

Introduction to plotly

So far in this tutorial we have been using seaborn and pandas, two mature libraries designed around matplotlib. These libraries all focus on building "static" visualizations: visualizations that have no moving parts. In other words, all of the plots we've built thus far could appear in a dead-tree journal article.

The web unlocks a lot of possibilities when it comes to interactivity and animations. There are a number of plotting libraries available which try to provide these features.

In this section we will examine plotly, an open-source plotting library that's one of the most popular of these libraries.

In [11]:

```
import pandas as pd
reviews = pd.read_csv("data/winemag-data-130k-v2.csv.zip", index_col=0)
reviews.head(3)
```

Out[11]:

	country	description	designation	points	price	province	region_1	region_2	taster_na
0	Italy	Aromas include tropical fruit, broom, brimston	Vulkà Bianco	87	NaN	Sicily & Sardinia	Etna	NaN	Kı O'Ke
1	Portugal	This is ripe and fruity, a wine that is smooth	Avidagos	87	15.0	Douro	NaN	NaN	Roger V
2	US	Tart and snappy, the flavors of lime flesh and	NaN	87	14.0	Oregon	Willamette Valley	Willamette Valley	Paul Gre
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plotly provides both online and offline modes. The latter injects the plotly source code directly into the notebook; the former does not. I recommend using plotly in offline mode the vast majority of the time.

The following line will help you do so!

In [3]:

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from plotly.offline import init_notebook_mode, iplot
init_notebook_mode(connected=True)
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Now, start using Plotly with winemag-data-130k-v2.csv.zip to create the following plots (Your notebook must contain one of each):

- Scatter Plot
- Choropleth Plot
- Heatmap
- Surface Plot