# ffscraper Documentation

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Yet another Python package for scraping FanFiction.Net...

pip install ffscraper

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FanFiction.Net was established in 1998 and is among the world's largest collection of user-submitted fanfiction (works of fanfiction authored by fans of existing stories; such as movies, books, or TV shows). Recently the large amount of easily-available user content has drawn interest in analyzing the content and creative differences between original works and their fanfiction counterparts<sup>1</sup>, and<sup>2</sup> created an anonymized dataset of the metadata.

This project is twofold: creating open-source systems for scraping content, and using that content to build open-source systems which can be used by the FanFiction.Net community.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Milli, Smitha and David Bamman, "Beyond Canonical Texts: A Computational Analysis of Fanfiction." Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Yin, K., Aragon, C., Evans, S. and Katie Davis. "Where No One Has Gone Before: A Meta-Dataset of the World's Largest Fanfiction Repository." Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. ACM, 2017.

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## CHAPTER 1

Installation and Usage

Interact with the scraper from the commandline:

```
$ pip install ffscraper
$ python -m ffscraper --help
$ python -m ffscraper -s 123
```

Or import the Python package and start building your own systems:

```
from __future__ import print_function
import ffscraper as ffs

sids = ['123', '124', '125']

for id in sids:
    story = ffs.fanfic.story.scraper(id)
    print(story)
```

#### 1.1 ffscraper package

#### 1.1.1 Subpackages

ffscraper.author package

**Submodules** 

ffscraper.author.beta module

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ffscraper.fanfic package

**Submodules** 

ffscraper.fanfic.metadata module

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