digit character
- \w matches a word character (alphanumeric characters and underscore)
- \s matches a whitespace character (space, tab and line break)
- \D, \W and \S are the complement sets

The dot

- `.` matches (almost) any char, except the line break
 - short for `[^\n]`
- Most regex engines have a single line mode that makes dot also match line break
 - `/regex/s`

Anchors

- Anchors do not match any characters but match a position
- ^ matches at the start of the string
- \$ matches at the end of the string
- \b matches at a word boundary
 - \bis\b matches This island is nice

Alternation

- The regular expression equivalent of “or”
 - `cat|dog` matches About cats and dogs
 - can be more than two `cat|dog|mouse|fish`

Repetition

- The question mark indicates optional (zero or one time)
 - `colou?r` matches colour or color
- The asterisk indicates zero or more times
 - `<[A-Za-z][A-Za-z0-9]*>` matches an HTML tag without any attributes
- The plus indicates one or more times
 - `<[A-Za-z0-9]+>` is easier to write but matches invalid tags such as `<2>`
- Curly brace indicates specific amount of repetition
 - `\b[1-9][0-9]{3}\b` matches 1000 to 9999
 - `\b[1-9][0-9]{2,4}\b` matches 100 to 99999

Greedy and lazy repetition

- The repetition is greedy by default
 - `<.+>` matches This is good
- A question mark make it lazy
 - `<.+?>` matches This is good

Grouping and back-references

- Round bracket indicates group
 - `Set(Value)?` matches `Set` or `SetValue`
- Round bracket creates back-references
 - how to access the back-references depends on the regex engine
 - `$0` = `SetValue` and `$1` = `Value` or
`$0` = `Set` and `$1` is null in Perl



Any Questions?

about regex



How many

meta-characters you remember

[] \ . ^ \$ | ? * { } + ()

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Content Any ch Use brackets to create the
to prev back-reference and print it

Painful?

But, before parsing the content

Parse the request

- `http://www.random.org/integers/?num=100&min=1&max=100&col=5&base=10&format=html&rnd=new`

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- `http://www.random.org/integers/?num=100&min=1&max=100&col=5&base=10&format=html&rnd=new`
- This is usually done manually

Occurrences in Google

The keyword should come from command line. Here we just keep the code simple.

```
■ my $kw = 'color';  
my $ua = '-A "Mozilla/5.0";  
$kw =~ s/\s+//g;  
my $url =  
    "http://www.google.com/search?q=$kw";  
$_ = `curl $ua -s '$url`;  
/"resultsStats".*? (\S+)/ and print $1;
```



\$kw =~ s/\s+/+/g;

my \$url =

"http://www.google.com/search?q=\$kw";

Replace spaces to +, globally. Figure out this rule manually. Google's advanced web techniques make this harder. Watch the **substitute operator** with three slashes. The **global mode** indicates replace **all occurrences** rather than the first one.



403. That's an error.

Your client does not have permission to get URL /search?q=dirty+handsome from this server. (Client IP address: 2001:288:7001:1068:2937:928b:3b86:77c5)

Please see Google's Terms of Service posted at http://www.google.com/terms_of_service.html

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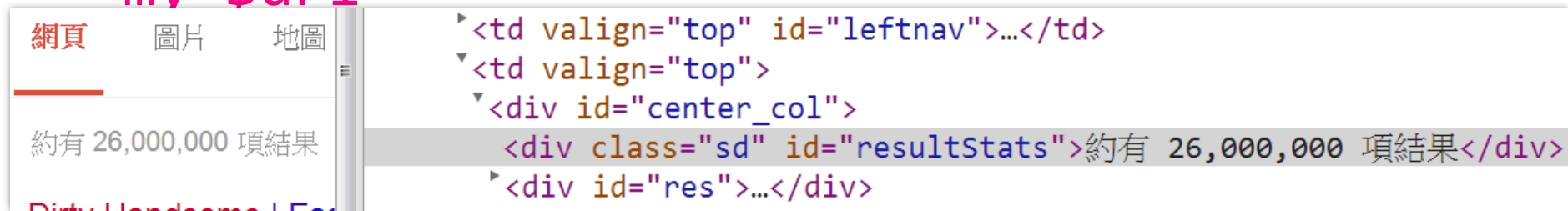
Get the results. The user agent string \$ua is required to cheat Google.

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Design the regex to parse the result.

Tip

- A demo, the backup of zoro
- crontab
 - if you want to perform some works periodically
 - 例行性工作排程的建立
- Net::Telnet
 - if you want to deal with BBS rather than web platforms
 - Re: 又出現一個PTT備份站了

Today's assignment 今天的任務

Extract something from other sites

- Adopt any way mentioned today to enrich the content your site. If you have no ideas, try providing hot news from news sites or hot keywords from search sites.
- Use regular expression
- Reference
 - Regular-Expressions.info
- Your web site (<http://merry.ee.ncku.edu.tw/~xxx/cur/>, ex9) will be checked not before 23:59 6/18 (Mon). You may send a report (such as some important modifications) to [me](#) in case I did not notice your features. Or, even better, just explain your modifications in the [homepage](#).