

Data Validation

Olympics Athletes Web Scraping Project | Analysis Project (1896 - 2022)

In this document, we validate our web-scraped data's accuracy by comparing it to [Olympedia](#) website and our PostgreSQL query outputs side-by-side. We have actually selected specific data points to ensure the accuracy of our data, ensuring its trustworthiness for analysis and engineering projects, and alignment with the Olympedia website.

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13. Fetch the top 5 athletes who have won the most gold medals.

```
pd.read_sql("""
SELECT
    h.id,
    h.name,
    n.country,
    COUNT(h.medal) AS gold_medals
FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
WHERE h.event LIKE '%Olympic%' AND h.medal = 'Gold'
GROUP BY h.id, h.name, n.country, h.noc
ORDER BY gold_medals DESC, n.country DESC
LIMIT 5
""", conn)
```

Here is my SQL output:

	id	name	country	gold_medals
0	93860	Michael Phelps	United States	23
1	51572	Mark Spitz	United States	9
2	78692	Carl Lewis	United States	9
3	29198	Larisa Latynina	Soviet Union	9
4	67728	Paavo Nurmi	Finland	9

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Sort by Gold only
Show top 25 (and ties)

Athlete	Nat	Gold
Michael Phelps	 USA	23
Larisa Latynina	 URS  UKR	9
Mark Spitz	 USA	9
Paavo Nurmi	 FIN	9
Carl Lewis	 USA	9

14. Fetch the top 5 athletes who have won the most medals (gold/silver/bronze).

Here is my SQL query and its corresponding output.

```
pd.read_sql("""
SELECT
    h.id,
    h.name,
    n.country,
    SUM(CASE WHEN h.medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS gold,
    SUM(CASE WHEN h.medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS silver,
    SUM(CASE WHEN h.medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS bronze,
    COUNT(h.medal) AS total_medals
FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
WHERE h.event LIKE '%Olympic%'
GROUP BY h.id, h.name, n.country
ORDER BY total_medals DESC, gold DESC
LIMIT 5
""", conn)
```

	id	name	country	gold	silver	bronze	total_medals
0	93860	Michael Phelps	United States	23	3	2	28
1	29198	Larisa Latynina	Soviet Union	9	5	4	18
2	101008	Marit Bjørgen	Norway	8	4	3	15
3	31235	Nikolay Andrianov	Soviet Union	7	5	3	15
4	84154	Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Norway	8	4	1	13

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Athlete	Nat	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Michael Phelps	USA	23	3	2	28
Larisa Latynina	URS UKR	9	5	4	18
Marit Bjørgen	NOR	8	4	3	15
Nikolay Andrianov	RUS URS	7	5	3	15
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	NOR	8	4	1	13

16. List down total gold, silver and bronze medals won by each country.

Here is my SQL query and its corresponding output.

```
pd.read_sql("""
WITH count_medals_cte AS
(
    -- Partition the dataset by country, specific games, events and medals

    SELECT
        n.country,
        h.game,
        h.event,
        h.medal,
        ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY h.noc, h.game, h.event, h.medal) AS rk
    FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
    JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
    WHERE h.event LIKE '%Olympic%'
)
SELECT
    country,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS gold,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS silver,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS bronze,
    COUNT(medal) AS total_medals
FROM count_medals_cte
WHERE rk = 1
GROUP BY country
ORDER BY total_medals DESC
LIMIT 5
""", conn)
```

	country	gold	silver	bronze	total_medals
0	United States	1179	959	837	2975
1	Soviet Union	471	373	353	1197
2	Germany	354	373	360	1087
3	Great Britain	306	330	331	967
4	France	273	297	337	907

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NOC		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	USA	1183	963	839	2985
Soviet Union	URS	473	376	355	1204
Germany	GER	351	371	361	1083
Great Britain	GBR	304	329	332	965
France	FRA	272	298	340	910

Note: The data shows a slight deviation of approximately 10 units from the expected values; however, this variance still confirms the overall validity of the dataset.

19. Which countries have never won a gold medal but have won silver/bronze medals?

Here is my SQL query and a portion of its corresponding output.

```
pd.read_sql("""
WITH count_medals_cte AS
(
    -- Partition the dataset by country, specific games, events and medals

    SELECT
        n.country,
        h.game,
        h.event,
        h.medal,
        ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY h.noc, n.country, h.game, h.event, h.medal) AS rk
    FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
    JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
    WHERE h.event LIKE '%(Olympic)%'
)
SELECT
    country,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS gold,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS silver,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS bronze,
    COUNT(medal) AS total_medals
FROM count_medals_cte
WHERE rk = 1
GROUP BY country
HAVING
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) = 0 AND
    (SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) > 0 OR
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) > 0)
ORDER BY country
""", conn)
```

22	Montenegro	0	1	0	1
23	Namibia	0	5	0	5
24	Netherlands Antilles	0	1	0	1
25	Niger	0	1	1	2
26	North Macedonia	0	1	1	2
27	Paraguay	0	1	0	1
28	Republic of Moldova	0	2	4	6
29	Samoa	0	1	0	1
30	San Marino	0	1	2	3
31	Senegal	0	1	0	1
32	Sri Lanka	0	2	0	2
33	Sudan	0	1	0	1

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Montenegro	 MNE	0	1	0	1
Netherlands Antilles	 AHO	0	1	0	1
Niger	 NIG	0	1	1	2
North Macedonia	 MKD	0	1	1	2
Paraguay	 PAR	0	1	0	1
Samoa	 SAM	0	1	0	1
San Marino	 SMR	0	1	2	3
Senegal	 SEN	0	1	0	1
Sudan	 SUD	0	1	0	1

20. In which sport/event Canada has won the highest number of medals.

Here is my SQL query and its corresponding output.

```
pd.read_sql("""
WITH count_medals_cte AS
(
  -- Partition the dataset by country, specific games, events and medals
  SELECT
    n.country,
    h.game,
    h.sport,
    h.event,
    h.medal,
    ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY h.noc, h.game, h.event, h.medal) AS rk
  FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
  JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
  WHERE h.event LIKE '%(olympic)%'
)
SELECT
  sport,
  SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS gold,
  SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS silver,
  SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS bronze,
  COUNT(medal) AS "Total Medals Won By Canada"
FROM count_medals_cte
WHERE rk = 1 AND country = 'Canada'
GROUP BY country, sport
ORDER BY gold DESC, COUNT(medal) DESC
LIMIT 10
""", conn)
```

	sport	gold	silver	bronze	Total Medals Won By Canada
0	Athletics	15	18	31	64
1	Ice Hockey (Ice Hockey)	14	6	3	23
2	Freestyle Skiing (Skiing)	12	12	6	30
3	Rowing	10	17	16	43
4	Speed Skating (Skating)	10	16	16	42
5	Short Track Speed Skating (Skating)	10	13	14	37
6	Swimming (Aquatics)	9	18	27	54
7	Figure Skating (Skating)	6	11	12	29
8	Curling	6	3	3	12
9	Snowboarding (Skiing)	5	5	7	17

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Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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Speed Skating	10	16	16	42
Short Track Speed Skating	10	13	14	37
Swimming	9	18	27	54
Figure Skating	6	11	12	29
Curling	6	3	3	12
Snowboarding	5	5	7	17

21. Break down all olympic games where Canada won medals for Hockey and how many medals in each olympic games.

Here is my SQL query and the piece of its corresponding output.

```
pd.read_sql("""
WITH count_medals_cte AS
(
    -- Partition the dataset by country, specific games, events and medals

    SELECT
        n.country,
        h.game,
        h.sport,
        h.event,
        h.medal,
        ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY h.noc, h.game, h.event, h.medal) AS rk
    FROM olympics.olympic_history_cleaned h
    JOIN olympics.noc_countries n ON h.noc = n.noc
    WHERE h.event LIKE '%(Olympic)%'
)
SELECT
    game,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Gold' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS gold,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Silver' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS silver,
    SUM(CASE WHEN medal = 'Bronze' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS bronze,
    COUNT(medal) AS total_medals
FROM count_medals_cte
WHERE rk = 1 AND country = 'Canada' AND sport LIKE '%Hockey%'
GROUP BY country, game
ORDER BY game
""", conn)
```

In my query output, Canada has indeed won 14 gold medals in all-time Olympic games. To view the complete dataset, please refer to the 'olympics_analysis' notebook. This validation confirms the accuracy of my scraping technique.

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Country	Games	Sport	Event	Athlete/Team	Placement
CAN	1920 Summer Olympics	Ice Hockey	Ice Hockey, Men	Canada	1 Gold achieved 13 more times

Conclusion

After comparing my query results to the data on Olympedia, it's clear that my data scraping process was accurate. The two datasets match up well with only minor differences, showing that the information I collected is reliable. This validation gives us confidence in the quality of our data, which is crucial for our future analysis and projects.