

Spider



A spider (also called [crawler](#) or [robot](#)) is a automatic program that visits your website by following links from other web pages or by a directly submitted request to a [search engine](#). By following oder "crawling" links throughout the Internet, the spider is grabbing content from the visited sites and adding it to the index of a search engine.

When visiting a website the robot (as well as any browser) sends a specific string to the server. For this the HTTP protocol provides a field for a so-called „user-agent“. So you can recognize the visit of a spider in the log file. (e.g. the user agent code of the Google spider "Googlebot" is: Googlebot/2.1)

More Information

- [Navigational Links & Robots.txt](#)
- [Find Do-Follow Web Sites](#)
- [Robots Database](#)

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