NBA Shooting Chart

Documentation

Project title: NBA Individual Shooting Chart 2023/2024

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Summary

This project analyzes NBA player's shooting stats from 2023/2024 season to evaluate individual performance and identify top players. Using Python for **web scraping** data and Tableau for creating an interactive dashboard which includes shooting chart, shot percentages, and a list of top 10 players by total points and shooting percentages. Users can tailor their view with multiple filters such as **shot type**, **shot made**, **shot range etc**.

Data

Dataset: NBA Shots 2024

Source: https://github.com/DomSamangy/NBA_Shots_04_24

Size: 218702 rows. 26 columns

Methods

Data cleaning: Used Python to check for duplicate rows - found 14 and dropped them.

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SEASON_1 SEASON_2
                          TEAM_ID ... QUARTER MINS_LEFT SECS_LEFT
8032
8535
          2024 2023-24 1610612762 ...
           2024 2023-24 1610612755 ...
83014
83353
188984
           2024 2023-24 1610612743 ...
187863
192245
          2024 2023-24 1610612737 ...
[14 rows x 26 columns]
Duplicates have been removed and the updated dataset has been saved to the same file.
Process finished with exit code 0
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Data cleaning: Uploaded data to Tableau and checked for data types - **all fine! Web Scraping:** Since I wanted to display player portraits and team logos on my dashboard, I needed to scrape them from web. Since each NBA player has it's unique ID, I figured out that combining that ID with a base URL, I'm able to get each player's headshot. So I used Python **Pandas** to list all ID's(Player_Id field) and then **Requests** module to scrape png's.

Scraping Portraits Scraping Team Logos import os mport requests import requests import pandas as pd import pandas as pd folder_path = "team_logos" base_url = "https://cdn.nba.com/headshots/nba/latest/1040x760/" id_list = df['TEAM_ID'].unique().tolist() folder_path = "headshots" logo_url = f'https://cdn.nba.com/logos/nba/{team_id}/global/L/logo.svg' if not os.path.exists(folder_path): os.makedirs(folder_path) if response.status code == 200: df = pd.read_csv('/Users/riccardokiho/Desktop/NBA_2024_Shots.csv') with open(image_path, 'wb') as img_file: id_list = df['PLAYER_ID'].unique().tolist() ima file.write(response.content) str_id_list = list(map(str, id_list)) print(f"Downloaded {team_id}.png") print(f"Failed to download {team_id}.png: Status code {response.status_code}") for player_id in str_id_list: image_url = f"{base_url}{player_id}.png" # Construct the URL ${\tt except \ requests.exceptions.RequestException \ as \ e:}$ image_path = os.path.join(folder_path, f"{player_id}.png") print(f"Error downloading {team_id}.png: {e}") Later I discovered that Player Portraits are much more efficient to display via web URL in Tableau since there were 568 of them. I just response = requests.get(image_url) created Calculated field - [base URL] + [Player ID]. if response.status_code == 200: Team Logos are scraped similarly, but operated as 'Shapes' in Tableau. I moved with open(image_path, 'wb') as img_file: img_file.write(response.content) 'logos' folder with it's png files into 'Tableau print(f"Downloaded {player_id}.png") Repostiory/Shapes' print(f"Failed to download {player_id}.png:" f" Status code {response.status_code}") except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e: print(f"Error downloading {player_id}.png: {e}") print("Download process complete!")

Visualisation: Rest of the project is pure Tableau work. I created multiple new fields to calculate accuracy percentages, total points etc. I had to adjust fields 'Loc X' and 'Loc Y' to exactly match my background image (basketball court) in order to display shot coordinates accurately. I experimented with different layouts and colour pallets until I found suitable.

Conclusion

Although this dashboard has the potential to incorporate more metrics and advanced functionality, I'm happy with its current state. The primary objective was to explore various Tableau features and improve my data visualization skills.

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