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# Scraping Techniques to Extract Advertisements From Web Pages

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# Online advertising is a major source of income for most of the websites currently online



# The Adopted Techniques

**Sponsored Search**

**Contextual Advertising**



# Sponsored Search

The image shows a screenshot of a Yahoo! search results page for the query "web site design". The search bar at the top contains the text "web site design" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are navigation links for "Web", "Images", "Video", "Local", and "Shopping". The search results are displayed in a grid format. On the left side, there are four organic search results, each with a blue arrow pointing to the text "Search Engine Optimization Area" below. On the right side, there are four sponsored search results, each with a blue arrow pointing to the text "Paid Keyword Advertisement Area" below. The sponsored results are labeled "SPONSOR RESULTS" and include titles like "Website Design-Only \$199", "Web Site Designers Now at \$10/Hour", "New Jersey's Leading Web Design Company", and "Yahoo! Small Business Make a Website".

Web | Images | Video | Local | Shopping | more ▾

web site design Search Status ▾

1-10 of 1,190,000,000 for web site design (About) - 0.33 sec

SPONSOR RESULTS

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SPONSOR RESULTS

- Web Site Design**  
[www.chubbstitute.edu](http://www.chubbstitute.edu) - Prepare for a Career in Graphic Design & Animation. Get More Info.
- AIT Professional Web Design Solutions**  
[www.ait.com](http://www.ait.com) - Design, development team skilled in PHP, ASP, Flash, logos, and more.
- Website Design comp \$195 Webdesign+Movie**  
[www.imagination.ws](http://www.imagination.ws) - The biggest web design company on planet earth offers ANIMATED Movies.
- Design Your Own Website**  
[Web.com](http://Web.com) - Design from scratch, redesign, or enhance. Get a free Website address.

1 **Web Site Design Services Price Quote**  
Find the best qualified Web Site Design service providers and the buyers who need them at QuoteCatcher.com. We provide price quotes for Web Site Design services.  
[www.quotecatcher.com/Site/Quote/WebInternet/WebDesign.aspx](http://www.quotecatcher.com/Site/Quote/WebInternet/WebDesign.aspx)

2 **WDVL Web Site Design**  
Provides articles on the topic of web page design ... of the basic principles of Web site design, and provides many links to other ...  
[wdvl.internet.com/Authoring/Design](http://wdvl.internet.com/Authoring/Design) - 30k - [Cached](#)

3 **Website Design | Web Site Design**  
... Software | Design your own Web Site with this easy to use Website Design Program. ... Your web site design does not have to be as plain as mine is, to get results in ...  
[www.ovnwebsitedesign.com](http://www.ovnwebsitedesign.com) - 50k - [Cached](#)

4 **Web site Designers Directory: Web Site Design & Web Designers Directory**  
... of web site designers, graphic designers, web site development,webmaster ... Copyright © 2004 Web site Design Directory. All rights reserved. ...  
[www.web-designers-directory.org](http://www.web-designers-directory.org) - 25k - [Cached](#)

**Website Design-Only \$199**  
Full "Custom" Website Design Our Work is Awesome.  
[heritageWebDesign.com/](http://heritageWebDesign.com/)

**Web Site Designers Now at \$10/Hour**  
Web design php, mysql, asp, asp.net, shopping carts, start in 4 hours.  
[www.affordableprogrammers.com](http://www.affordableprogrammers.com)

**New Jersey's Leading Web Design Company**  
Web design, development, e-commerce solutions and internet marketing.  
[www.vjstudio.com](http://www.vjstudio.com)

**Yahoo! Small Business Make a Website**  
\$7.77 For 1st 2 mos. No set up fee. Access to 24/7 support. Free demo.  
[webhosting.yahoo.com](http://webhosting.yahoo.com)

**Get More Out of Your Site**  
Tap into your site's revenue potential - Try Google AdSense  
[www.google.com/adsense](http://www.google.com/adsense)

**Web Site Design**  
Free Online Classes from HP - Learn To Build Your Own Website.  
[www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)

Search Engine Optimization Area

Paid Keyword Advertisement Area

# Sponsored Search



Web Site,  
Design



Web Site Design





# The contextual advertising is the integration of content (text) and advertising information(text)

## LG Optimus: il primo smartphone 3D



La multinazionale coreana LG è in procinto di fare un passo che probabilmente rivoluzionerà il mondo della telefonia cellulare. Nella prossima edizione del **Mobile World Congress** in programma a Barcellona a metà febbraio, l'azienda presenterà un **nuovo smartphone** in grado di visualizzare immagini in **3D** senza l'ausilio di occhialini. A dare l'annuncio è stata direttamente l'azienda tramite un comunicato stampa.

Il nuovo **LG Optimus 3D** dovrebbe sfruttare la soluzione già adottata dalla **Nintendo** per la sua console **3DS**

attraverso schermi autostereoscopici. Una notizia che può essere l'inizio di un cambiamento epocale nel sistema della telefonia mobile. Sulla rete sono in tantissimi i curiosi che non vedono l'ora di poter vedere all'opera il nuovo smartphone

Al momento si possiede soltanto un'unica foto del nuovo telefono. Si può notare come il display sia da **4,3 pollici**, ampio ed in grado di fornire una visione tridimensionale senza l'ausilio degli occhiali speciali. La risoluzione sarà 800x480 pixel. Le due fotocamere sincrone poste sul retro e di fronte, permetteranno, inoltre, di catturare anche immagini in tre dimensioni. Il sistema operativo che girerà sotto questo smartphone sarà **Android** (probabilmente la

**Dual SIM T5000 \$119.99**  
**2 Camera/ WiFi/ TV/ Free 2GB Card**

www.LightInTheBox.com  
**SAVE NOW!**

Annunci Google

### ARTICOLI RECENTI

- Malware: attacco agli smartphone
- Caricabatteria: finalmente quello universale
- Nokia-Microsoft: un'alleanza tra titani
- Samsung Metro 3210: tra design e tecnologia
- Acer Liquid Mini
- LG Optimus: il primo smartphone 3D
- Motorola Atrix: lo smartphone che si crede un computer
- EM7A Vega, molto di più di uno smartphone
- Samsung inarrestabile: a breve il nuovo Galaxy Fit
- Google Nexus S: scheda tecnica

### COLLEGAMENTI

Annunci Google

**Telefonini Umts**  
Parli gratis dal cellulare. Scarica e prova la libertà e il risparmio!  
[wiphone.tiscali.it](http://wiphone.tiscali.it)

**Cellulari Promozione**  
I migliori sconti si trovano qui  
Confronta il Modelli di Cellulari  
[OfferBox.com](http://OfferBox.com)

**Prezzi Smartphone**  
Tutti i Modelli di Smartphone a Prezzi Scontati - Visita Kelkoo.it!  
[www.Kelkoo.it/Cellulari](http://www.Kelkoo.it/Cellulari)

**Smartphone Tuttocompreso**  
Attiva Impresa Semplice e avrai un Nuovo Smartphone

# Contextual Advertising

**Online Carp Fishing Bait**  
Massive selection of carp fishing bait. Pellets, boilies, liquids.  
[www.banksidebait.co.uk](http://www.banksidebait.co.uk)

**Fishing**  
Fish in those hard to get to places No trailers - go fishing anywhere  
[www.porta-bait.com](http://www.porta-bait.com)

**Simply Fishing**  
Interested in Christian Videos? Watch Our Free Videos Online Today!  
[www.inspiration.net](http://www.inspiration.net)

Ads by Google

We would like to be your online guide for all things having to do with fishing. Search our site and find websites specifically oriented to you and your needs. You can quickly access the most relevant categories by using the navigation on the left.

Ads by Google

**Ontario Flyin Fish Lodge**  
Only lodge on 3 lakes and a river. American Plan. Very nice Lodge!  
[www.latrilllake.com/](http://www.latrilllake.com/)

**Cabela's - Fishing**  
Find rods, reels, jigs, bait more at Cabela's - Order Now!

**Canadian Fishing Trips**  
Take a Canadian Fly in Fishing Trip Fish big walleyes northern & trout

Ads by Google

**Carp Angling in Portugal**  
Company offering fishing holidays and Carp baits for Carp Angling  
[www.fishingportugal.com](http://www.fishingportugal.com)

**Quality Fishing Equipment**  
Lures, Tuna, Tackles all in 1 place Tested and Guaranteed!  
[www.anglemania.com](http://www.anglemania.com)

**Snapper Fishing Experts**  
melbourne snapper fishing Snapper Fishing port philip bay  
[www.melbournefishing.com.au](http://www.melbournefishing.com.au)

**Fly Fishing Conditions**  
Up-to-Date Fly Fishing Conditions Reported by Local Outfitters  
[www.flyfishingconditions.com](http://www.flyfishingconditions.com)

**General Tips**

Fishing is the activity of hunting for fish. It is an ancient and worldwide practice that dates back about 10,000 years with various techniques and traditions and it has been transformed by modern technological developments.

Fishing continues to be a favorite pastime in the United States, in 2001, 16% of the U.S. population 16 years old and older (14 million anglers) spent an average of 16 days fishing. Freshwater fishing was the most popular type of fishing with over 28 million anglers devoting nearly 467 million angler days to the sport.

**AdSense ads**

**Practice Good Stewardship of our Waterways:**

*You can help to take care of our lakes, rivers, and other waterways so that others may enjoy these areas for years to come by practicing some of the following actions:*

- Don't Litter... take along a trash bag or other receptacle for collecting your trash so that you can deposit it in the proper trash receptacle. Use proper dumping stations instead of tossing refuse into the water.
- Make sure that you use the correct type of bait and fishing gear permitted in that area. There may also be limits on the number, size, and kind of fish that you can keep. Check with your destination ahead of time to see what the local regulations allow. If you use a boat or watercraft when fishing, check to see what kinds of watercraft are allowed at the body of water where you are going to fish.
- Pay attention to local procedures and cautions for cleaning your watercraft after you leave the water so that you don't encourage the spread of nonnative species, such as the Zebra Mussel, to the next body of water.



# Scraping advertising is a technique to obtain ads from a Web page

**RYANAIR** Contatti Info. sui voli Tariffe e supplementi Condizioni generali Italia (Italiano) Cerca

PAGINA INIZIALE NOLEGGIO AUTO ASSICURAZIONE HOTEL TRASFER DA/PER L'AEROPORTO ORGANIZZATORE DI VIAGGI MAPPA LA MIA PRENOTAZIONE

**9** € .99  
Tariffa di solo andata, a partire da. Prenota entro la mezzanotte di Giovedì. Viaggia a Settembre. Termini e condizioni.

**Voli** Hotel Hertz

Ritorno Sola andata Date flessibili

Cagliari 15/06/2011

Venice (M.Polo) 27/12/2010

Ho letto e accettato le condizioni di utilizzo di Ryanair.com

Adulti 1 Bambini <16 0 Neonati <2 0 Prenota

Check-in Online

NOLEGGIO AUTO

SCONTI FINO AL **33%** Hertz

Migliore Tariffa Garantita! BOOKING LEVEL

Novità Sciopero degli addetti ai bagagli-Aeroporto di Girona-15 giugno 2011 Aggiornamenti di viaggio

Voli low cost	City Break	Vacanze Estive	Offerte speciali
Voli low cost Altre destinazioni x			
Trapani ▾	€	Pisa ▾	€
Malta	9,99	Alghero	17,99
Perugia	9,99	Brindisi	17,99
Bari	17,99	Bournemouth	20,99
Bologna	17,99	East Midlands	20,99

BMW Serie 3 Cabrio, l'unica della sua categoria con tetto rigido ripiegabile.

# What's the scraping?

## Origin:

scraping data from mainframes  
from green texts on black screens  
to new data structures or API

## Nowadays:

forcing data from old websites in  
something new (web  $\geq$  2.0)

# The Form of Scraping

**Web scraping is the process of automatically collecting Web information**



# The most famous scraping techniques

**Beautiful Soup**  
**mechanize**  
**lxml**  
**html5lib**  
**scrapemark**  
**pyquery**  
**scrapy**

# The most famous scraping techniques

**QtWebKit**

**HtmlUnit**

**Selenium**

**Crowbar**

**Chrome Remote Shell**

**PyAuto**

**FireWatir**

**Spidermonkey**

# Beautiful Soup

[www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup](http://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup)

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(webpage)

form = soup.find(type="password").findPrevious("form")

tag_input = form.findAll('input')

for tag in tag_input:
    name = tag['name']
    value = tag['value']

    inputs[name] = value
```



# Mechanize

[wwwsearch.sourceforge.net/mechanize](http://wwwsearch.sourceforge.net/mechanize)

```
from mechanize import Browser

br = Browser()
br.open(uri)
assert br.viewing_html()
br.select_form(name="login")

br["username"] = "utente"
br["password"] = "segreto"

br.submit()
```

# Application of scraping techniques to contextual advertising



Inlink Extractor

{inlink}

Scraping  
Module

{ads}



# Application of scraping techniques to contextual advertising

Given  
a generic page  
the  
module extract  
s the p inlink  
Each inlink is  
displayed  
with the title  
and url



titolo

url

Google link: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog>

**Red Slender Loris - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**

rainforests of Sri Lanka. This is #6 of the 10 focal species and #22 ...  
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red\_Slender\_Loris - Copia cache - Simili

**Chlordiazepoxide - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
Chlordiazepoxide is a sedative/hypnotic drug and benzodiazepine derivative ...

**en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red\_Slender\_Loris - Copia cache - Simili**

Pagine in italiano en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tracheal\_collapse - Copia cache - Simili

Pagine da: Italia

Pagine straniere tradotte

Più strumenti

**Puss 'n' Boots (Sparky comics) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
Puss 'n' Boots were a character pair, cat and dog (billed, oddly enough, as ...  
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puss\_n\_Boots\_(Sparky\_comics) - Copia cache - Simili

Altri risultati in en.wikipedia.org »

**Start Your Dog Walks Today With WalkForDogs. « Welcome to the ...**  
5 Dec 2010 ... A typical dog walk with WalkForDogs includes: \*An on-leash, fun walk around your neighborhood — with lots of sniffing and potty breaks ...  
walkfordogs.com/.../start-your-dog-walks-today-with-walkfordogs/ - Copia cache

**Dog (Canis lupus familiaris) | WildlifeNearYou**  
Login or register to find a Dog near you (or just search for one). 'The dog is a domesticated form of the Gray Wolf, a member of the Canidae family of the ...  
www.wildlifenearyou.com/species/dog/ - Copia cache

**Animal Clinic Jakarta**  
Joomla! - the dynamic portal engine and content management system.  
www.animalclinicjakarta.com/ - Copia cache - Simili

**How To Stop Dogs Whining**  
11 Dec 2009 ... When a dog whines it is trying to communicate. Whining is one of the first actions that a dog learns. The hungry puppy whines to let its ...  
www.justforthedogs.com/.../how-to-stop-dogs-whining.php - Copia cache

**FURRY BONES™ - Dog Information Canine Education**  
Overview About Dogs. Dogs are actually domesticated subspecies of the Gray Wolf. No, SERIOUSLY, they are, believe it or not. The dog is a member of the ...  
www.furrybones.com/dogs.html - Copia cache

**Dog - Indopedia, the Indological knowledgebase**  
<tr><td>Kingdom: <td>Animalia. <tr><td>Phylum: <td>Chordata. <tr><td>Class: <td>Mammalia. <tr><td>Order: <td>Carnivora. <tr><td>Family: <td>Canidae ...  
www.indopedia.org/Dog.html - Copia cache - Simili



# Application of scraping techniques to contextual advertising

```

href="http://www.crastulo.it/appuntamenti/1624_summer+beach+fest+2011.html"></a></div>
  <a class="thumb-btn-top-event" href="javascript:void(0);"></a>
</div>
<div class="thumb-top-event">
  <div class="image-top-event"><a
href="http://www.crastulo.it/appuntamenti/1700_1%27aperivizi+dei+sette+vizi.html"></a></div>
  <a class="thumb-btn-top-event" href="javascript:void(0);"></a>
</div>
<div class="thumb-top-event">
  <div class="image-top-event"><a
href="http://www.crastulo.it/appuntamenti/1642_il+25+giugno+inaugura+il+blufan.html"></a></div>
  <a class="thumb-btn-top-event" href="javascript:void(0);"></a>
</div>
<div class="thumb-top-event">
  <div class="image-top-event"><a
href="http://www.crastulo.it/appuntamenti/1480_gli+eventi+dell%27estate+2011.html"></a></div>
  <a class="thumb-btn-top-event" href="javascript:void(0);"></a>
</div>

```

## I Scraping the Source Code

# Application of scraping techniques to contextual advertising

```

tobeparsed = mechanize.urlopen(url)
body = BeautifulSoup.BeautifulSoup(tobeparsed)
body = body.prettify()
body = body[:body.find('</div>')]
link = body[body.find('<a')+len('</a>'):body.find('<br />')]
control = body[body.rfind('<-->')+len('<-->'):body.find('</strong>')]
link = link.replace('&#039;', '')
link = link.split()
control = control.split()

```

# Application of scraping techniques to contextual advertising

The extracted ads  
are then  
randomly  
selected and  
displayed in the  
target Web Page





# Case study: [www.crastulo.it](http://www.crastulo.it)

The screenshot shows the homepage of [crastulo.it](http://www.crastulo.it). At the top, there are banners for 'Blufem' and 'EST END Giovedì Vanitoso'. Below these is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'CANALI', 'PHOTOCALLERY', 'APPUNTAMENTI', and 'COUPON SCOPRI'. A 'TOP EVENT' section features a large image of a restaurant interior and a 'LA RECENSIONE' section with 'Sette Visti' and 'caldo'.

The screenshot shows the homepage of [radiolina](http://www.radiolina.it). The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Programmi', 'News', and 'Podcast'. A search bar is present with the text 'Settimo San Pietro, max'. The main content area features a large banner for 'Campionato Italiano Offshore 2011' with an image of a blue speedboat. Below this is a 'Radiolina Media' section with a date 'Domenica 19 Giugno in diretta dalle ore 09:00'. A map on the right shows locations like 'Settimo BDL' and 'Settimo SBL'. The bottom navigation bar includes 'MINI WORLD', 'PRODOTTI & SERVIZI', 'MY MINI', and 'CONCESSIONARIA MINI'.

The screenshot shows the 'Joyville' game interface. It features a winding race track with blue directional signs for 'Brescia', 'Cagliari', 'Corte Franca', and 'Roma'. At the top, there are icons for 'Corte Franca', 'Brescia', 'Cagliari', and 'Roma'. The 'Joyville' logo is on the left, and the 'luckyville' logo is on the right. At the bottom, there are 'COMANDI' buttons and a 'Start RACE!' button. The interface is designed for a two-player game, labeled 'you' and 'pc'.

The screenshot shows a MINI car advertisement. The text 'MINI DA 13.990 EURO' is prominently displayed. Below the text, there are two orange buttons: '> CI CREDO' and '> NON CI CREDO'. The background features images of a red MINI car and a white MINI car.

# Case study: [www.crastulo.it](http://www.crastulo.it)

Extracting inlink  
from :  
[www.crastulo.it](http://www.crastulo.it)



Google

link:www.crastulo.it

Circa 18 risultati (0,37 secondi)

- [Il mitico Capodanno al Charlie Disco Club - Crastulo Cagliari](#)   
31 dic 2010 ... Dopo i successi dello scorso anno ritorna il capodanno più gettonato della Sardegna firmato dalla Gold Fashion e dallo staff dell'Invidia ...  
[www.crastulo.it/.../526\\_il+mitico+capodanno+al+charlie+disco+club.html](#) - Copia cache
- [Martedì 7 all'invidia - Crastulo Cagliari](#)   
7 dic 2010 ... Martedì 7 dicembre all'Invidia ci sarà la Festa dei Single ...  
[www.crastulo.it/.../468\\_martedi+7+all'invidia.html](#) - Copia cache
- [Giro di Sardegna 2011 - Crastulo Cagliari](#)   
22 feb 2011 ... Scatterà il 22 febbraio per concludersi sabato 26 l'edizione ...  
[www.crastulo.it/.../977\\_giro+di+sardegna+2011.html](#) - Copia cache
- [CAGLIARI, AVANTI TUTTA: 1-0 CON LA LAZIO - Crastulo Cagliari](#)   
28 feb 2011 ... La squadra di Donadoni batte i biancocelesti e raggiunge ...  
[www.crastulo.it/.../1029\\_cagliari,+avanti+tutta%3A+1-0+con+la+lazio.html](#) - Copia cache  
Altri risultati in [www.crastulo.it](#) »
- [Siamo ironici, agguerriti, pazzi sognatori...](#)   
Oggi possiamo definirci la prima compagnia POP CAMP in Italia. Questo perchè è davvero impossibile costringere LucidoSottile in un'unica definizione. ...  
[www.lucidosottile.com/lucidosottile/Chi\\_siamo.html](#) - Copia cache - Simili
- [NUES Il festival dei fumetti e dei cartoni - Crastulo Cagliari](#)   
Formato file: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - [Visualizzazione rapida](#)  
APPUNTAMENTI. Il Medio Oriente a fumetti al centro della terza edizione del festival Nues in programma a Cagliari dal primo all'8 dicembre. ...  
[www.nues.it/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Crastulo-it.pdf](#)



# Case study: [www.crastulo.it](http://www.crastulo.it)

The image is a screenshot of the Italia Web Star website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "www.italiawebstar.com solo siti italiani premiati quando vuoi... premiati adesso!". Below this is the "ITALIA web star" logo. A navigation menu includes "Cos'è Italia web star / Come Funziona / La Giuria / Faq".

The main content area shows search results for "crastulo.it". The search bar contains "Cercaperurl:" and "Cerca". The results list "crastulo.it - il portale del tempo libero della città di cagliari" with a description: "il portale del tempo libero della città di cagliari, tutto su discoteche, locali, ristoranti e tantissimi". A rating of 4 stars is shown.

Two blue arrows point from the search results to advertisements. The top arrow points to a "CENTRO 15€ BENESSERE" ad featuring a woman's face and the text "OGGI NON CI SONO SCUSE" and "LetsBonus". The bottom arrow points to an "EDILDOMECC" ad with the text "progettiamo/costruiamo/vendiamo Appartamenti, ville e immobili nel Salento".



Here's the  
four  
randomly  
selected  
ads



CENTRO 15€  
BENESSERE

OGGI NON  
CI SONO  
SCUSE

**LetsBonus**  
Compra in Gruppo!



PUOI CREDERCI.

MINI DA  
13.990 EURO  
O DA 198 EURO  
AL MESE.  
PUOI CREDERCI.

Concessionaria MINI  
NUOVA SPECIAL CAR



**EDILDOMECC**  
www.edildomecc.it

progettiamo/costruiamo/vendiamo  
Appartamenti, ville e immobili nel Salento



**Gardaland**  
RESORT

**RAPTOR**

UN VOLO DA BRIVIDO

LE NUOVE  
MONTAGNE RUSSE ALATE

SCOPRI DI PIU'

# Conclusions

- This project was aimed at suggesting suitable ads to a given Web page
- To this end I devised a system written in Python that:
  - extracts a set of inlinks of a given Web page
  - randomly selects four ads previously extracted by scraping

# Future work

- To apply scraping techniques also for dynamic advertising
- To suggest ads according to users interests

**Thanks to all**



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## Thanks to



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