# 5. Web Scraping and Horizontal Bar Plots

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#### Goal

- Reproduce a recent bar plot, "Killer Quakes", from Sept 10, TOI (see pictures at the
  end for reference). The source of the data file has been mentioned to be the
  following <a href="https://ourworldindata.org">https://ourworldindata.org</a>
- The goal is to acquire the data from the website, plot an equivalent bar chart from the acquired data and verify the match (and mismatch if any).

#### **Details**

- The plot uses data from two different sets of data available at the following website https://ourworldindata.org.
- One dataset is available as a page table in the following URL <a href="https://ourworldindata.org/the-worlds-deadliest-earthquakes">https://ourworldindata.org/the-worlds-deadliest-earthquakes</a>.
- The other set is available from a natural disaster dataset available in the *OurWorldInData* servers.

# **Data Acquisition**

- Use the pandas read\_html method to Web Scrape data from the following website https://ourworldindata.org/the-worlds-deadliest-earthquakes.
- See examples from <a href="https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user\_guide/io.html#html">https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/user\_guide/io.html#html</a>.
  - Note that read\_html returns an array of tables.
- Acquire the natural disaster dataset using owid-catalog API:
  - See: <a href="https://pypi.org/project/owid-catalog/">https://pypi.org/project/owid-catalog/</a>
  - o See: <a href="https://github.com/owid/owid-catalog-py">https://github.com/owid/owid-catalog-py</a>

You must install owid-catalog and import catalog as "from owid import catalog" before use.

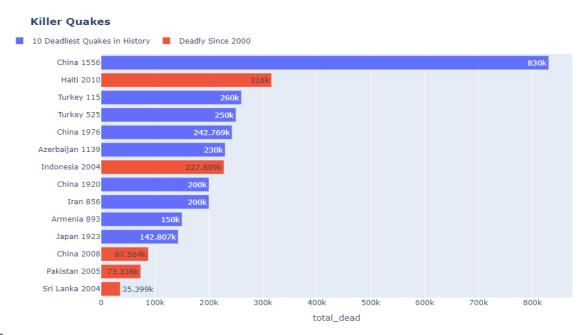
### **Data Preparation and Cleaning Component**

- From the owid catalog acquired data choose only those rows that correspond to earthquakes and are for years 2020 or higher.
- Remove data rows to "World", "European Union (27)" and Continents. (you may list the continents manually or use a python API such as a-world-of-countries to get\_continent\_list. See <a href="https://pypi.org/project/a-world-of-countries">https://pypi.org/project/a-world-of-countries</a>.
- Additionally remove the names from the following list: ['Upper-middle-income countries', 'Lower-middle-income countries', 'High-income countries', 'Low-income countries'].
- Sort the resulting data frame in decreasing order, and pick only 5 rows from the data frame to concatenate with the scraped dataset. Before concatenating make sure that both the data frames have the same column names.
- To avoid duplication of rows, use the pandas data frame method drop\_duplicates(subset=["country", "year"]).

#### **Data Visualization**

- Use bar plot method of Plotly express or Seaborn to plot horizontal bar plots.
- Note that you need to set the color (for Plotly), hue for (seaborn) to assign different hues to distinguish between bars before 2020 and the others.

# Sample Image



# Moroccan homes of masonry & stone likely to raise quake toll

**Mountain Villages Hard To Reach; 12th Century Mosque Damaged** 

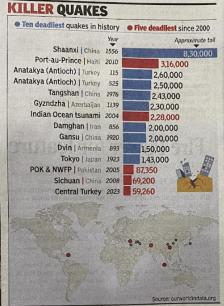
Moulay Brahim/Marrakech: A rare, powerful earthquake struck Morocco on Friday night, sending people racing from their beds into the darkened streets and toppling buildings in mountainous villages and ancient cities not built to withstand such force. Updated interior ministry figures on Saturday showed the quake killed at least 1,037 people, the vast majority in Al-Haouz, the epicentre, and Taroudant provinces.

Marrakech's famous Koutoubia Mosque, built in the 12th century, was damaged, but the extent was not immediately clear. Its 69-metre minaret is known as the "roof of Marrakech." Moroccans posted videos showing damage to parts of the famous red walls that surround the old city, a



Unesco World Heritage site.

The epicentre of tremor



Algeria suspends ban, opens airspace

the High Atlas, was the worst hit of any Reuters journalists saw in rural areas south of Marrakech where officials said most of the more than 1,000 deaths had occurred. The quake brought down

The quake brought down walls made from stone and masonry not designed to withstand quakes, covering whole communities with rubble and leaving residents picking their way precariously through remains. "The problem is that where destructive earthquakes are rare, buildings are simply not constructed robustly enough to cope with strong ground shaking, so many collapse, resulting in high casualties," said Bill McGuire, professor emeritus of geophysical and climate hazards at University College London. "I would expect the death toll to climb into the thousands once more is known. As with any big quake, aftershocks are likely, which will lead to further casualties and hinder search efforts."

Strong tremors were also felt in the coastal cities of Rabat, Casablanca and Essaouira. "I was nearly asleep when I heard the doors and the shutters banging," said Ghannou Najem, a Casablanca resident in her 80s who was visiting Marrakesh when the quake hit. In the mountain village of Maulay Brahim near the