Beautiful Soup has been used in thousands of public Python projects.

[https://searchcode.com/](https://searchcode.com/)

And probably at least as many private/individual projects.

Most of these projects

Be something
different:

Sports scores

Record Internet radio streams

Download astronomy data

“Unofficial APIs” for data export

Sometimes Beautiful Soup is used to do something really important, often as part of a piece of journalism.

[http://tinyurl.com/YorkshireViktor]

My favorite example

But it’s also been used as a tool to spamming, dox, and other things I think are unethical.

And it’s often used in ways that make rich people richer. Maybe not unethical perse, but not the best use of the power we have as computer programmers.

It isn’t good or bad on its own. But I chose to make this tool instead of a different tool. I choose to work on it now instead of doing other things.

I can’t use “just a tool” as an excuse.

If I’m going to feel pride about the good people do with my software, I have to share some responsibility for the bad.