Cybersecurity Threats Data Analytics Project

This project focuses on analyzing a global cybersecurity threats dataset (2015-2024). The goal is to extract actionable insights and detect patterns that can help in understanding the landscape of cybersecurity attacks.

Key Data Analytics Tasks:

1. Cleaning and Handling Missing Values:

- o Checked for null values and handled them using median/mode imputation.
- o Ensured no missing values that could bias the results.

2. Feature Selection and Engineering:

- o Selected relevant features such as country, attack type, and financial loss.
- Engineered a new feature: Loss per User (\$), providing granular financial impact analysis.

3. Ensuring Data Integrity and Consistency:

- o Removed duplicate records.
- o Standardized categorical values for consistency in analysis.

4. Summary Statistics and Insights:

- o Generated summary statistics for numerical and categorical data.
- Identified the most frequent attack types and countries with high average financial loss.

5. Identifying Patterns, Trends, and Anomalies:

- o Analyzed trends in financial losses and affected users over time.
- o Highlighted anomalies with unusually high financial losses per user.

6. Handling Outliers and Data Transformations:

- o Detected and removed outliers using the IQR method.
- o Applied log transformation on skewed columns to normalize data.

7. Initial Visual Representation of Key Findings:

- o Plotted the top attack types.
- o Created a correlation heatmap.
- o Visualized yearly financial losses through a time series line plot

Technology Used

1. **Python**

- o Primary programming language for data analysis and visualization.
- Offers a vast ecosystem of libraries for data cleaning, transformation, and insights.

2. Pandas

- Used for data manipulation and analysis.
- Helps in handling missing values, filtering data, and generating summary statistics.

3. NumPy

- o Supports numerical operations and data transformations.
- o Essential for mathematical computations and handling arrays.

4. Matplotlib & Seaborn

- o Libraries used for data visualization.
- Enabled generation of charts like bar plots, line plots, and heatmaps to visually interpret trends and correlations.

5. **FPDF**

- o A Python library for generating PDF reports.
- Used to create a structured project description in a shareable format.

6. Jupyter Notebook / Python Script

- o Development environment for running and iterating over code interactively.
- Facilitates a notebook-based approach to testing, exploring, and documenting the analysis process.

7. CSV (Comma-Separated Values) Format

o The dataset was provided in CSV format, which is commonly used for storing tabular data.