

# Web Scraping in the Statistics Curricula: Challenges and Opportunities

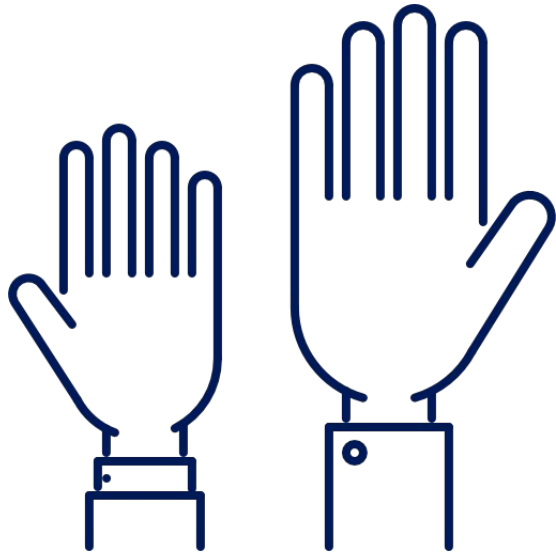
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**Have you ever scraped  
data from the web?**

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**WHY?**

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Andrew Lincoln Before Rick Grimes  
A Look at His Early Acting Roles



'Men in Black Spin-Off'  
What We Know ... So Far



Cody Fern's Rapid Rise  
How He Got to "House of Cards"

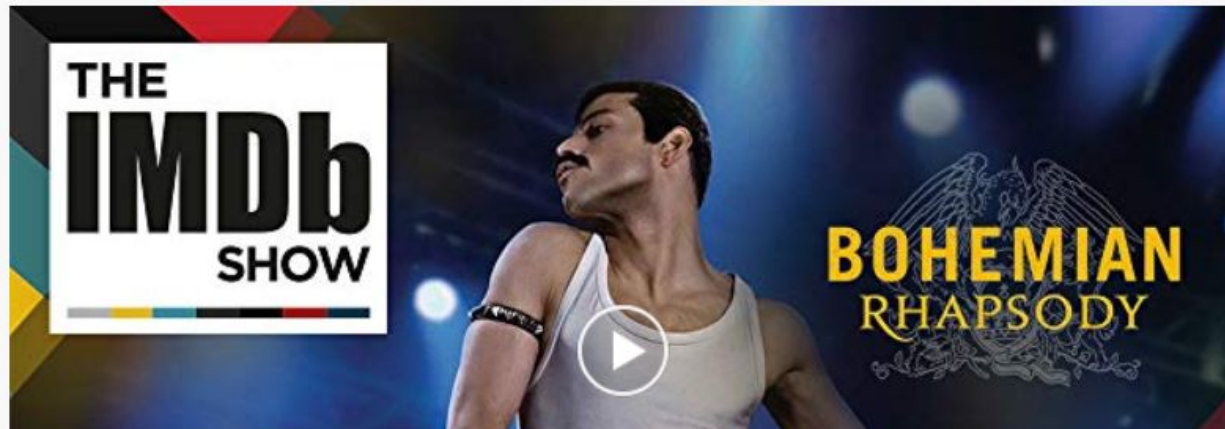
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Each week the number of titles in the database grows to cover almost all the new releases, as well as to fill some holes from earlier days.

All types of movie are covered, for example

- blockbusters - [Sleepless in Seattle \(1993\)](#),
- classics - [Citizen Kane \(1941\)](#),
- cult following - [Rocky Horror Picture Show, The \(1975\)](#),
- silent - [Kid, The \(1921\)](#),
- bad - [Plan 9 from Outer Space \(1958\)](#),
- animated - [Wrong Trousers, The \(1993\)](#),
- Hollywood - [Fugitive, The \(1993\)](#),
- world-wide - [Belle Epoque \(1992\)](#),
- and much, much more.

**Titles: 5,310,913 (Year Range: 1874 - 2025)**

- Titles w/ primary image 1,058,871
- Reviews 3,793,406
- Plots 1,807,393
- Trivia 964,144
- Quotes 907,178
- Parental guides 416,387
- Release dates 6,026,114
- Certificates 1,103,092
- Genres 2,863,475
- Keywords 8,150,624
- Running times 1,687,265
- Soundtrack 916,062

# Top 250 movies

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IMDb Charts

## Top Rated Movies

Top 250 as rated by IMDb Users

Showing 250 Titles      Sort by: Ranking

Rank & Title	IMDb Rating	Your Rating
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5. <a href="#">12 Angry Men</a> (1957)	★ 8.9	☆

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 Hide titles I've seen

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- Top Rated English Movies
- Most Popular TV
- Top Rated TV
- Top Rated Indian Movies
- Lowest Rated Movies

Top Rated Movies by Genre

- Action
- Adventure
- Animation
- Biography
- Comedy

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<b>6</b> Schindler's List	1993	8.9
<b>7</b> The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	2003	8.9
<b>8</b> Pulp Fiction	1994	8.9
<b>9</b> The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	1966	8.8
<b>10</b> Fight Club	1999	8.8
<b>11</b> The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring	2001	8.8



# Feature Films Released in 2018

1-50 of 14,485 titles. | Next »

View Mode: Compact | **Detailed**

Sort by: **Popularity▲** | A-Z | User Rating | Number of Votes | US Box Office | Runtime | Year | Release Date | Date of Your Rating | Your Rating



1. **Bohemian Rhapsody** (2018)

PG-13 | 134 min | Biography, Drama, Music

★ 8.4

☆ Rate this

49 Metascore

A chronicle of the years leading up to Queen's legendary appearance at the Live Aid (1985) concert.

Director: Bryan Singer | Stars: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee, Ben Hardy

Votes: 72,662 | Gross: \$69.16M



2. **Halloween** (I) (2018)

R | 106 min | Horror, Thriller

★ 7.1

☆ Rate this

67 Metascore

Laurie Strode confronts her long-time foe Michael Myers, the masked figure who has haunted her since she narrowly escaped his killing spree on Halloween night four decades ago.

Director: David Gordon Green | Stars: Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer, Andi Matichak, James Jude Courtney

Votes: 44,006 | Gross: \$152.97M



3. **A Star Is Born** (2018)

R | 136 min | Drama, Music, Romance

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# Six recommendations from GAISE

1. Teach statistical thinking.
  - Teach statistics as an investigative process of problem-solving and decision-making.
  - Give students experience with multivariable thinking.
2. Focus on conceptual understanding.
3. Integrate real data with a context and purpose.
4. Foster active learning.
5. Use technology to explore concepts and analyze data.
6. Use assessments to improve and evaluate student learning.

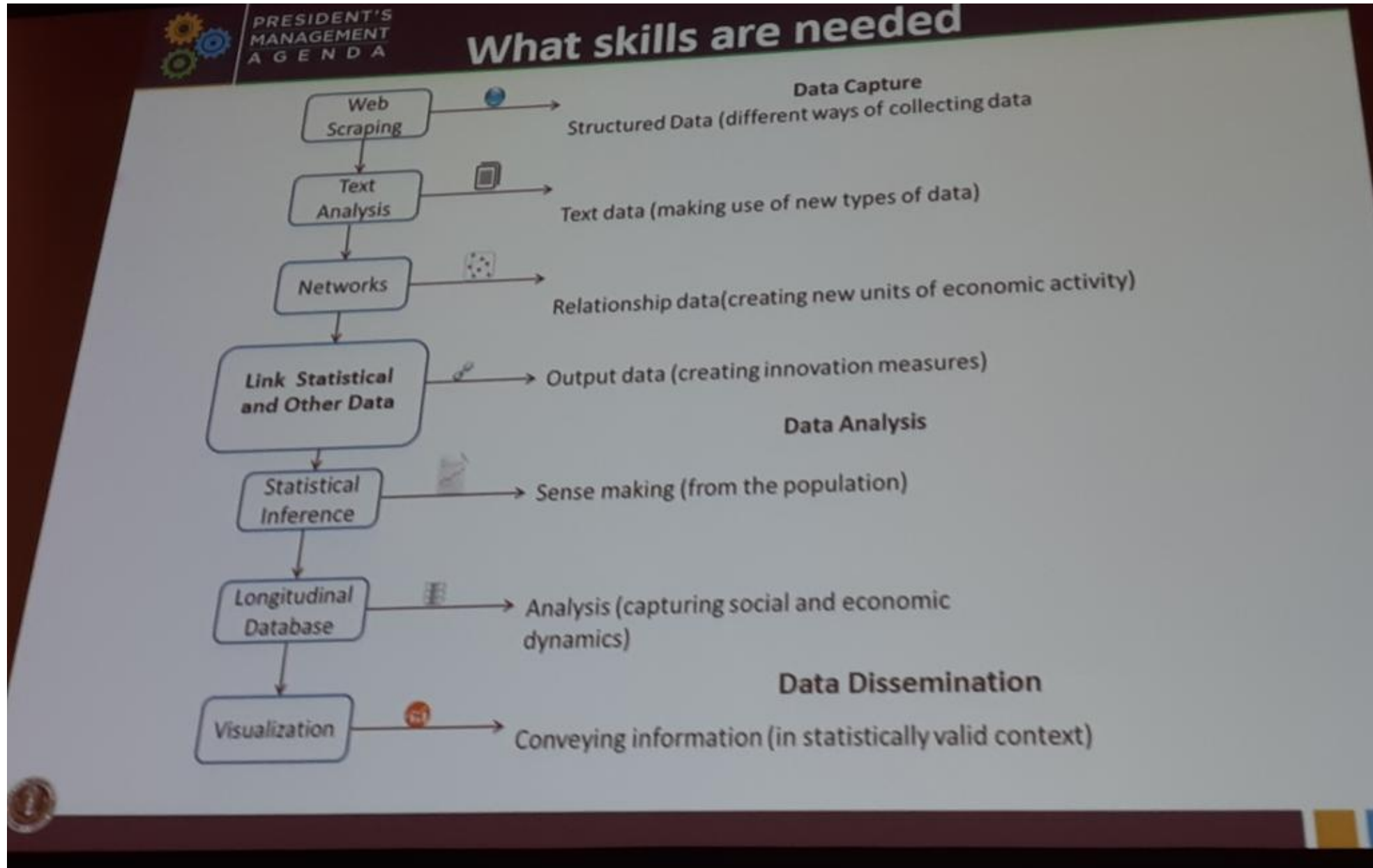
# Desirable Characteristics of Class Activities

## *Choosing data...*

- **Relevance** – The activity should involve data about topics that interest students. Using real data makes data relevant to a wide variety of student majors. If real data are not used, then the activity should mimic a real-world situation. It should not seem like “busywork” to students. For example, if you use coins or cards to conduct a binomial experiment, explain real-world binomial experiments they could represent.

## Statistics Education Literature

- Nature of statistics is changing. Statistics curricula must adapt to this change. One change needed is inclusion of computational skills (Nolan & Lang, 2010).
- Instructors and institutions that have computational skills will be on demand and students who have these skills will get the jobs (Horton, 2015).
- Some schools have already adopted “Data Science in Statistics Curricula” and they included web scraping (Hardin et. al, 2015).





# Data Science Internship, Spring 2019

Weber Shandwick - Washington, DC 20005

## General Responsibilities:

- Understand client background and needs, including general business strategy, industry issues, products and services, key customers and competitors in the marketplace
- Participate in strategic brainstorming sessions when invited by account leads or supervisors
- Create and maintain optimal data pipelines and data integration solutions
- Assemble large, complex data sets that meet business requirements through web scraping or API's
- Identify, design, and implement internal process improvements: automating manual processes, optimizing data delivery, re-designing infrastructure for greater scalability, etc.
- Mine and analyze data to drive optimization and improvement of campaign management, marketing techniques and business strategies

# Digital Product Data Analyst

Galco Industrial Electronics - Madison Heights, MI 48071

## TASKS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Write & optimize database queries to transform raw, disparate datasets into our standard
- Process data from a range of formats, including CSV, JSON, XML
- Write basic scripts for data manipulation, data fetching, web scraping, and simple automation
- Drive continuous improvement of our processes and internal tools
- Drive automation capabilities with data entry and data extraction
- Working knowledge of SQL or Progress is a plus
- Ability to write and optimize queries
- Joins, aggregation, indexes, and transactions \* Ability to write and automate basic scripts for data manipulation and retrieval including CSV, JSON, XML data formats
- General understanding of APIs, command line, client server architecture, networks, and (S)FTP
- Use Excel to standardize and structure product data into our format
- Familiar with load sheets, appropriate keywords, effective copy, and product classifications
- Research products to ensure data accuracy
- Work with internal and external resources (ex. Manufacturers) to ensure products are accurately described
- Maintain departmental records of progress and completed work



# Research Analyst

Decision Resources Group - Parsippany, NJ

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research, review, and enter pharmaceutical product management data efficiently and accurately for all therapeutic drug classes and for all payer segments: Commercial, PBM, Commercial Medicaid, State Medicaid and Medicare plans
- Work with the Analyst team to create best practices for capturing plan changes and management updates
- Leverage a set technology tools, including proprietary web scraping and natural language processing software to drive efficiency
- Collaborate with other DRG teams to facilitate a variety of data sets
- Support the timely and appropriate response to client inquiries regarding the data
- Serve as key support for the delivery of data, reports, and ad hoc research assignments

## Data Analysis Librarian

UNC-Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, NC

### Minimum Qualifications:

Required ALA-accredited master's degree in Library or Information Science, or related advanced degree. Coursework in statistics, and knowledge of statistical methods. Strong customer service orientation and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated advanced data skills, including data cleaning/wrangling/normalization, using regular expressions, and web scraping. Demonstrated experience with data analysis tools such as R, STATA, SPSS, and SAS. Proficiency with at least one programming language (such as Python, Java, or R). Demonstrated aptitude for quickly learning new tools and technologies. Experience working effectively with a team to plan and complete projects. Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations as well as demonstrated commitment to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. Preferred Advanced degree in statistics. Experience providing data-related services in a library or research setting. Experience teaching technology, either one-on-one or in a classroom setting. Proficiency using tools and programming libraries to support text analysis. Geospatial technology skills. Data visualization skills. ALA-accredited master's degree in Library or Information Science, or related advanced degree.

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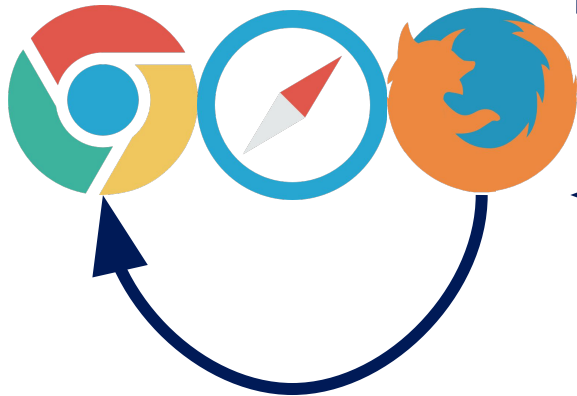
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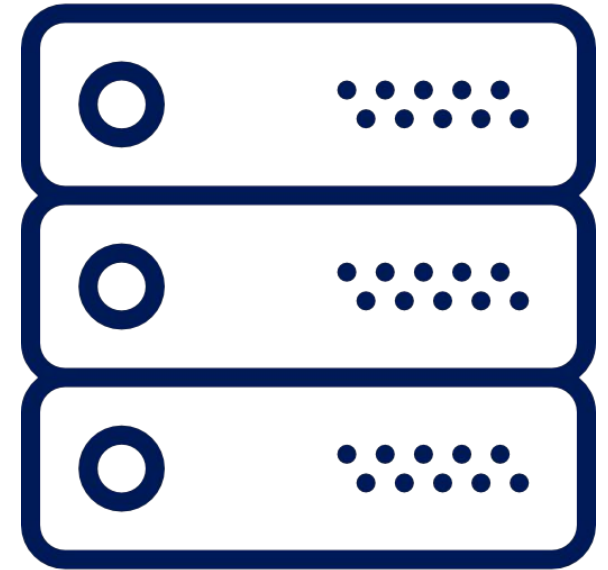


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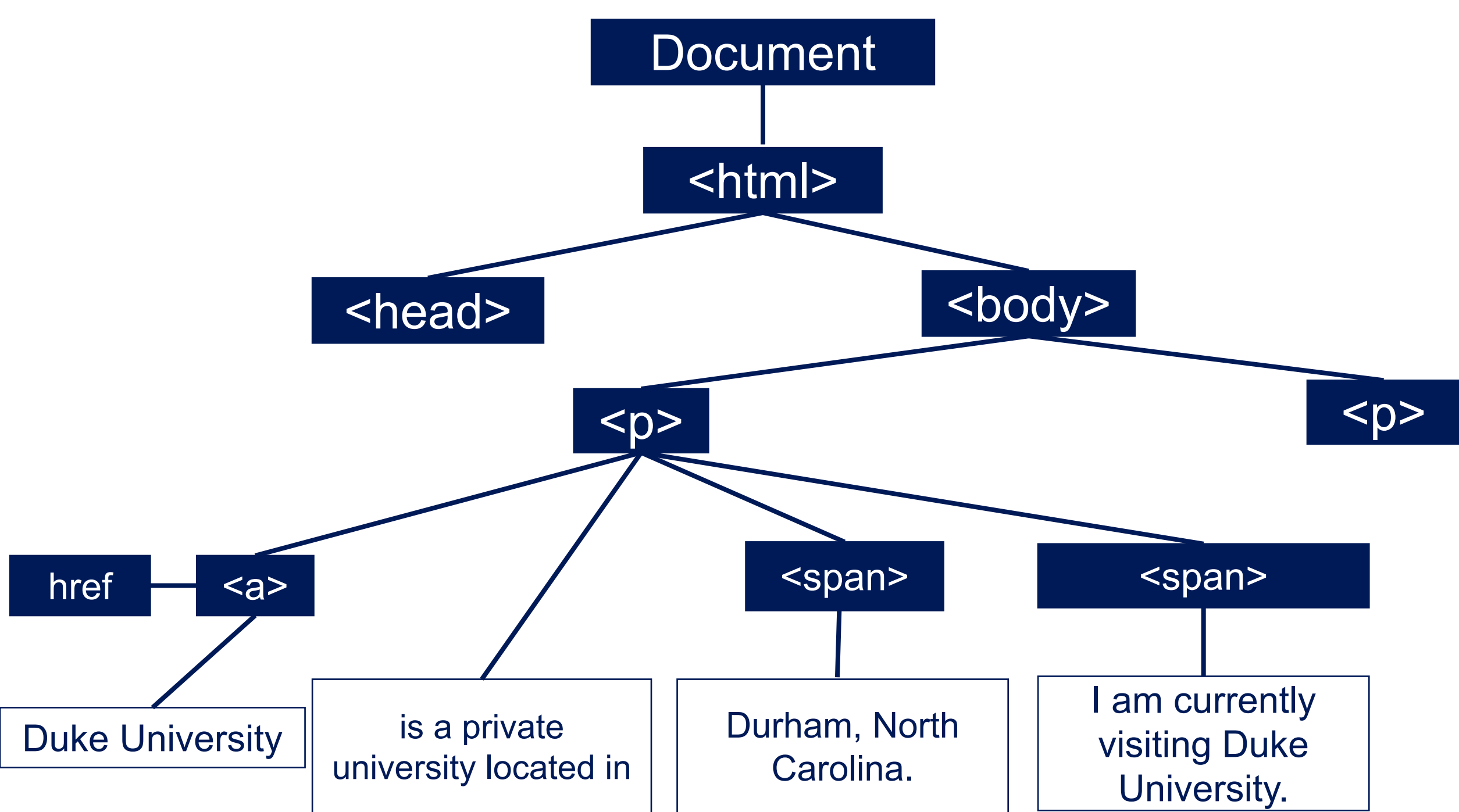
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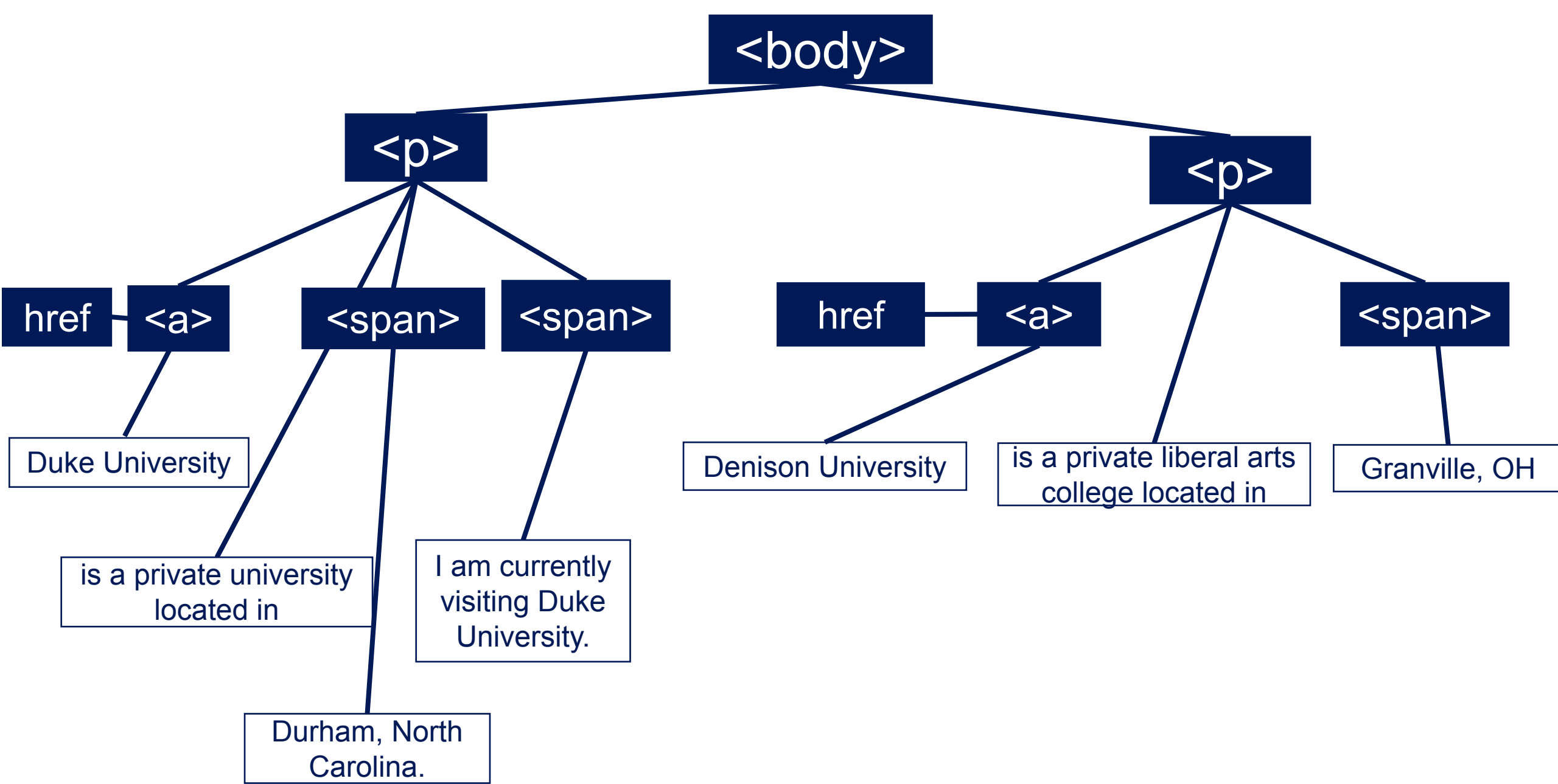
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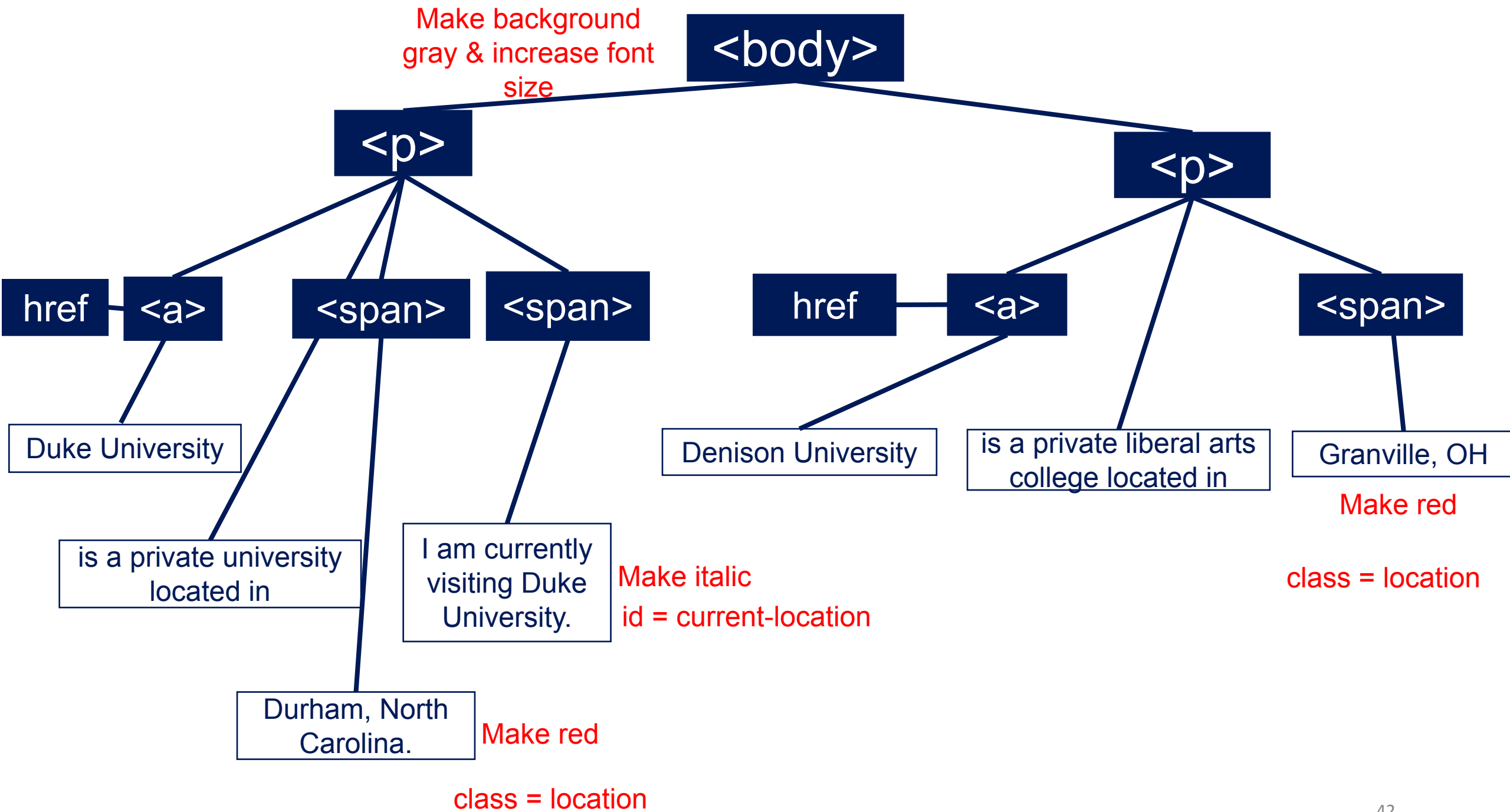
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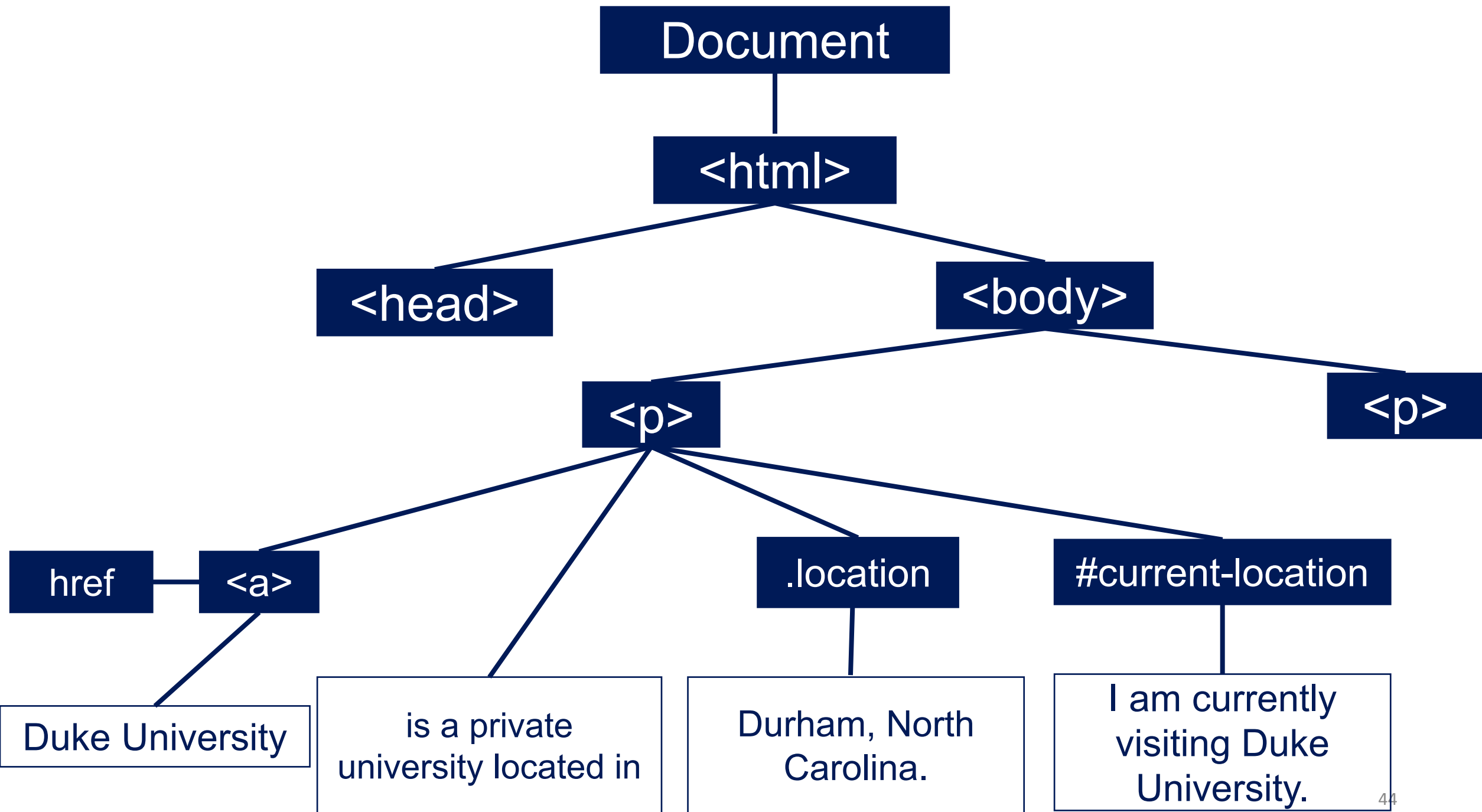


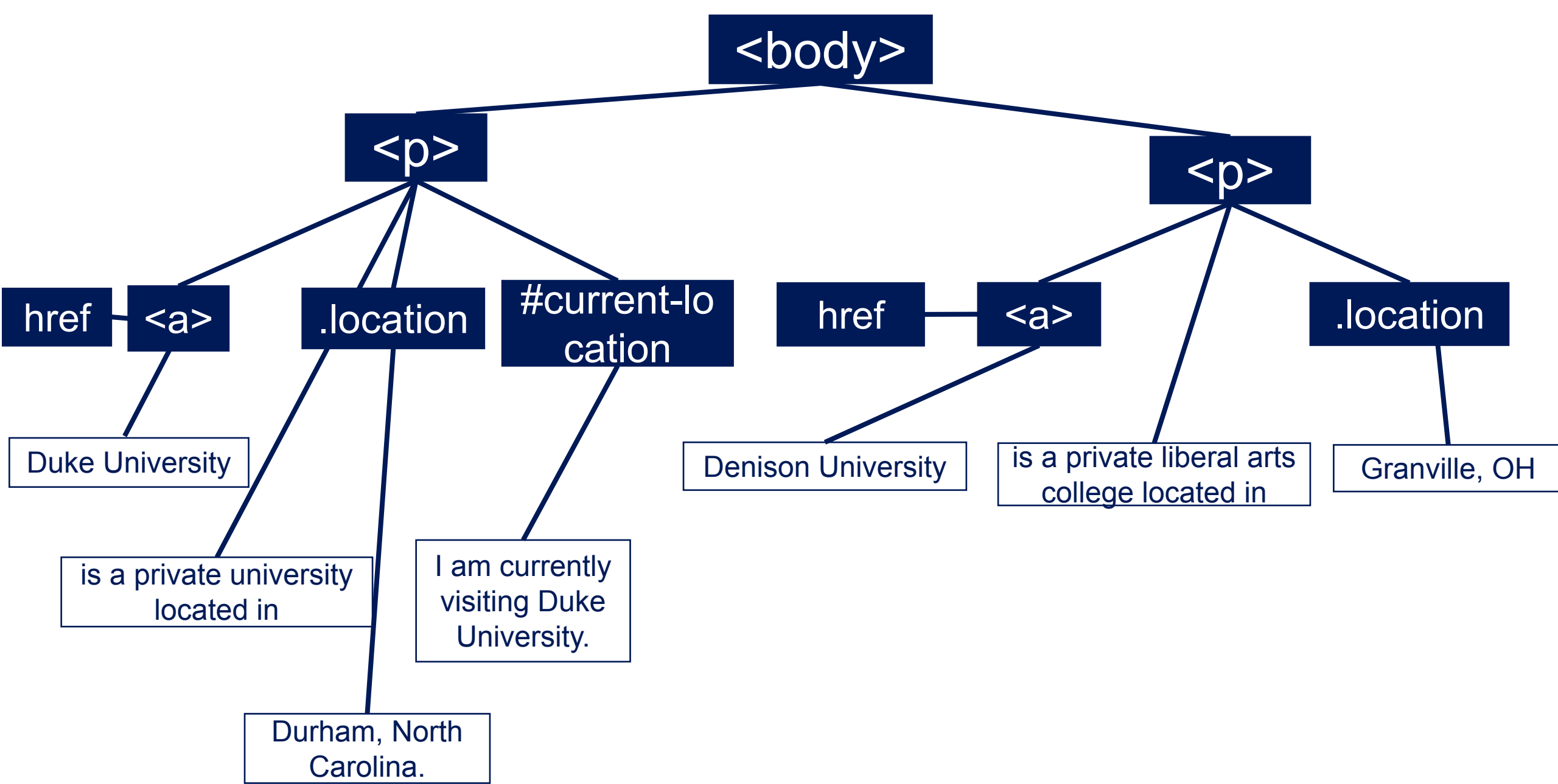
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  <p><a href = "https://denison.edu"> Denison
    University</a> is a private liberal arts college
    located in <span class= "location"> Granville,
    OH
    </span>.
  </p>
</body>
</html>
```

Duke University is a private research university located in **Durham, NC**. *I am currently visiting Duke University.*

Denison University is a private liberal arts college located in **Granville, OH**.









```
rvest::read_html(document)
```

```
<html>
```

```
rvest::html_nodes("a")
```

```
href
```

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<a>
```

```
Duke University
```

```
rvest::html_text()
```

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Duke University
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href
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<a>
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Denison University
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Denison University
```

# Top 250 movies

https://www.imdb.com/chart/top

The screenshot shows the IMDb website's 'Top Rated Movies' chart. The page header includes the IMDb logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main content area displays a list of movies with their rank, title, IMDb rating, and user rating. The first movie, 'The Shawshank Redemption (1994)', is highlighted with a blue box around its title and a 9.2 IMDb rating. The right sidebar contains sections for 'You Have Seen' (0/250), 'IMDb Charts' (with links to various charts), and 'Top Rated Movies by Genre'.

IMDb Charts

## Top Rated Movies

Top 250 as rated by IMDb Users

Showing 250 Titles      Sort by: Ranking

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You Have Seen  
0/250 (0%)  
 Hide titles I've seen

IMDb Charts

- Box Office
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- Lowest Rated Movies

Top Rated Movies by Genre

- Action
- Adventure
- Animation
- Biography
- Comedy

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### IMDb Charts







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- Action
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- Animation
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- Comedy
- Crime
- Drama
- Family
- Fantasy

No valid path found.

# HTML Nodes

<b>Our Interest</b>	<b>Node</b>
Title	.titleColumn a
Year	.secondaryInfo
Rating	.ratingColumn.imdbRating



Title: .titleColumn a

Year: .secondaryInfo

```
<td class="titleColumn">  
  1.  
  <a href="/title/tt0111161/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJNL&pf_rd_p=e31d89dd-322d-4646-8962-  
327b42fe94b1&pf_rd_r=3BTCBAC4HJN0GK95J818&pf_rd_s=center-  
1&pf_rd_t=15506&pf_rd_i=top&ref_=chttp_tt_1"  
title="Frank Darabont (dir.), Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman" >The Shawshank Redemption</a>  
  <span class="secondaryInfo">(1994)</span>  
</td>  
<td class="ratingColumn imdbRating">  
  <strong title="9.2 based on 2,011,548 user ratings">9.2</strong>  
</td>
```

Year: .ratingColumn.imdbRating

# Step 1 - rvest::read\_html()

Download the HTML file

```
> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top")
{xml_document}
<html xmlns:og="http://ogp.me/ns#" xmlns:fb="http://www.facebook.com/2008/fbml">
[1] <head>\n<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content=" ...
[2] <body id="styleguide-v2" class="fixed">\n\n ...
>
```

## Step 2 - rvest::html\_nodes()

Extract specific nodes

```
> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top") %>%  
+   html_nodes(".titlecolumn a")  
{xml_nodeset (250)}  
[1] <a href="/title/tt0111161/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...  
[2] <a href="/title/tt0068646/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...  
[3] <a href="/title/tt0071562/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...  
[4] <a href="/title/tt0468569/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...  
[5] <a href="/title/tt0050083/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...  
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[7] <a href="/title/tt0167260/?pf_rd_m=A2FGELUUNOQJN ...
```

# Step 3 - rvest::html\_text()

Extract text

```
> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top") %>%  
+   html_nodes(".titlecolumn a") %>%  
+   html_text()  
[1] "The Shawshank Redemption"  
  
[2] "The Godfather"  
  
[3] "The Godfather: Part II"  
  
[4] "The Dark Knight"  
  
[5] "12 Angry Men"
```



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Year	.secondaryInfo
Rating	.ratingColumn.imdbRating

```
> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top") %>%
+   html_nodes(".secondaryInfo") %>%
+   html_text()
 [1] "(1994)" "(1972)" "(1974)" "(2008)" "(1957)"
 [6] "(1993)" "(2003)" "(1994)" "(1966)" "(1999)"
[11] "(2001)" "(1994)" "(1980)" "(2010)" "(2002)"
[16] "(1975)" "(1990)" "(1999)" "(1954)" "(2002)"
[21] "(1995)" "(1977)" "(1991)" "(1946)" "(1997)"
[26] "(1995)" "(2001)" "(1998)" "(1994)" "(1999)"
[31] "(2014)" "(1960)" "(1998)" "(1931)" "(1968)"
[36] "(1942)" "(1936)" "(2011)" "(2002)" "(2006)"
[41] "(1991)" "(1985)" "(2014)" "(1954)" "(1981)"
[46] "(2000)" "(1994)" "(2006)" "(1979)" "(2000)"
[51] "(2018)" "(1979)" "(1940)" "(1988)" "(1988)"
[56] "(1950)" "(2006)" "(1964)" "(1957)" "(1980)"
```



```

> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top") %>%
+   html_nodes(".secondaryInfo") %>%
+   html_text() %>%
+   str_remove("\\(") %>%                                # remove (
+   str_remove("\\)") %>%                                  # remove )
+   as.numeric()
  [1] 1994 1972 1974 2008 1957 1993 2003 1994 1966 1999
 [11] 2001 1994 1980 2010 2002 1975 1990 1999 1954 2002
 [21] 1995 1977 1991 1946 1997 1995 2001 1998 1994 1999
 [31] 2014 1960 1998 1931 1968 1942 1936 2011 2002 2006
 [41] 1991 1985 2014 1954 1981 2000 1994 2006 1979 2000
 [51] 2018 1979 1940 1988 1988 1950 2006 1964 1957 1980
 [61] 2012 2008 1997 1957 1999 2012 2003 2017 1986 1984
 [71] 1981 1941 1995 1958 1959 1992 1983 2016 1931 2016

```

## Web scraping

```
> read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top") %>%  
+   html_nodes(".secondaryInfo") %>%  
+   html_text() %>%
```

## String manipulation

```
+   str_remove("\\(") %>%           # remove (  
+   str_remove("\\)") %>%         # remove )  
+   as.numeric()
```

```

· # Read the entire page ----
page <- read_html("http://www.imdb.com/chart/top")

· # Scrape titles ----
titles <- page %>%
  html_nodes(".titleColumn a") %>%
  html_text()

· # Scrape years ----
years <- page %>%
  html_nodes(".secondaryInfo") %>%
  html_text() %>%
  str_remove("\\(") %>% # remove (
  str_remove("\\)") %>% # remove )
  as.numeric()

· # Scrape ratings ----
ratings <- page %>%
  html_nodes("#main strong") %>%
  html_text() %>%
  as.numeric()

· # Save titles, years, and rating together in a tibble ----
imdb_top_250 <- tibble(
  title = titles,
  year = years,
  rating = ratings
)

```



	<b>title</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>rating</b>
<b>1</b>	The Shawshank Redemption	1994	9.2
<b>2</b>	The Godfather	1972	9.2
<b>3</b>	The Godfather: Part II	1974	9.0
<b>4</b>	The Dark Knight	2008	9.0
<b>5</b>	12 Angry Men	1957	8.9
<b>6</b>	Schindler's List	1993	8.9
<b>7</b>	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	2003	8.9
<b>8</b>	Pulp Fiction	1994	8.9
<b>9</b>	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	1966	8.8
<b>10</b>	Fight Club	1999	8.8
<b>11</b>	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring	2001	8.8



**WHAT?**

**WHY?**

**HOW?**

**WHEN?**



# Prior Knowledge (Before Learning Web Scraping)

Data types – character, factor, integer, double

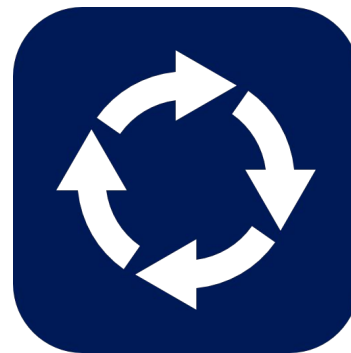
Experience working with rectangular data

Familiarity with R packages, functions, arguments

# Knowledge Building (While Learning Web Scraping)



Optional



Optional

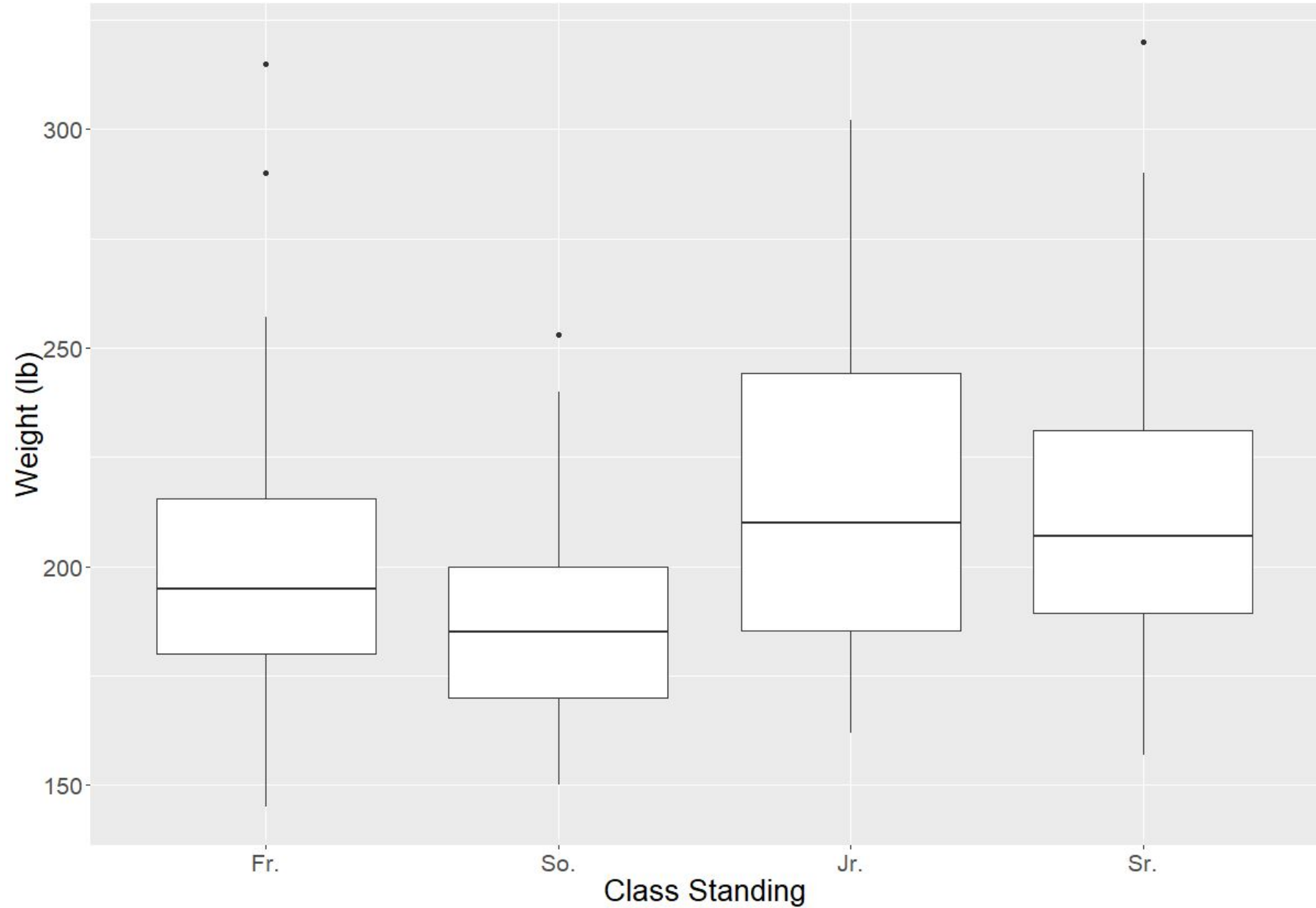


Optional

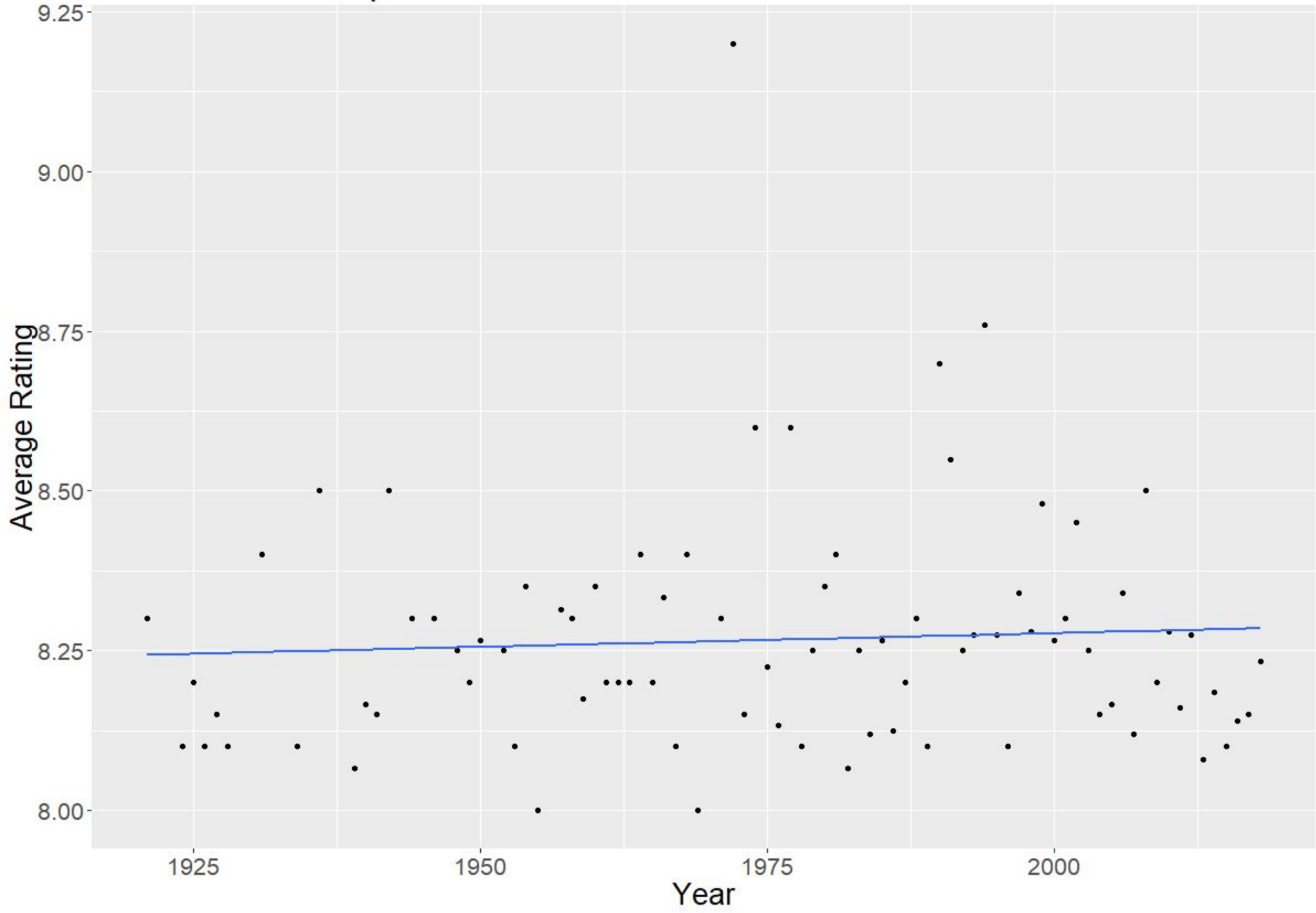
# Subsequent Activities (After Having Learned Web Scraping)

**STATISTICS**

# Denison Football



Data Based on Top 250 movies





# Predicting Movie Ratings

```
> tidy(full_model)
# A tibble: 5 x 5
  term          estimate  std.error statistic  p.value
  <chr>          <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>
1 (Intercept)  4.74        0.178      26.7      1.60e-93
2 meta_score   0.0243      0.00130    18.7      1.51e-57
3 run_time     0.00492     0.00142     3.46      5.85e- 4
4 vote         0.00000115  0.000000231 4.99      8.86e- 7
5 gross       -0.000151   0.000201   -0.751    4.53e- 1
```

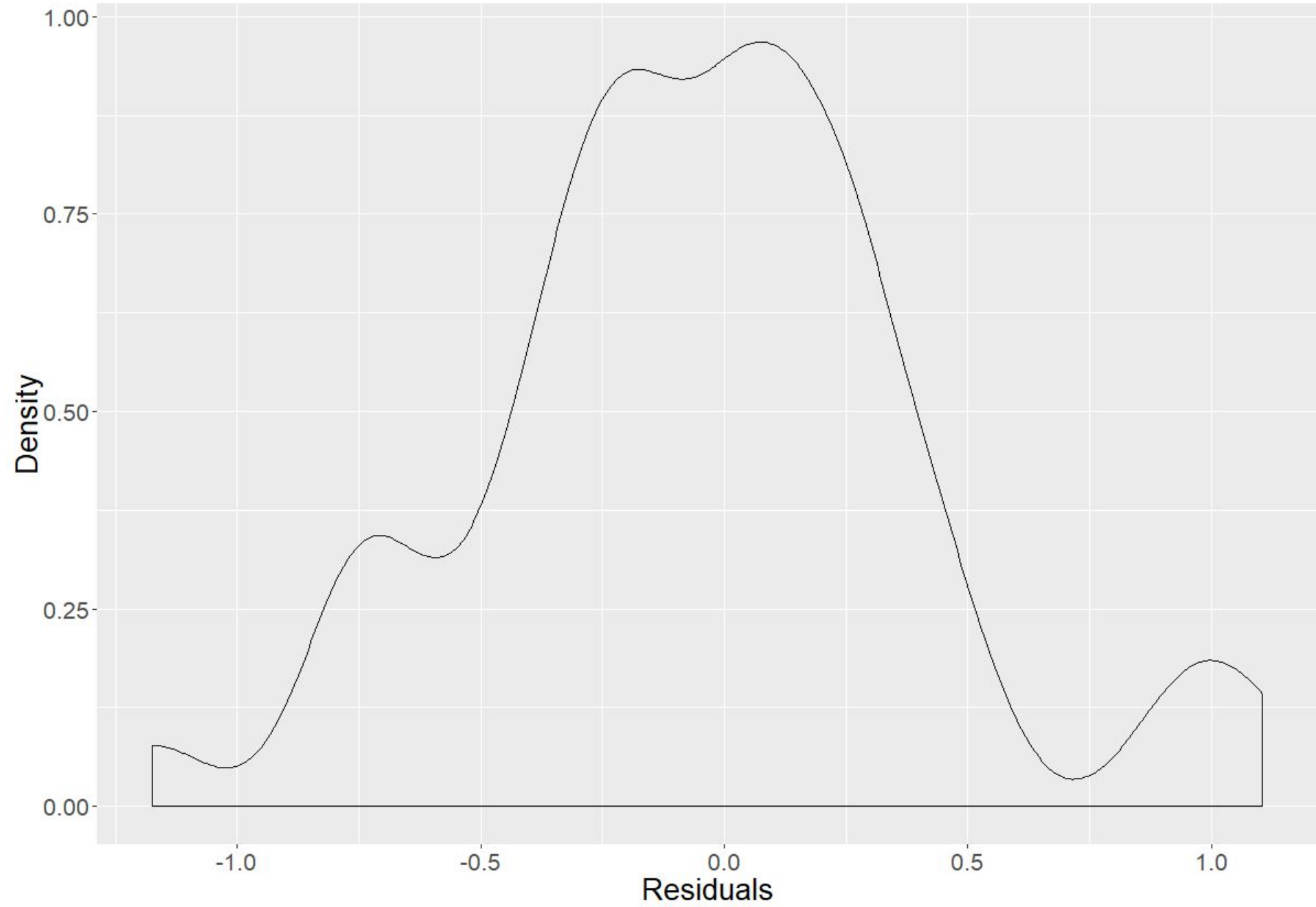
```
> reduced_model <- step(full_model, direction = "backward")
```

```
> tidy(reduced_model)
# A tibble: 4 x 5
  term          estimate  std.error statistic  p.value
  <chr>         <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>
1 (Intercept)  4.74        0.178      26.7  1.14e-93
2 meta_score   0.0246      0.00125    19.7  2.96e-62
3 run_time     0.00477     0.00141     3.39  7.52e- 4
4 vote        0.00000103 0.000000170 6.07  2.80e- 9
```

```
> glance(full_model)$AIC  
[1] 496.9882
```

```
> glance(reduced_model)$AIC  
[1] 495.5577
```

# Reduced Model

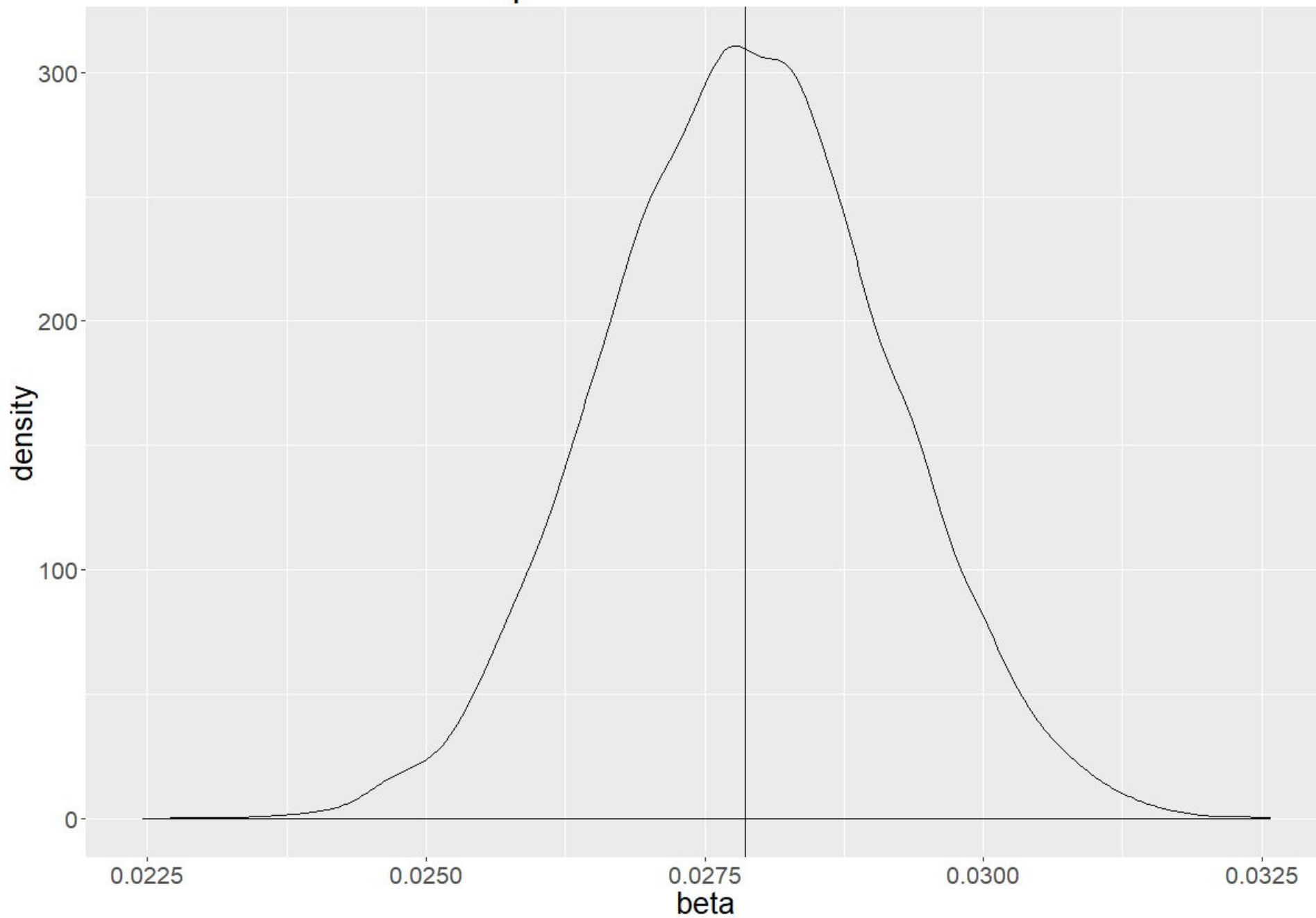




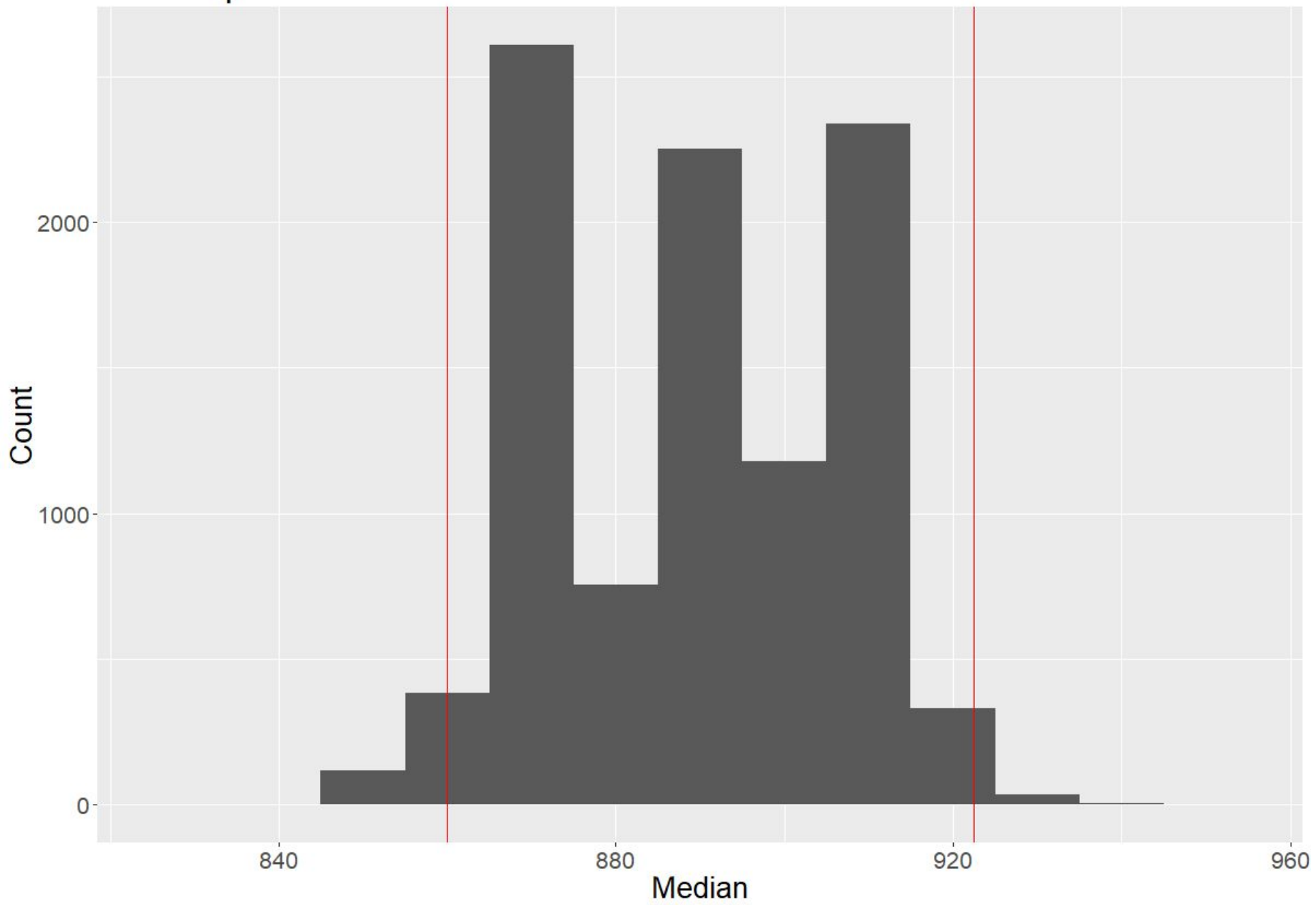
```
> model.script <- "  
+ data {  
+ int N;  
+ real sigma;  
+ real rating[N];  
+ real meta_score[N];  
+ }  
+ transformed data {  
+ real m_meta_score;  
+ m_meta_score = mean(meta_score);  
+ }  
+ parameters {  
+ real alpha;  
+ real beta;  
+ }  
+ model {  
+ alpha ~ normal(0,1/.001);  
+ beta ~ normal(0,1/.001);  
+ for (i in 1:N)  
+ rating[i] ~ normal(alpha +  
+                   beta*(meta_score[i]- m_meta_score),  
+                   sigma);  
+ }"
```



Posterior Distribution of Slope



# Bootstrap Distribution of Medians



# When?

- After prior topics have been mastered
- After some data maturity has been gained
- Before the desired subsequent activity
- In introductory and/or advanced courses

**WHAT?**

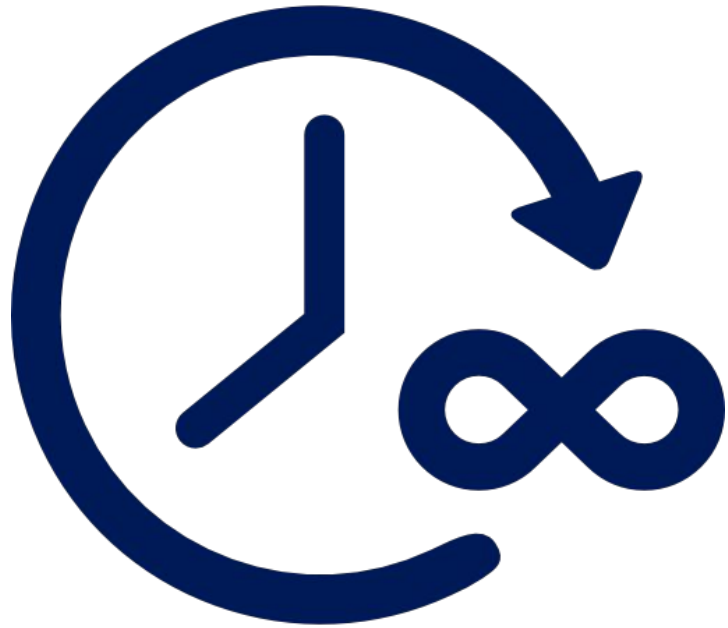
**WHY?**

**HOW?**

**WHEN?**



# Making use of the written code





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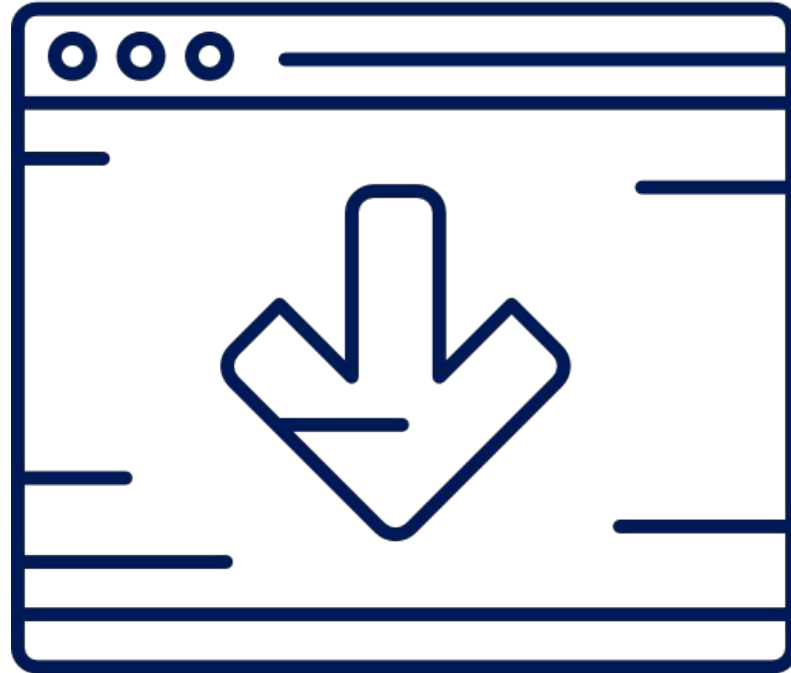
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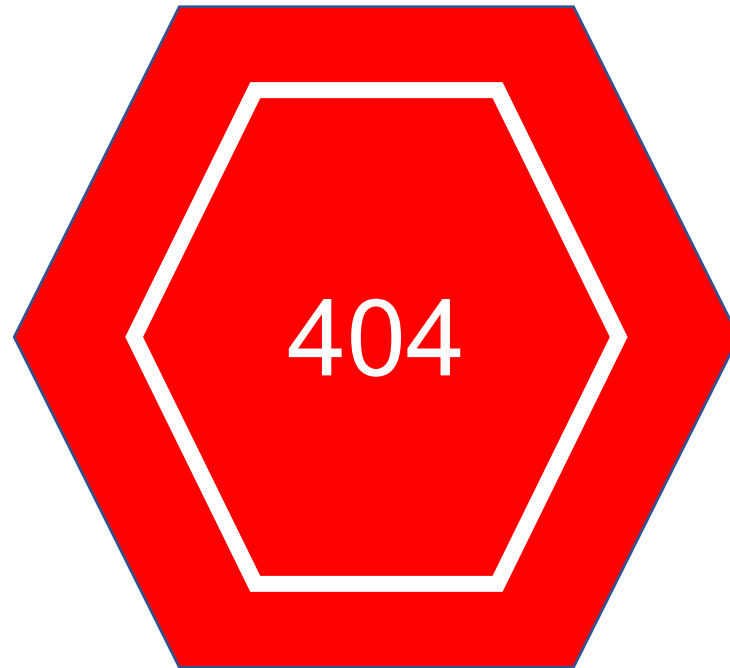
Show All

Hrm.

The Wayback Machine has not archived that URL.



# Website server can be down



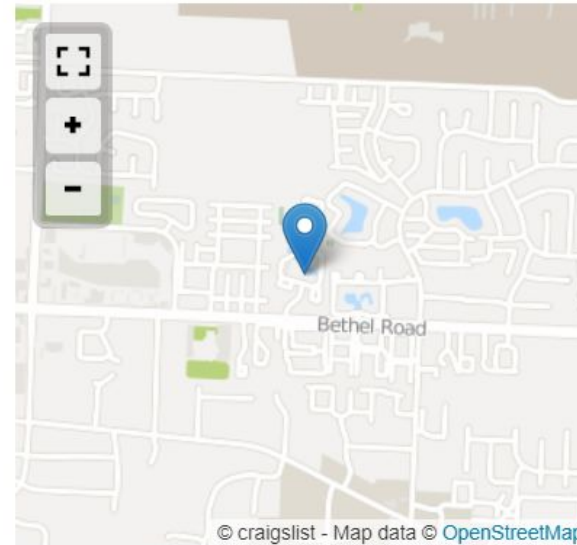
# Data entry

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Luxury lakeside community just 9 minutes from The Ohio State University featuring 1, 2 and 3 bedroom floor plans!



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**2BR / 2Ba** available now

cats are OK - purrr

dogs are OK - woof

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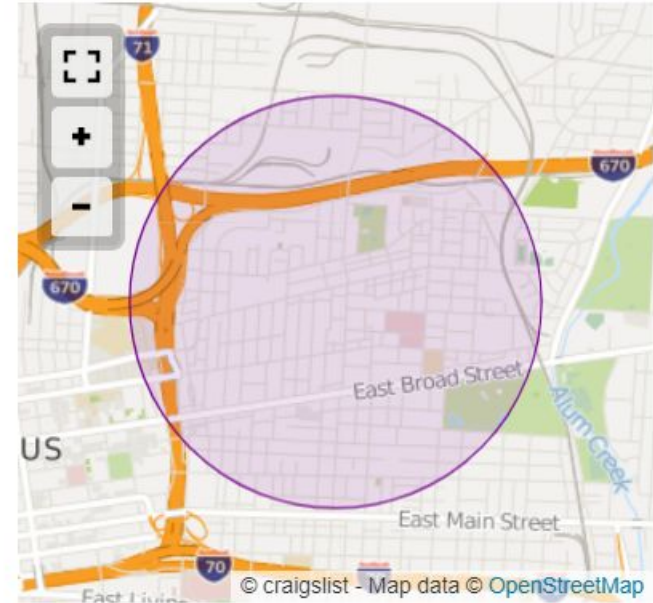
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1250ft<sup>2</sup>

apartment

Come see this Portland Tower 2BR, 2BA with 2 indoor heated parking stalls and huge walkout patio with southern exposure and gas grill hook up! Located just one block from Skyway, 3 blocks from Downtown East Commons, Light Rail Station and US Bank Stadium, this downtown condo is an amazing location!



# Feature Films Released in 2018– Missing Nodes



## 29. **The Grinch** (2018)

PG | 90 min | Animation, Comedy, Family

★ 6.1 ☆ Rate this

50 Metascore

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Votes: 1,484



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PG-13 | Drama, Sport | **Completed**

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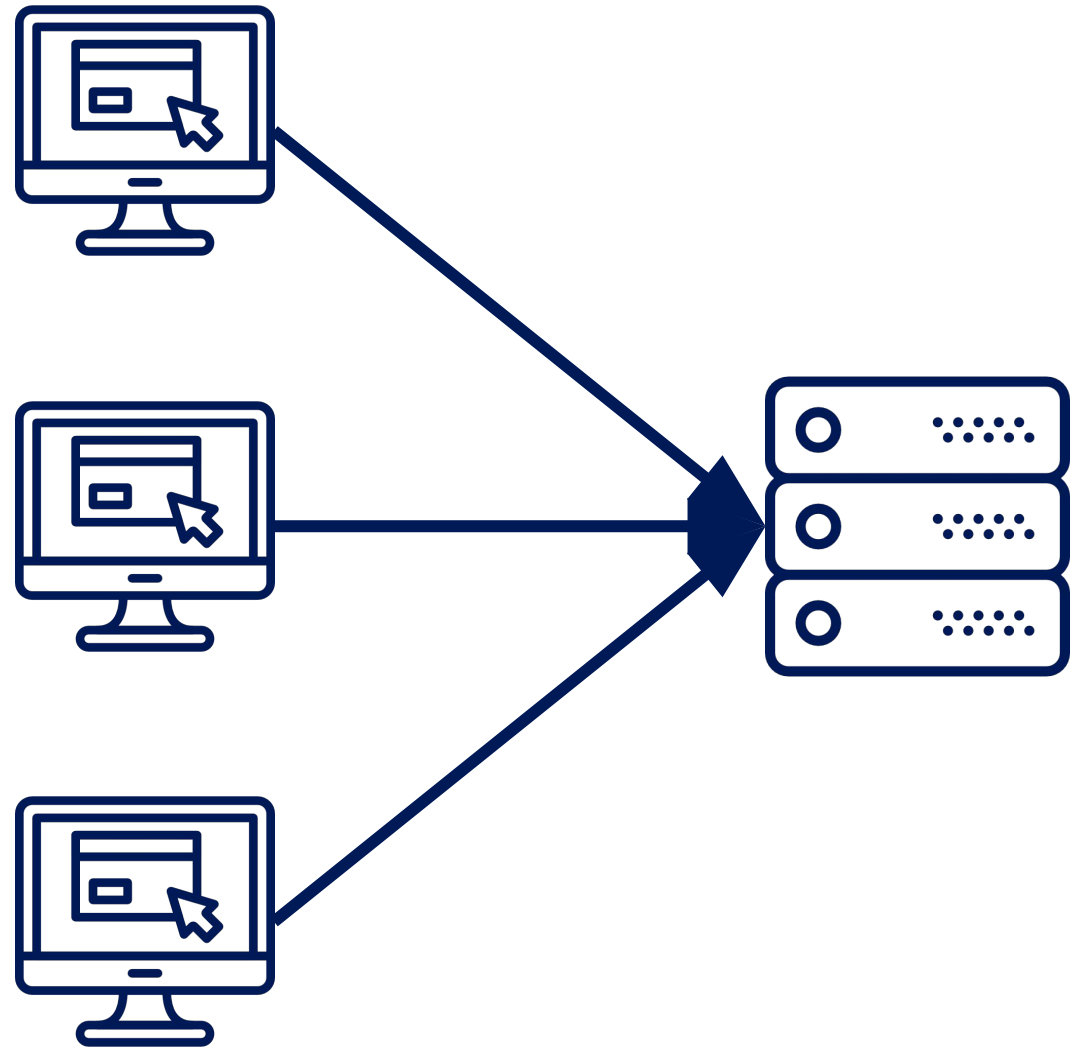
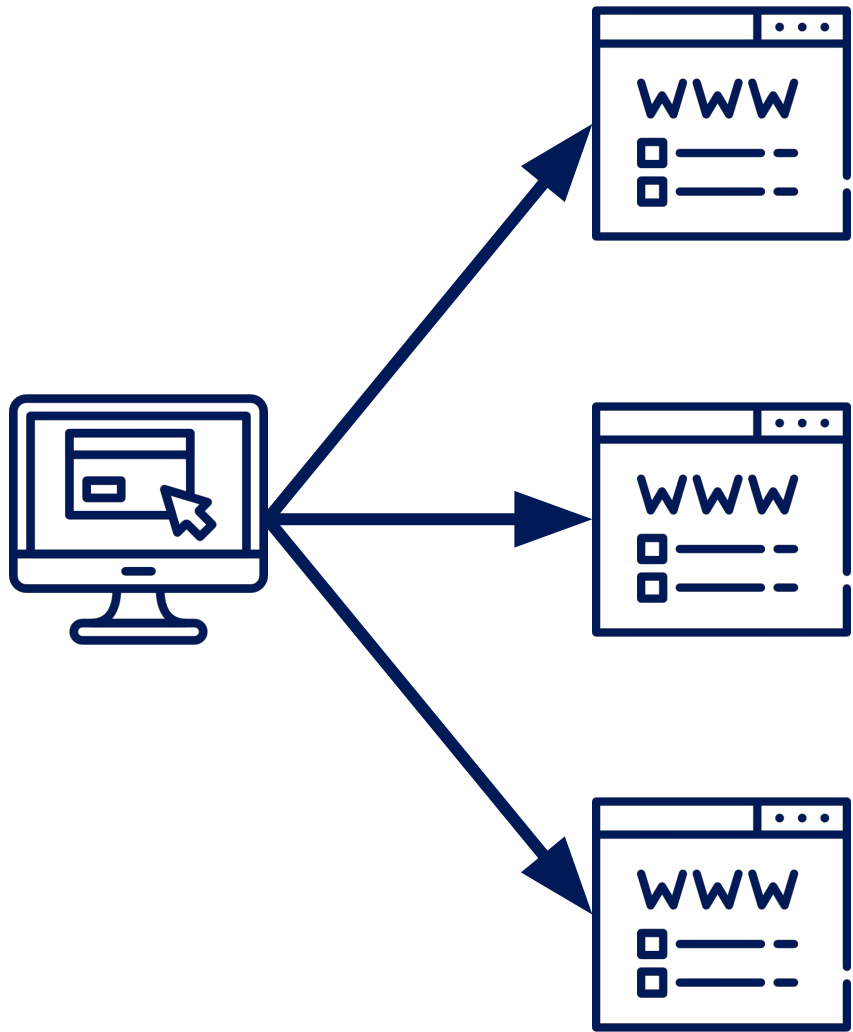
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<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Solution</b>
Reproducibility	Remains unresolved: nature of the work (Partial solutions: Internet Archive + Local downloads)

**WHAT?**

**WHY?**

**HOW?**

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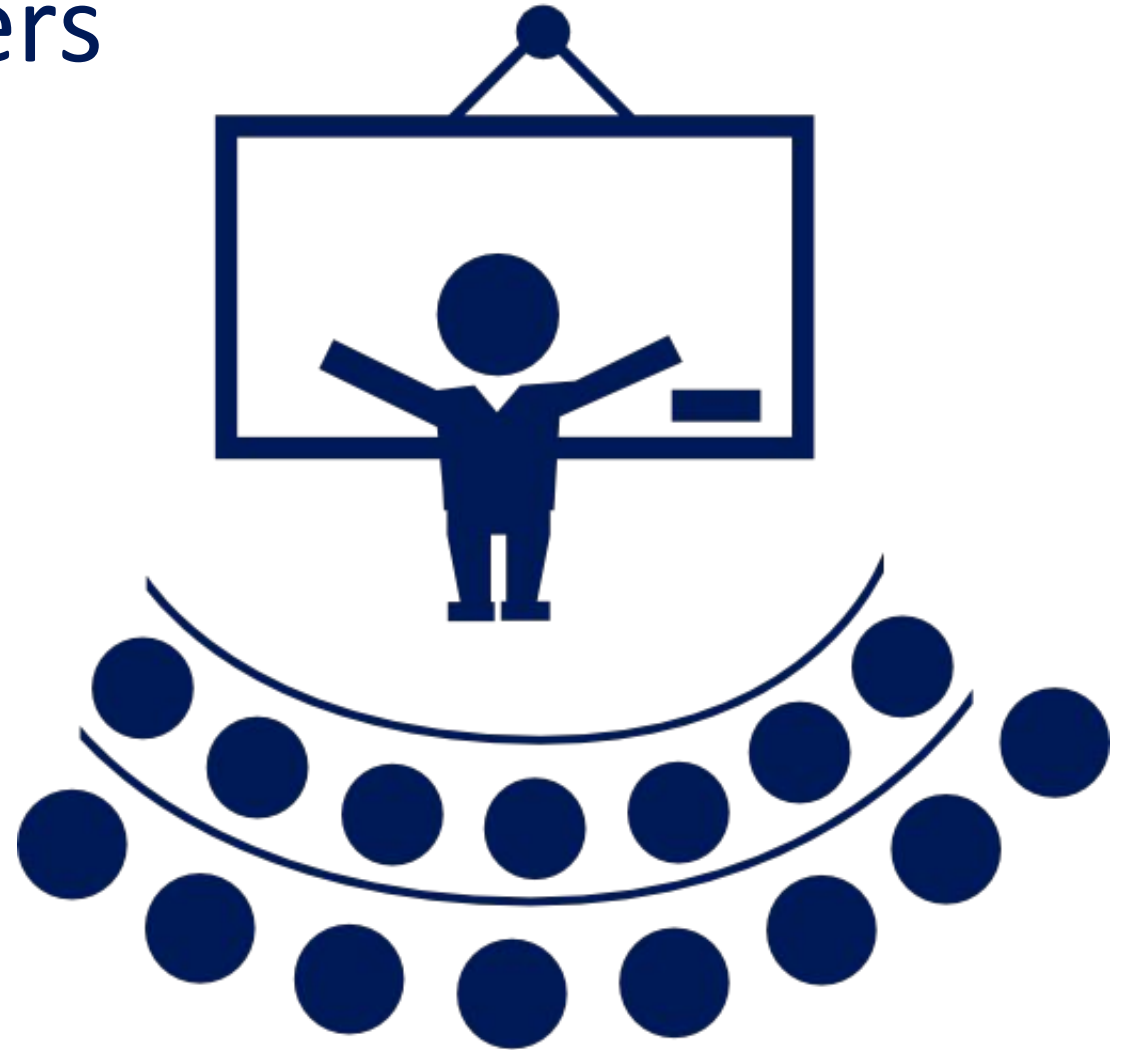
Variety of sources for data



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# Ethics





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```
> library(robotstxt)
> paths_allowed("http://www.imdb.com")
www.imdb.com          No encoding supplied: defaulting to UTF-8.

[1] TRUE
> paths_allowed("http://www.facebook.com")
www.facebook.com

[1] FALSE
> |
```

# **TERMS OF USE**



***“I feel like I can rule  
the world with web  
scraping”***

**meaningful**

**endless**

**COMPUTING**



**STATISTICS**



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