Web Scraping & Transformations on HTML

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In [2]: # Import required packages
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
          import pandas as pd
          import numpy as np
In [3]: # Load data using BeautifulSoup Library
          fd = open("C:/Users/kayly/OneDrive/Desktop/MSDS/DSC540/Tem Project/World Development Indicators _ The World Bank.html", "r", encoding='utf8') soup = BeautifulSoup(fd)
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Parsing Datatable from HTML

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In [4]: # Finds all tables and saves them to a variable
          all_tables = soup.find_all('table')
         # Find the number of tables
print("Total number of tables: {}".format(len(all_tables)))
        Total number of tables: 3
In [5]: # Finds header table
          headers = soup.find("table", {"id":"fixedTable"})
         print(type(headers))
        <class 'bs4.element.Tag'>
In [6]: # Finds all tr tags within the header table
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         data table = soup.find("table", {"id":"scrollTable"})
         print(type(data_table))
        <class 'bs4.element.Tag'>
         row = data_table.find_all('tr')
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In [10]: # Finds text from each row of the data table
data_rows1 = [[td.get_text().strip() for td in tr.findAll('td')] for tr in row]
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'2,985',
'15.7',
'19.3']]

# Create data frame of development indicator data
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C	Afghanistan	12	12	11	16	4	5	3.6	
1	Albania	8	8	3	8	44	4	18.6	2.8
2	. Algeria	17	20	14	15	41	22	4.6	0.1
3	American Samoa	0	0	1	8	12	1	15.8	8.7
4	Andorra	0	0	2	3	0	0	26.9	
221	Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232	967	993	2,064	4,862	16.4	
222	! Low income	3,524	2,971	584	578	963	2,291	12.2	
223	Lower middle income	6,286	5,824	1,255	1,436	2,408	4,886	14.1	1.6
224	Upper middle income	21,415	20,679	980	1,502	2,179	6,952	15.6	11.0
225	High income	10,110	10,513	568	1,105	2,445	2,895	15.7	19.3

226 rows × 9 columns

Transformation 1- Add column names

I tried repeatedly to use hierarchical indexing for this table because that's how it appearaed on the website, but was unsuccessful. I was able to create the multi-index but then had a hard time correctly accessing needed elements of the dataframe. In the end, I decided it was better to just name the columns as needed rather than using hierarchical indexing.

Mode Column Thomass | ['Country', 'Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990', 'Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021', 'Threatened Mammals', 'Threatened Birds', 'Threatened Fishes', 'Threatened Higher Plants', development_data

Out[12]:

:]:	Country	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Threatened Mammals	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022
	0 Afghanistan	12	12	11	16	4	5	3.6	
	1 Albania	8	8	3	8	44	4	18.6	2.8
	2 Algeria	17	20	14	15	41	22	4.6	0.1
	3 American Samoa	0	0	1	8	12	1	15.8	8.7
	4 Andorra	0	0	2	3	0	0	26.9	
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22	2 Low income	3,524	2,971	584	578	963	2,291	12.2	
22	3 Lower middle income	6,286	5,824	1,255	1,436	2,408	4,886	14.1	1.6
22	4 Upper middle income	21,415	20,679	980	1,502	2,179	6,952	15.6	11.0
22	5 High income	10,110	10,513	568	1,105	2,445	2,895	15.7	19.3

226 rows × 9 columns

Transformation 2- Remove income levels from country column

In my other datasets, information is filtered by country. Information on income level is not important to me in this investigation.

development_data = development_data.sort_index(axis=1) development_data

	Country	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
0	Afghanistan	12	12		3.6	16	4	5	11
1	Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
2	Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
3	American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
4	Andorra	0	0	-	26.9	3	0	0	2

221	Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232		16.4	993	2,064	4,862	967
222	Low income	3,524	2,971	-	12.2	578	963	2,291	584
223	Lower middle income	6,286	5,824	1.6	14.1	1,436	2,408	4,886	1,255
224	Upper middle income	21,415	20,679	11.0	15.6	1,502	2,179	6,952	980
225	High income	10,110	10,513	19.3	15.7	1,105	2,445	2,895	568

226 rows × 9 columns

In [14]: development_data.set_index(development_data['Country'], inplace*True)
 development_data = development_data.drop('Country', axis=1)
 development_data

Out[14]:

4]:		Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
	Country								
	Afghanistan	12	12		3.6	16	4	5	11
	Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
	Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
	American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
	Andorra	0	0	-	26.9	3	0	0	2
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	Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232	-	16.4	993	2,064	4,862	967
	Low income	3,524	2,971		12.2	578	963	2,291	584
	Lower middle income	6,286	5,824	1.6	14.1	1,436	2,408	4,886	1,255
	Upper middle income	21,415	20,679	11.0	15.6	1,502	2,179	6,952	980
	High income	10,110	10,513	19.3	15.7	1,105	2,445	2,895	568

226 rows × 8 columns

In [15]: # Check shape of dataframe
development_data.shape

Out[15]: (226, 8)

In [16]: # Drop rows containing income level data
development_data = development_data.drop(index=['Low income', 'Lower middle income', 'Upper middle income', 'High income'])
development_data

Out[16]:		Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
_	Country								
	Afghanistan	12	12		3.6	16	4	5	11
	Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
	Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
	American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
	Andorra	0	0		26.9	3	0	0	2

	Latin America & Caribbean	10,700	9,296	19.4	24.1	1,117	1,716	5,439	629
	Middle East & North Africa	205	230	1.3	5.1	290	672	374	228
	North America	6,507	6,567	12.8	12.3	118	322	536	62
	South Asia	826	900	0.5	8.7	253	397	794	252
	Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232		16.4	993	2,064	4,862	967

222 rows × 8 columns

In [17]: # Checks shape of dataframe to confirm rows were dropped development_data.shape

Out[17]: (222, 8)

In [18]: # Resets index
 development_data = development_data.reset_index()
 development_data

Out[18]:

	Country	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
	0 Afghanistan	12	12		3.6	16	4	5	11
	1 Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
	2 Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
	3 American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
	4 Andorra	0	0		26.9	3	0	0	2

21	7 Latin America & Caribbean	10,700	9,296	19.4	24.1	1,117	1,716	5,439	629
21	8 Middle East & North Africa	205	230	1.3	5.1	290	672	374	228
21	9 North America	6,507	6,567	12.8	12.3	118	322	536	62
22	20 South Asia	826	900	0.5	8.7	253	397	794	252
22	21 Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232		16.4	993	2,064	4,862	967

222 rows × 9 columns

Transformation 3- Fix blank values

In [19]: # Check number of Na values in each column

development_data.isna().sum()

Out[19]: Country
Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990
Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021
Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022
Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022
Threatened Birds
Threatened Higher Plants
Threatened Higher Plants
Threatened Mammals
dtype: int64

dtype: int64

This dataset does not contain NA values, but missing values are filled with two periods (..), I need to fill these with NA values so data can be sorted correctly.

In [20]: # Replace '..' values with NaN
 development_data = development_data.replace('..', np.nan)
 development_data

Out[20

20]:		F	F	Manina manda da anno 197 af da da l	Terresterial protected areas (% of	Threatened	Threatened	Threatened Higher	Threatened
20].	Country	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	total land area) 2022	Birds	Fishes	Plants	Mammals
0	Afghanistan	12	12	NaN	3.6	16	4	5	11
1	Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
2	Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
3	American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
4	Andorra	0	0	NaN	26.9	3	0	0	2

217	Latin America & Caribbean	10,700	9,296	19.4	24.1	1,117	1,716	5,439	629
218	Middle East & North Africa	205	230	1.3	5.1	290	672	374	228
219	North America	6,507	6,567	12.8	12.3	118	322	536	62
220	South Asia	826	900	0.5	8.7	253	397	794	252
221	Sub-Saharan Africa	7,340	6,232	NaN	16.4	993	2,064	4,862	967

222 rows × 9 columns

In [21]: # Find number of NaN values after fixing dataframe
development_data.isna().sum()

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Out[21]: Country
Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990
Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021
Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022
Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022
"Woodstand Minde
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           11
                               Threatened Fishes
Threatened Higher Plants
Threatened Mammals
dtype: int64
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Transformation 4- Remove rows that have NaN values

To work with this data effectively, I need to remove rows that contian NaN values.

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In [22]: development_data.set_index(development_data['Country'], inplace=True)
development_data = development_data.drop('Country', axis=1)
                 # Drop rows with more than 1 Na value
development_data = development_data.dropna()
development_data
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Out[22]:		Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
	Country								
	Albania	8	8	2.8	18.6	8	44	4	3
	Algeria	17	20	0.1	4.6	15	41	22	14
	American Samoa	0	0	8.7	15.8	8	12	1	1
	Angola	793	661	0.0	7.0	32	53	34	18
	Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0.3	19.9	3	31	4	2
	Europe & Central Asia	10,232	10,576	10.7	14.2	678	1,239	1,306	350
	Latin America & Caribbean	10,700	9,296	19.4	24.1	1,117	1,716	5,439	629
	Middle East & North Africa	205	230	1.3	5.1	290	672	374	228
	North America	6,507	6,567	12.8	12.3	118	322	536	62
	South Asia	826	900	0.5	8.7	253	397	794	252

171 rows × 8 columns

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In [23]: development_data.isna().sum()
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[23]:	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	0
	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	0
	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	0
	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	0
	Threatened Birds	0
	Threatened Fishes	0
	Threatened Higher Plants	0
	Threatened Mammals	0
	dtyne: int64	

Transformation 5- Change data types of columns

In [24]: # Check data types development_data.dtypes

Out[24]: Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990
Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021
Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022
Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022
Threatened Birds
Threatened Fishes object object object object object Threatened Higher Plants Threatened Mammals dtype: object

In [25]: #Loop through column in data frame to first change them to strings, then remove commas, and finally convert them to floats
for column in development_data:
 development_data[column] = development_data[column].astype(str)
 development_data[column] = development_data[column].str.replace(',','')
 development_data[column] = development_data[column].astype(float)
development_data

Out[25]:	
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[25]:		Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals
	Country								
	Albania	8.0	8.0	2.8	18.6	8.0	44.0	4.0	3.0
	Algeria	17.0	20.0	0.1	4.6	15.0	41.0	22.0	14.0
	American Samoa	0.0	0.0	8.7	15.8	8.0	12.0	1.0	1.0
	Angola	793.0	661.0	0.0	7.0	32.0	53.0	34.0	18.0
	Antigua and Barbuda	0.0	0.0	0.3	19.9	3.0	31.0	4.0	2.0
							***	***	
	Europe & Central Asia	10232.0	10576.0	10.7	14.2	678.0	1239.0	1306.0	350.0
	Latin America & Caribbean	10700.0	9296.0	19.4	24.1	1117.0	1716.0	5439.0	629.0
N	Niddle East & North Africa	205.0	230.0	1.3	5.1	290.0	672.0	374.0	228.0
	North America	6507.0	6567.0	12.8	12.3	118.0	322.0	536.0	62.0
	South Asia	826.0	900.0	0.5	8.7	253.0	397.0	794.0	252.0

171 rows × 8 columns

In [26]: # Adds column while preforming needed calculation
development_data['Change in Forest Area 1990 to 2021'] = development_data['Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990'] - development_data['Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021']
development_data['Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990'] - development_data['Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021']

Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990 Out[26]: Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022 Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022 Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021 Threatened Fishes Change in Forest Area 1990 to 2021 Threatened Higher Plants Threatened Mammals Country 8.0 2.8 18.6 8.0 44.0 4.0 3.0 0.0 8.0 Algeria 17.0 20.0 0.1 4.6 15.0 41.0 22.0 14.0 -3.0 American Samoa 0.0 0.0 8.7 15.8 8.0 12.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 Angola 793.0 661.0 0.0 7.0 32.0 53.0 34.0 18.0 132.0 Antigua and Barbuda 0.0 0.0 0.3 19.9 3.0 31.0 4.0 2.0 0.0 Europe & Central 10232.0 10576.0 10.7 14.2 678.0 1239.0 350.0 -344.0 1306.0 Latin America & 10700.0 9296.0 1117.0 1716.0 5439.0 629.0 19.4 24.1 1404.0 Caribbean Middle East & 205.0 230.0 1.3 5.1 290.0 672.0 374.0 228.0 -25.0 North Africa 12.3 North America 6507.0 6567.0 12.8 118.0 322.0 536.0 62.0 -60.0

171 rows × 9 columns

Writing final table to CSV file

In [27]: # Writing dataframe to a csv file
development_data.to_csv('DevelopmentData', sep=',', encoding='utf-8', index=True)

in [28]: # Checking that writing to file worked correctly
csvFile = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/kayly/OneDrive/Desktop/MSDS/DSC540/Tem Project/DevelopmentData")

28]:	Country	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 1990	Forest Area (sq.km thousands) 2021	Marine protected areas (% of total territorial waters) 2022	Terresterial protected areas (% of total land area) 2022	Threatened Birds	Threatened Fishes	Threatened Higher Plants	Threatened Mammals	Change in Forest Area 1990 to 2021
0	Albania	8.0	8.0	2.8	18.6	8.0	44.0	4.0	3.0	0.0
1	Algeria	17.0	20.0	0.1	4.6	15.0	41.0	22.0	14.0	-3.0
2	American Samoa	0.0	0.0	8.7	15.8	8.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
3	Angola	793.0	661.0	0.0	7.0	32.0	53.0	34.0	18.0	132.0
4	Antigua and Barbuda	0.0	0.0	0.3	19.9	3.0	31.0	4.0	2.0	0.0

166	Europe & Central Asia	10232.0	10576.0	10.7	14.2	678.0	1239.0	1306.0	350.0	-344.0
167	Latin America & Caribbean	10700.0	9296.0	19.4	24.1	1117.0	1716.0	5439.0	629.0	1404.0
168	Middle East & North Africa	205.0	230.0	1.3	5.1	290.0	672.0	374.0	228.0	-25.0
169	North America	6507.0	6567.0	12.8	12.3	118.0	322.0	536.0	62.0	-60.0
170	South Asia	826.0	900.0	0.5	8.7	253.0	397.0	794.0	252.0	-74.0
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Ethical Implications

This dataset was overall a pretty clean dataset. There were not many missing values and thoses that were missing were clearly labeled. I chose to remove NaN values in this dataset to make further processing easier down the line. Because I will be combining datasets based on the country, it is important that the countries I keep have all necessary data.

I did not search for outliers within this dataset. It's would be almost impossible to correctly categorize values as outliers because so much of this data is dependent on the country the values are gathered from. For example, comparing forest area of Angola and the United States would show that Angola has a small forest area while the United States has a massive forest area. This is dependent on the size of the country. Just because one value is massively bigger than the other, does not mean it's an outlier.

I chose to be conservative when tranforming data and only changed obviously values. The main change I made was to convert .. to NaN and then drop those values from the dataset. I don't see this to be very risky because I didn't alter any values in the dataset. I did end up dropping about 50 countries or income levels from the dataset because of mising values. In this case, I see it as more ethically sound to remove these countries from the dataset rather than alter them. In other instances, this could be seen as skewing data.

My data was sourced form the World Data Bank which is a well known and reputable source of data. It often accumulates data from multiple studies for further evaluation by data scientists. I am unsure how the original data was collected, so I cannot be sure there are not ethical breeches there. As far as I know, there are no legal or regulatory implications in my data.