Learn Alien Vault Ip Reputation Database

Lab-1

CYT-250Threat Investigation

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Individual task

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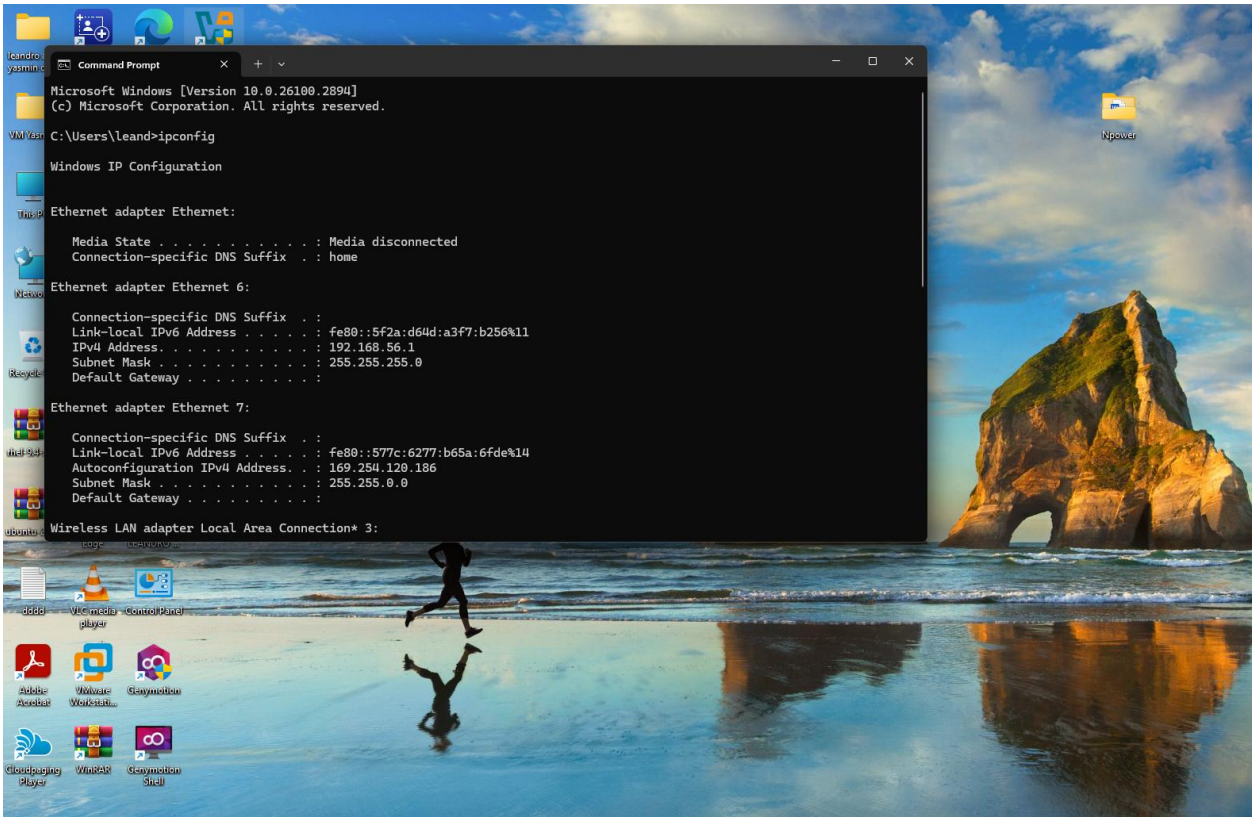
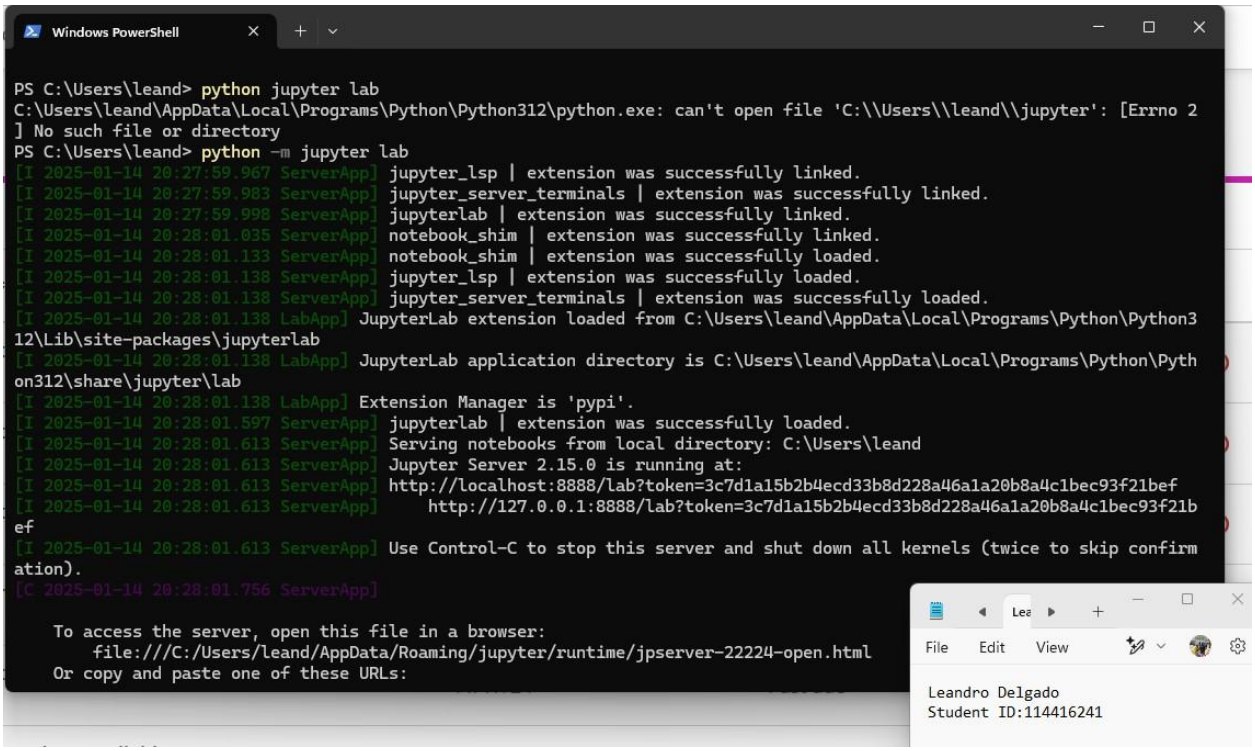
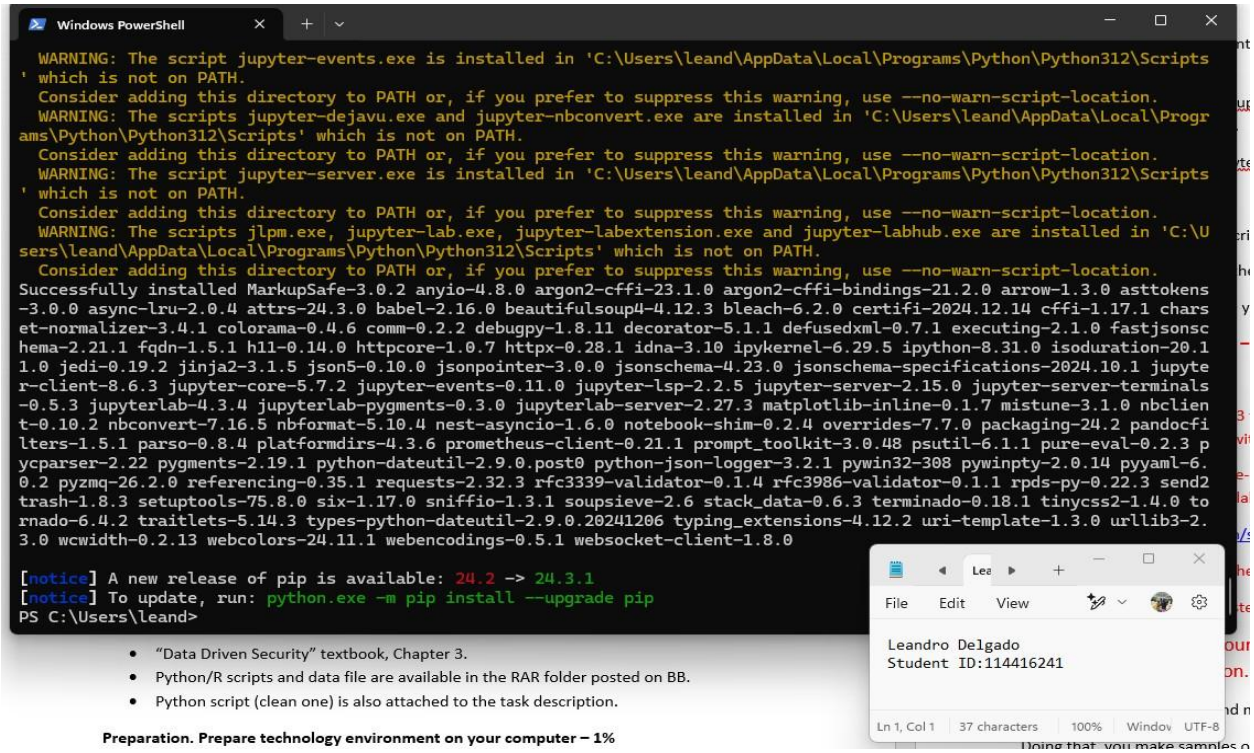




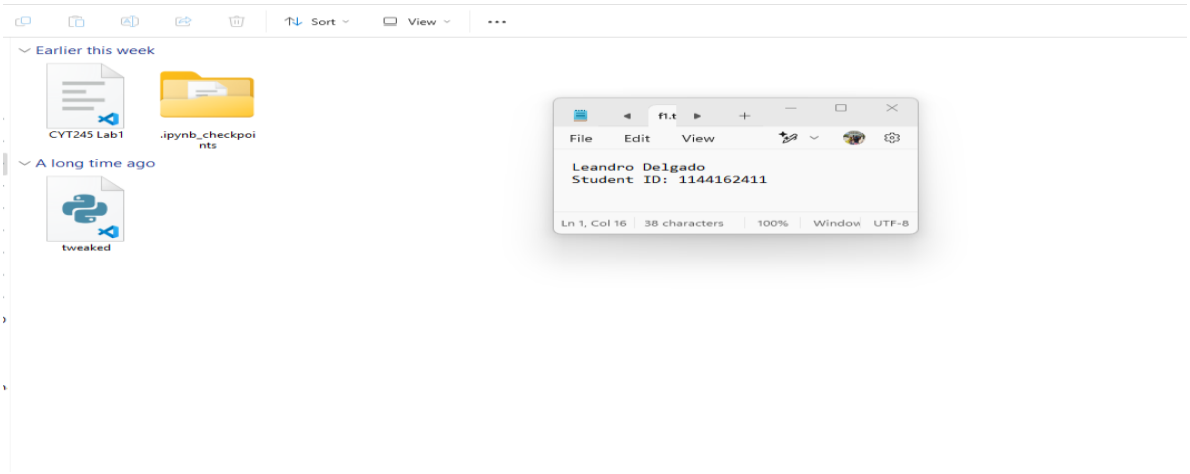


Objective:

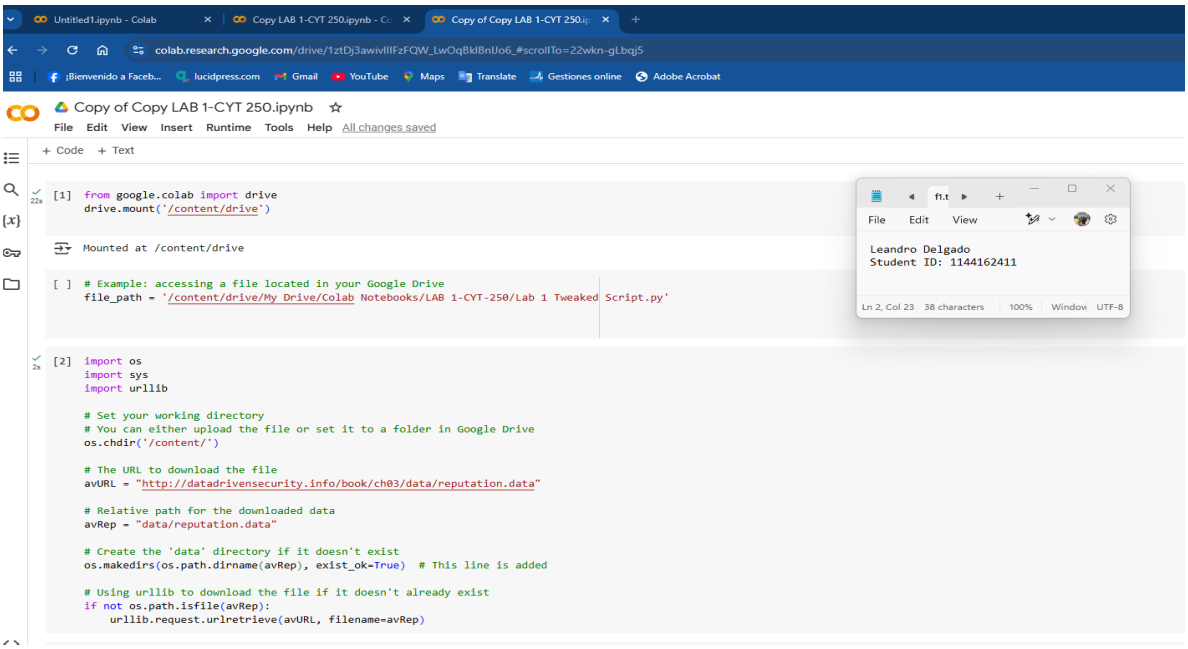
Lab Focus	Tools Used	Activities	Goals
AlienVault IP Reputation database	Python, Pandas	Set up environment, run Python scripts, explore database	Generate statistics, visualize data, understand data in cybersecurity context
Threat intelligence			Analyze and interpret reputation data to spot potential threats

- **Step 1. Unzip the book.rar and move the folder book to your Anaconda environment.**

  To proceed to reach this task, I have downloaded the Script provided by the lab document. I extracted the compressed file and paste into the directory



- **Step 2. Open the Python script file and run Listing 1 portion in your notebook Google Collab).**



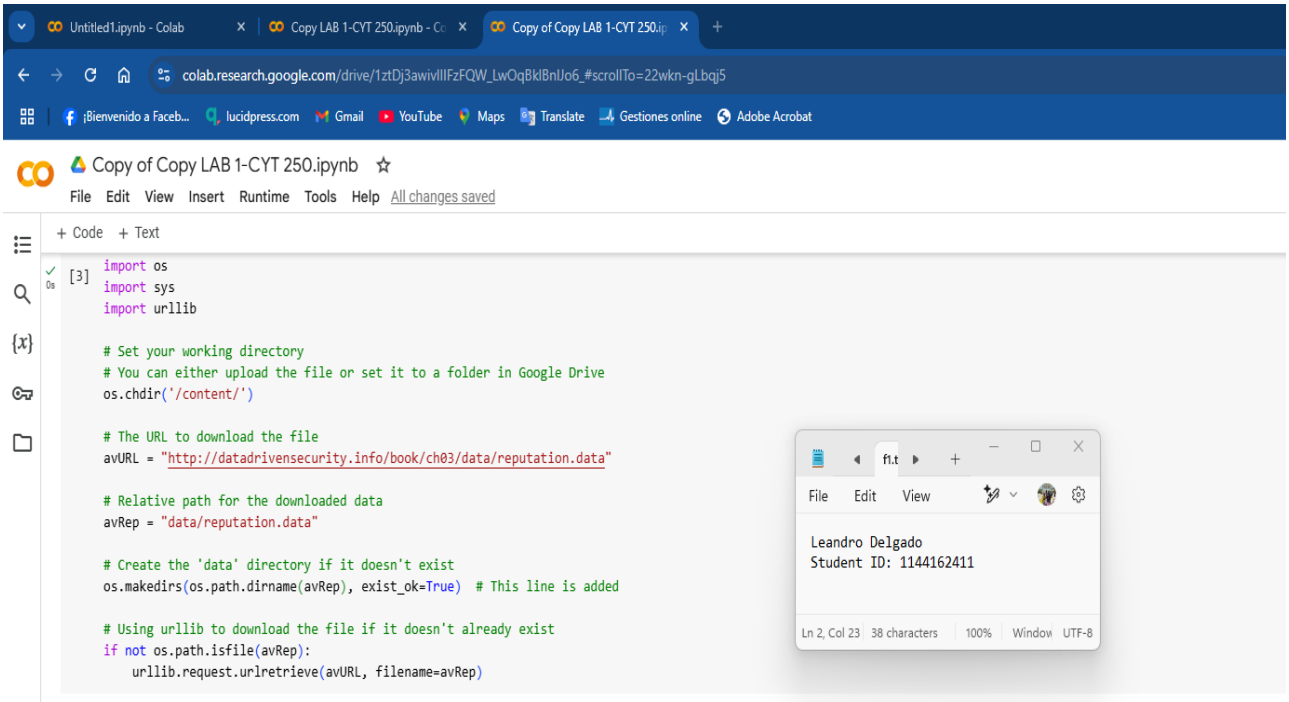
- **Step 3. Run the Listing 3-3. You set relative path for the downloaded data.**

Listing 3-1

Import os

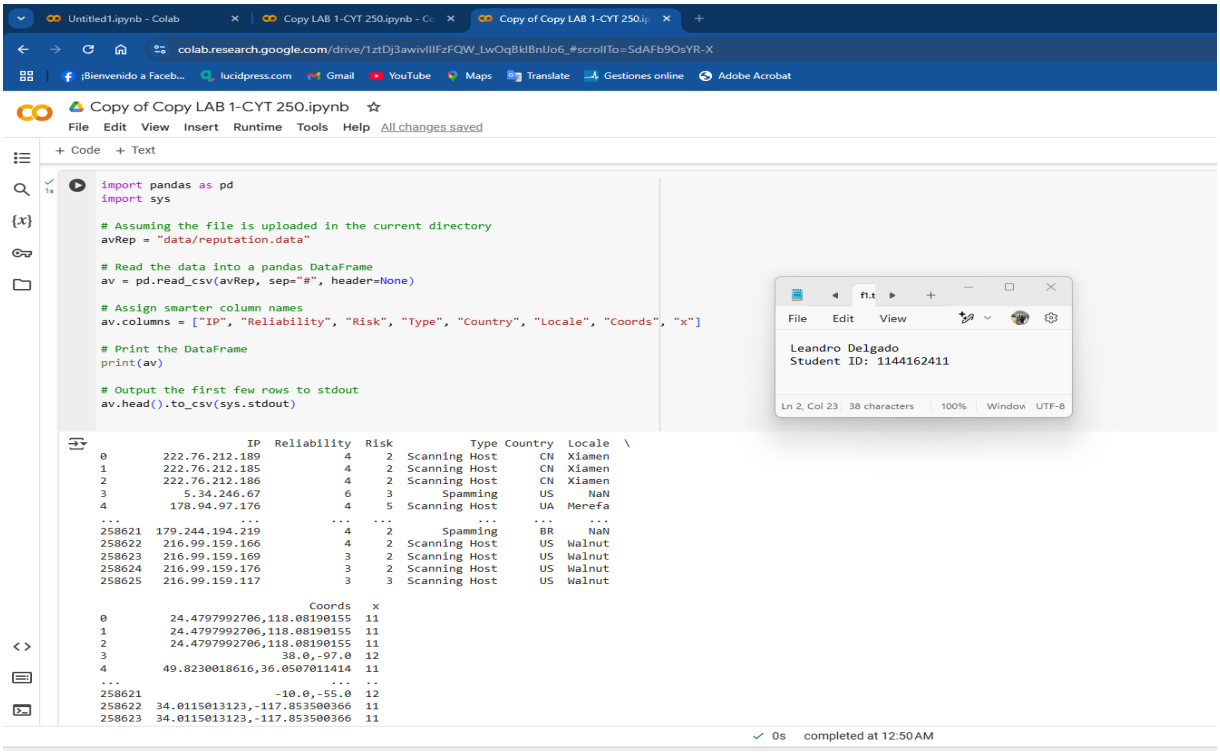
Import sys

Os.chdir (os.path.expanduser ("~"0 + path). Once the 'Reputation Data' file was downloaded, a folder named 'dataDrivenSecurity_book' was created to store the script. Afterward, I proceeded to execute the Python.



Step 4. Run Listing 3-5. At this point of time, you will obtain the result showing first 5 rows from the file.

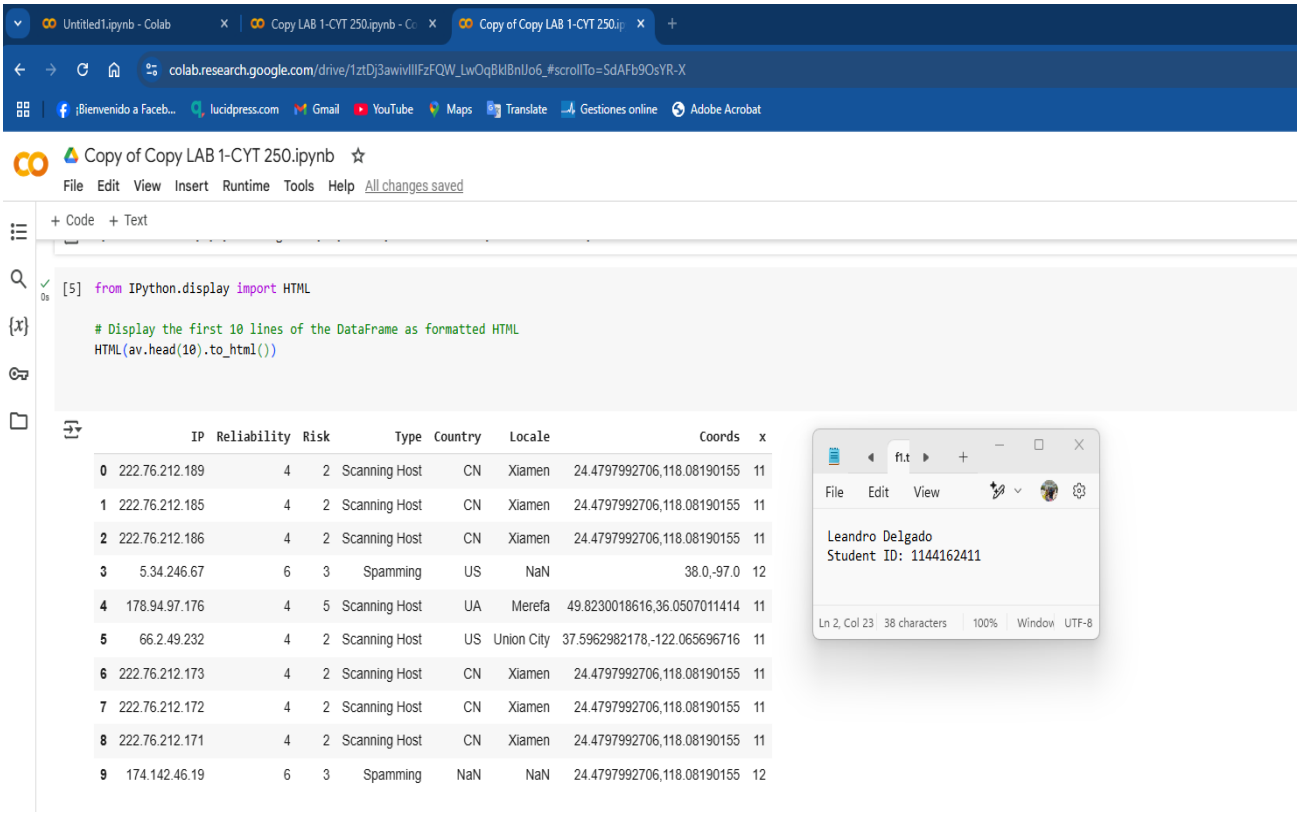
This code defines the structure of IP Reputation Database. Run the code and observe the result. Answer the following questions:



1. **What is Pandas name for the IP Reputation Database csv file?**
   The CSV file for the IP Reputation Database is stored in a variable called **"av"** in Pandas.
2. **What are Columns names of the Pandas data frame?**
   The Pandas DataFrame includes the following column names: IP, Reliability, Risk, Type, Country, Locale, Coords, x.

Step 5. Run Listing 3-6. You will see HTML formatted output of the same data frame.

To see, the HTML formatted outputof the data frame, I executed the following script:



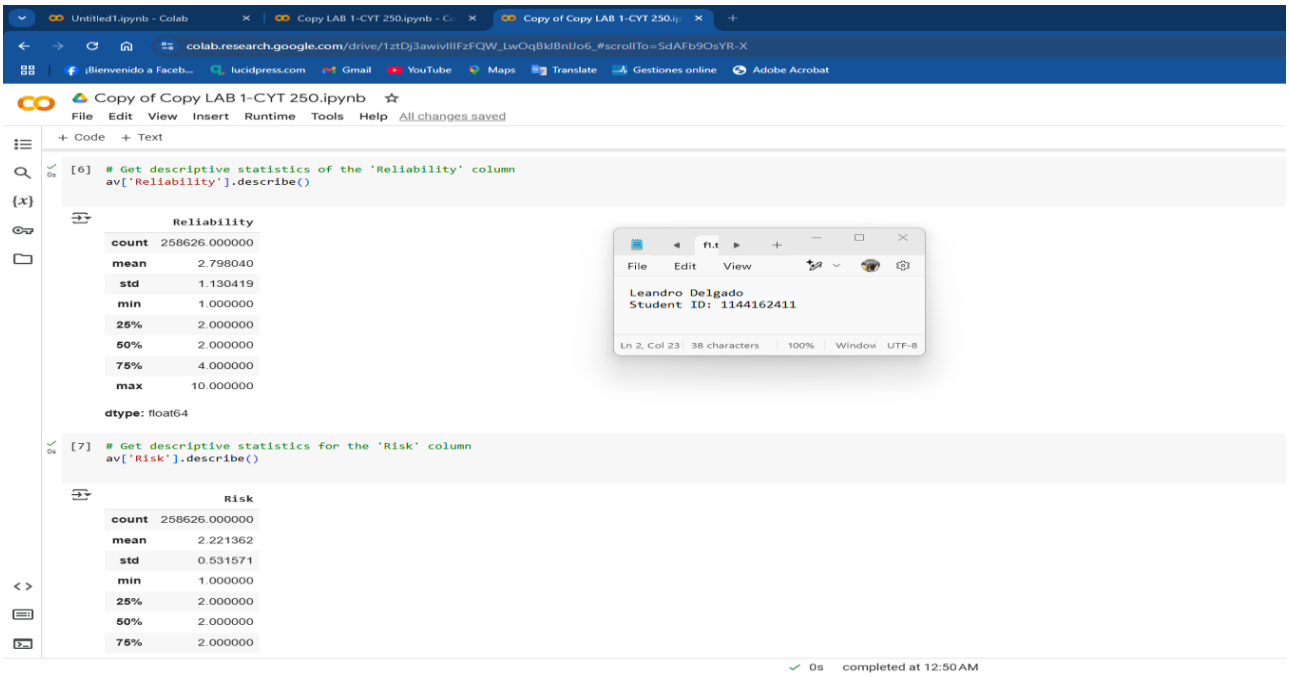
Question:

1. **What are Python code line lines that allow doing so (copy and paste from the code)**

The line of code displayed the first 10 Row of the Data Frame Av as formatted HTML. The code showed is **HTML (av.head(10).to_html( )).**

Step 6. Run Listing 3-8. You are now start exploring data. This portion of code demonstrates understanding of quantitative category of data,

So, basically, this data has values that I can use for calculations. To make sense of it, I need to calculate some basic 'descriptive statistics. These stats will help us report and visualize the data better.



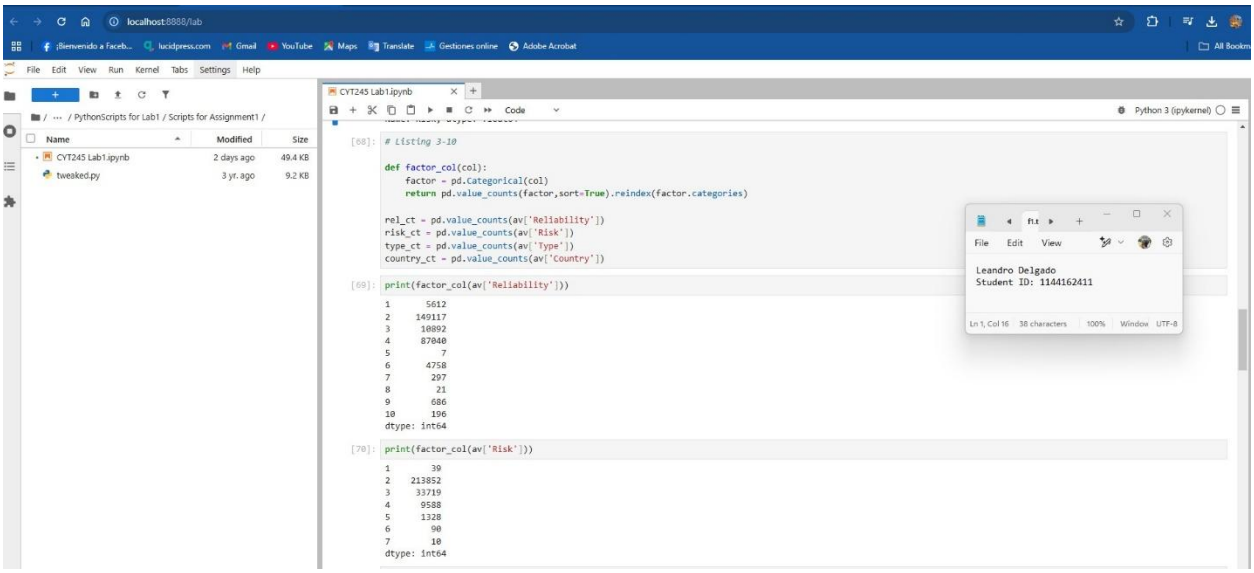
Answer the following questions:

1. What is the Pandas function to generate descriptive statistics?

The panda Function to generate Descriptive Statistics for a DataFrame or Series is. Av ['Reliability']. Describe (). These lines of code will calculate basic statistics (such as count, mean, standard deviation, minimum value, 25th percentile, 50th percentile, 75th percentile, and maximum value) for the 'Reliability' and 'Risk' columns in the DataFrame **av**."

Step 7. the number of malicious nodes calculated by Reliability, Risk, Type, and Country separately. With the last outcome you can see the number of malicious nodes by Country.

Next, to better understand qualitative data in Pandas, we run the next script' to analyze malicious nodes across different categories



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import pandas as pd

# Define the function to factorize the column and return the sorted counts
def factor_col(col):
    factor = pd.Categorical(col)
    return pd.value_counts(factor, sort=True).reindex(factor.categories)

# Calculate value counts for different columns
rel_ct = factor_col(av['Reliability'])
risk_ct = factor_col(av['Risk'])
type_ct = factor_col(av['Type'])
country_ct = factor_col(av['Country'])

# Display the results
print("Reliability Counts:")
print(rel_ct)

print("\nRisk Counts:")
print(risk_ct)

print("\nType Counts:")
print(type_ct)

print("\nCountry Counts:")
print(country_ct)
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Type Counts:
APT;Malware Domain                        1
C&C                                     610
C&C;Malware Domain                       31
C&C;Malware IP                           20
C&C;Scanning Host                         7
Malicious Host                         3770
Malicious Host;Malware Domain             4
Malicious Host;Malware IP                 2
Malicious Host;Scanning Host            163
Malware Domain                         9274
Malware Domain;C&C                       25
Malware Domain;Malicious Host             4
Malware Domain;Malware IP               173
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Malware Domain;Malware IP               173
Malware Domain;Scanning Host             39
Malware Domain;Spamming                   2
Malware IP                             6470
Malware IP;C&C                            2
Malware IP;Malicious Host                 1
Malware IP;Malware Domain                57
Malware IP;Scanning Host                  8
Malware IP;Spamming                       7
Malware distribution                      1
Malware distribution;Malicious Host       1
Malware distribution;Malware IP           4
Scanning Host                        234180
Scanning Host;C&C                         2
Scanning Host;Malicious Host            215
Scanning Host;Malware Domain             19
Scanning Host;Malware IP                  7
Scanning Host;Spamming                    7
Spamming                               3487
Spamming;Malware Domain                   5
Spamming;Malware IP                       4
Spamming;Scanning Host                   24
Name: count, dtype: int64

Country Counts:
A1     267
A2       2
AE    1827
AL       4
AM       6
      ...
VN    1203
YE       2
ZA     573
ZM       1
ZW       3
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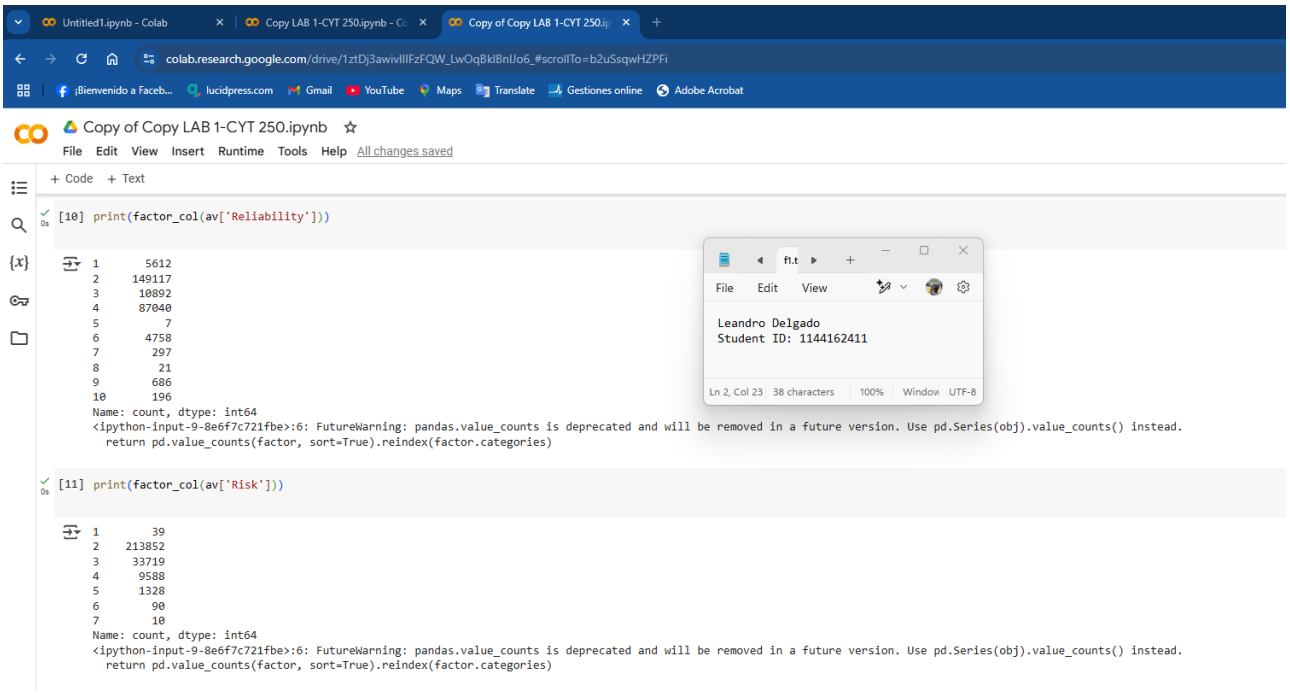
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[10] print(factor_col(av['Reliability']))
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2 149117
3 10892
4 87040
5 7
6 4758
7 297
8 21
9 686
10 196
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[11] print(factor_col(av['Risk']))
1 39
2 213852
3 33719
4 9588
5 1328
6 90
7 10
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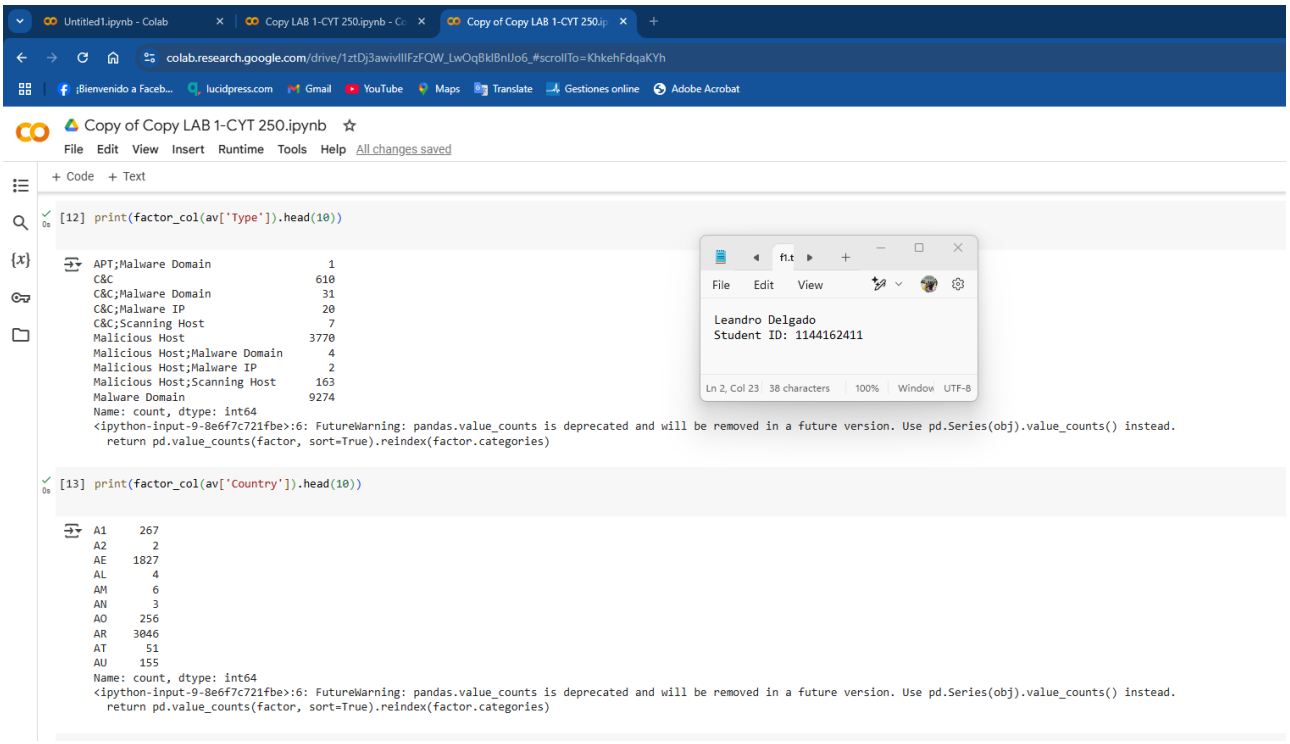
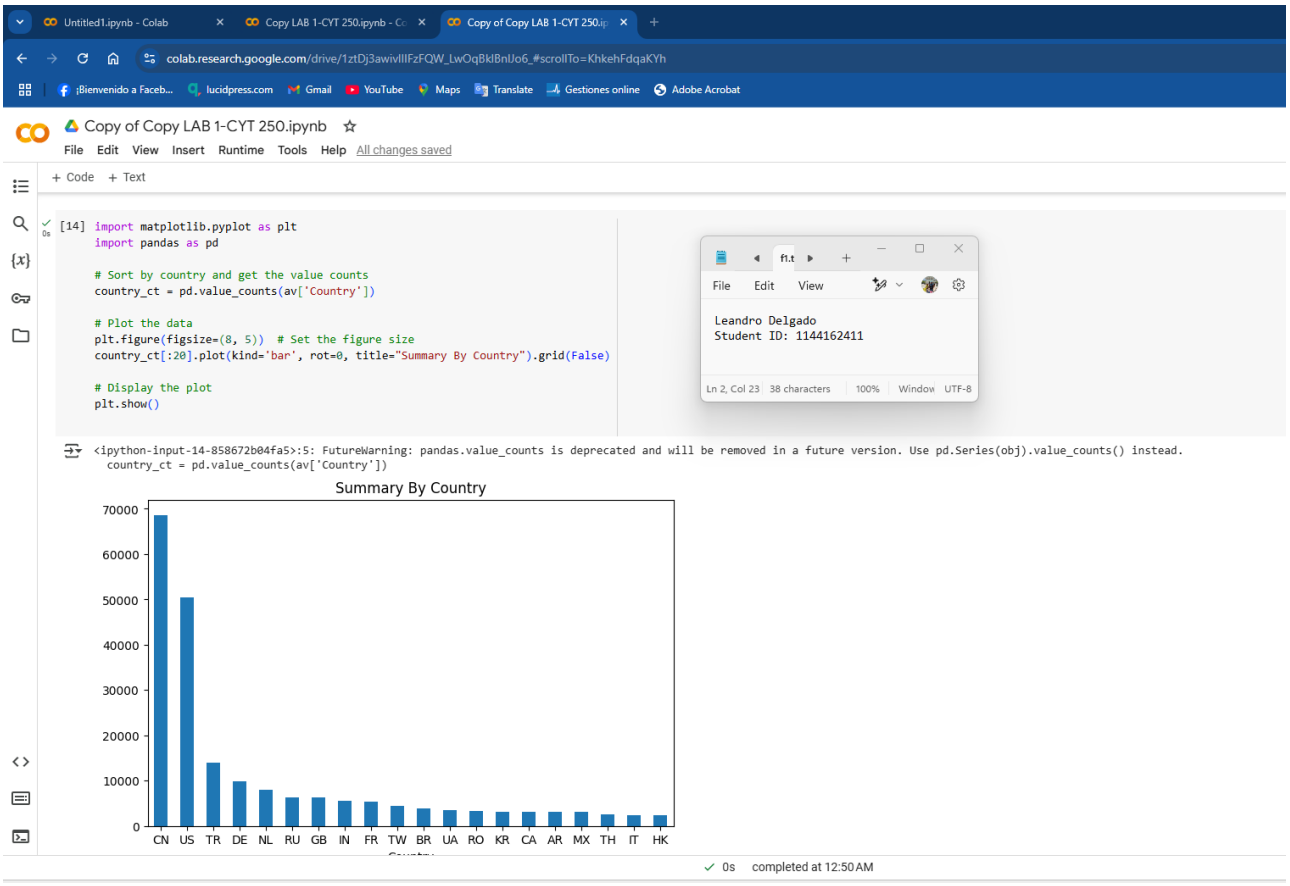


Step 8. Run Listing 3-14. Number of records from the data frame will be shown as the graph, named Summary by Country.

Now, to visualize the number of records from the DataFrame as a graph, we ran the following script:



Questions:

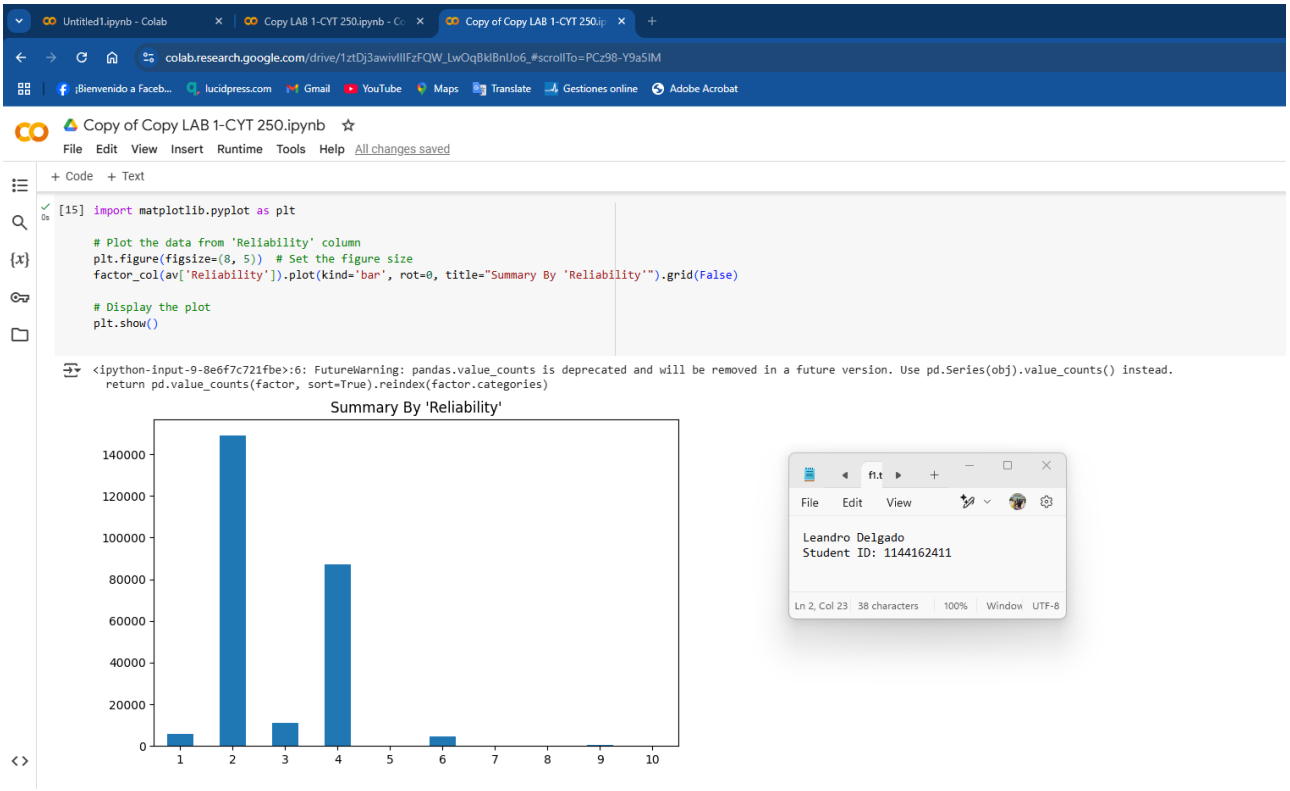
- If a country does not have valid country code, will the records be taken for calculation?
  Answer: No

Why?

If a country code is missing (blank or empty), it still contributes to the frequency count in pd.value_counts(av['Country']). However, when plotting with country CT[:20].plot(kind='bar'), only the top 20 countries with the highest counts are displayed. Empty country codes won't appear in the graph due to this slicing.

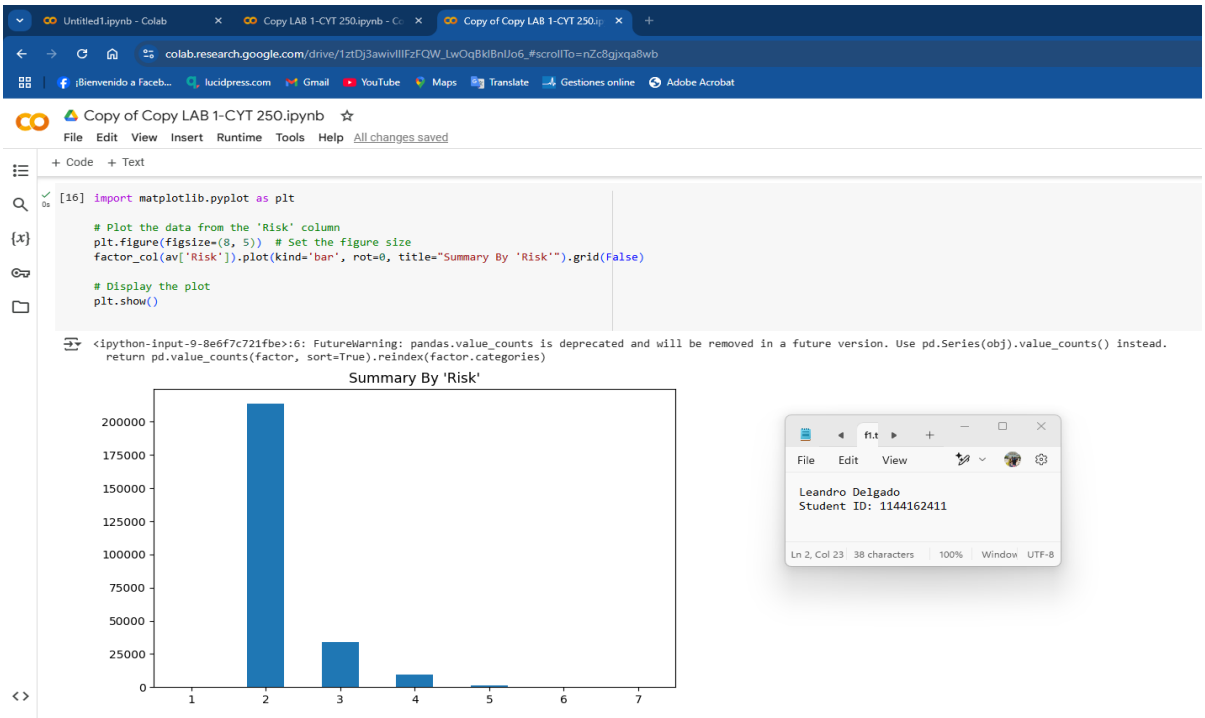
Step 9. Listing 3-15. The result shows Reliability chart for top 10 countries (see Figure 3-6).

To show the Reliability chart for the top 10 countries, we ran 'listing 3-15' from the provided Python script.



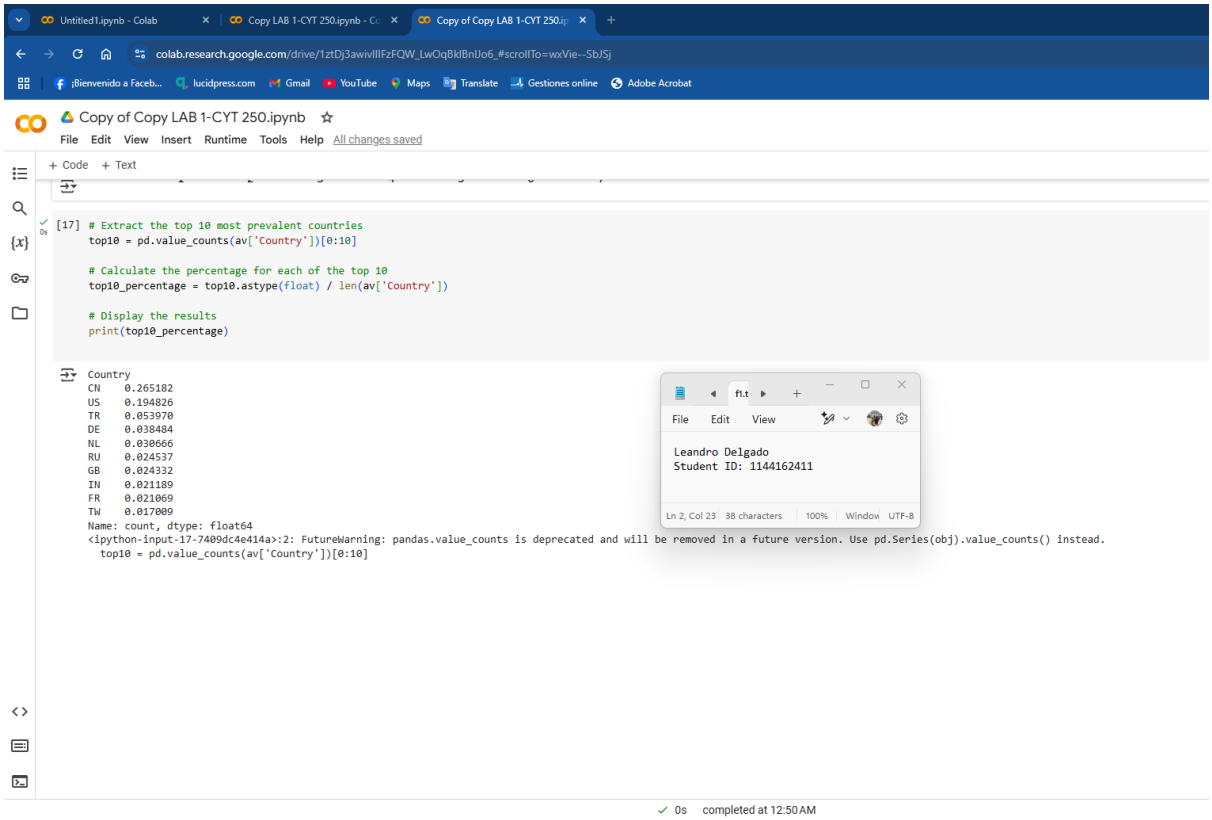
Step 10. Listing 3-16. The result shows Risk chart for top 10 countries (see Figure 3-7).

To display the Risk chart for the top 10 countries, we ran 'listing 3-16' from the provided Python script



Step 11. Run Listing 3-18. The result will show data by country in percentage.

Finally, we displayed the data by country in percentage, using the script to visualize it.



Question:

- What line of Python code does this calculation (copy and paste)?

The Python code that performs this calculation is as follows: top10.astype(float) / len(av['Country']).

Lab Summary:

In this lab, we set up our environment with Python and Pandas to ensure Jupyter Notebook was ready to go. First, we unzipped the "Scripts for Assignment1.rar" file and moved it to our Anaconda environment. We then ran and debugged the Python scripts to access and display the first few rows of the IP Reputation Database. After that, we took a closer look at the database, figured out the column names, and generated some HTML outputs. We used Pandas to perform descriptive statistics on both numerical and categorical data. To visualize the data, we created graphs showing the number of records by country and reliability charts for the top ten countries. Finally, we calculated the percentage of malicious nodes by country, which helped us better understand data-driven security practices and threat intelligence.