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Thread: [Is it possible to use Beautiful Soup to grab a FB post from another page?](#)

A + - March 27, 2017, 2:38 am

I feel like there should be a more efficient way of doing this. There is so much shit going on in the FB source compared to normal websites that I am used to working with. For 1, none of the classes for each post seem to be the same, but I might be missing something. Also, there is a lot of JS and other crap that BS is trying to grab from each post.

I am trying to:

- 1) Grab a plain-text post from another page
- 2) Post it on my page

Is there a more efficient way of doing this? Thanks.

hunter24957 - March 27, 2017, 3:18 am

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SIM-1866423 - March 27, 2017, 4:24 am

Did you try facebook API ?

Molino. - March 27, 2017, 4:26 am

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Yes u can, did it couple week before for medium level project.

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Molino. - March 27, 2017, 4:44 am

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Folks - March 27, 2017, 8:15 am

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Molino. - March 27, 2017, 9:01 am

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Yes, I understand that. I'm going to give it another try then. If I fail, I'll just create a thread about it...