



Learn Alien Vault Ip Reputation Database

Lab-1

CYT-250Threat Investigation

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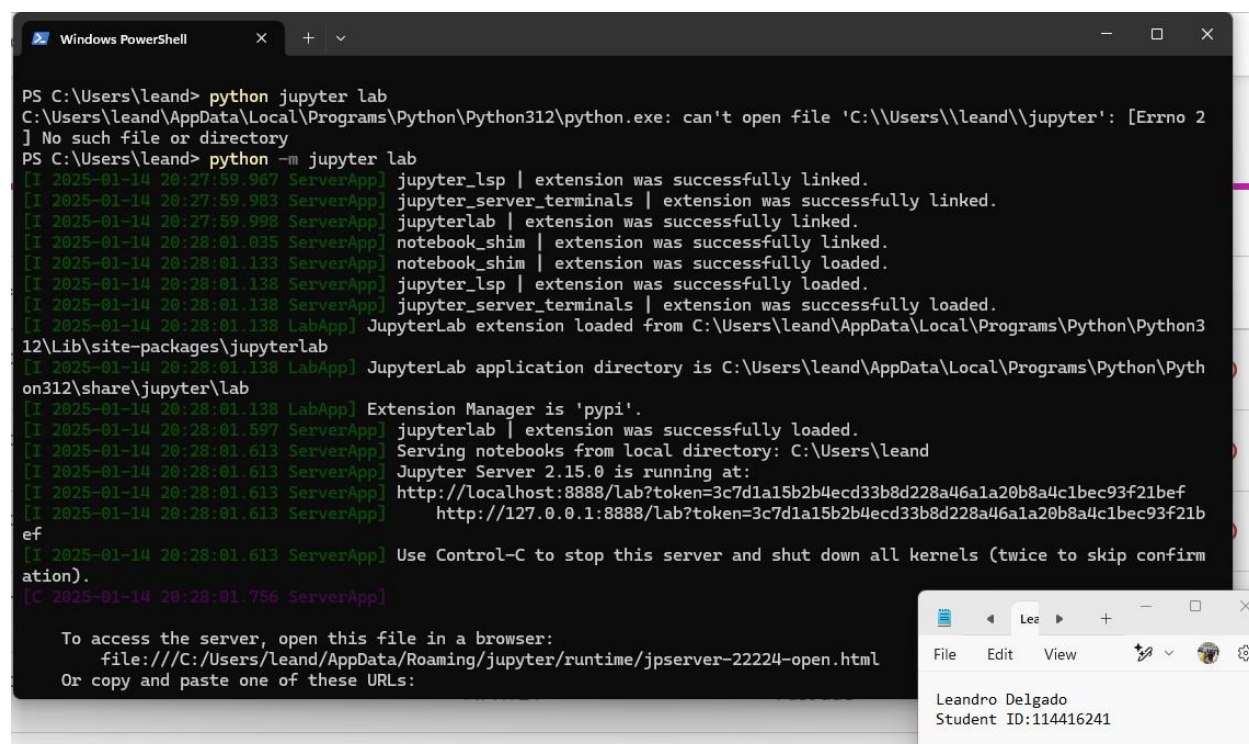
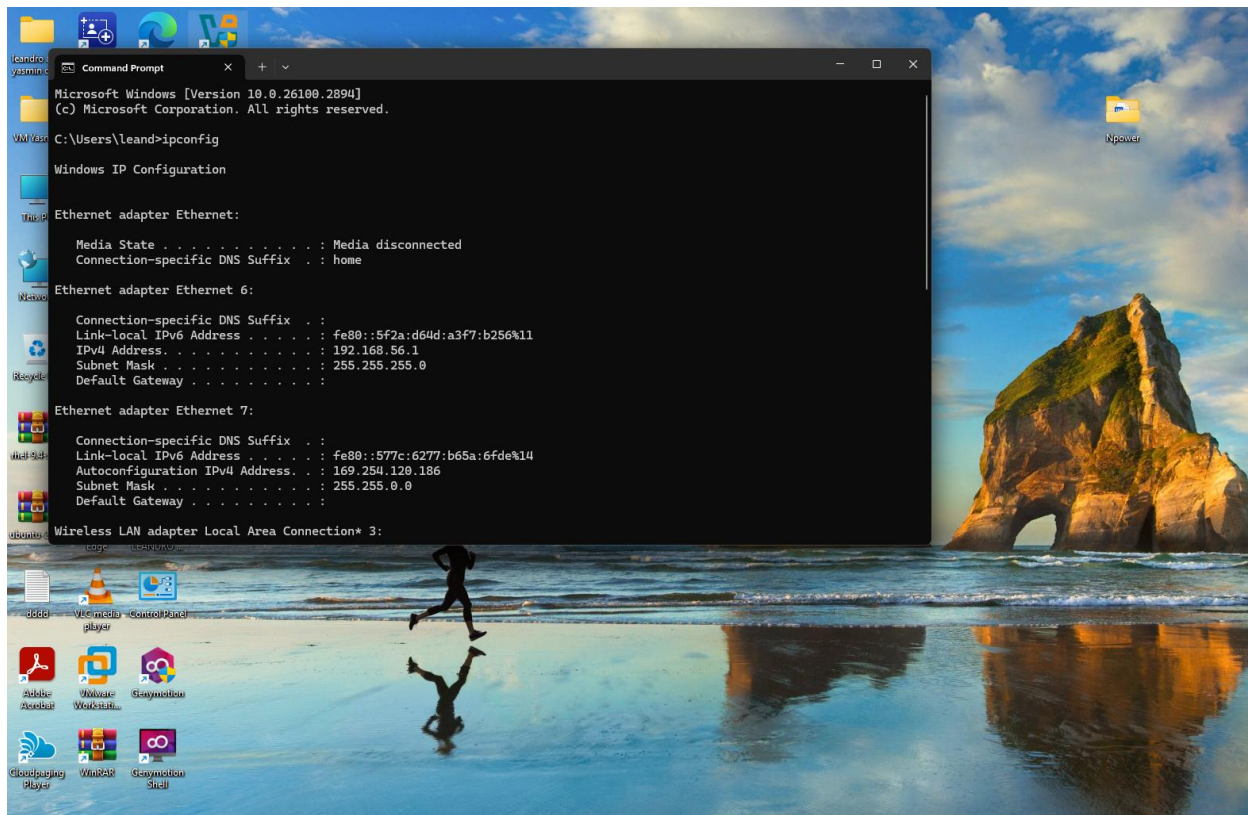


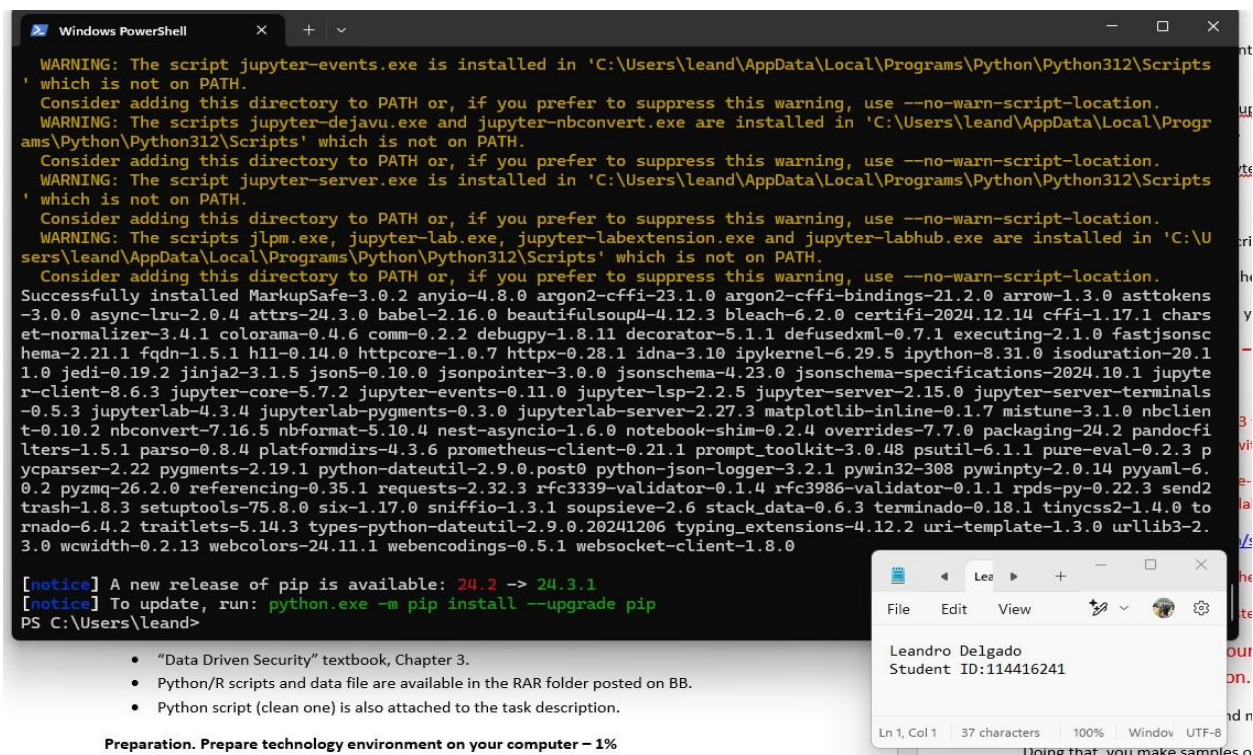
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Individual task

Preparation – 0-Screen. At the start, make screenshot of the starting screen. The screenshot must contain indication of the laptop ownership (like user name).



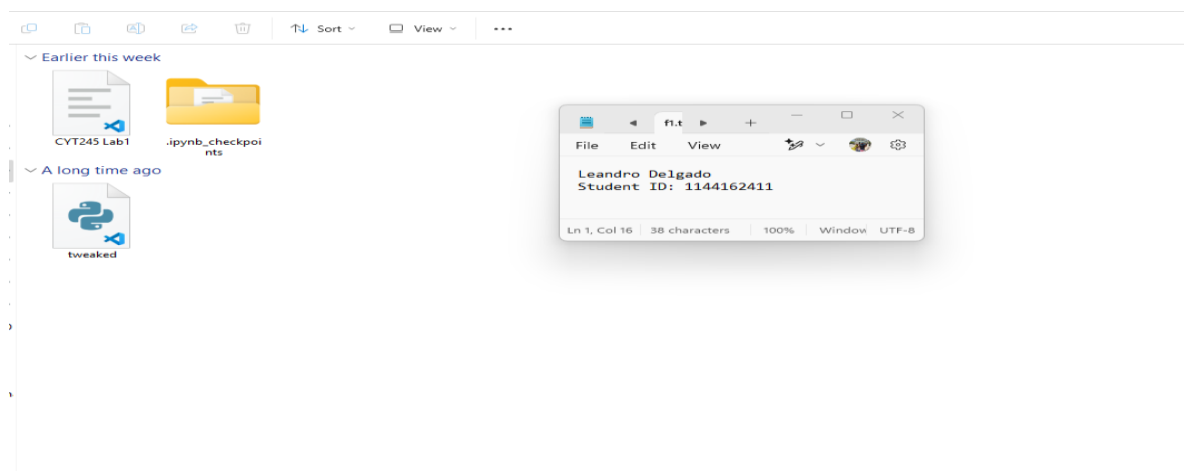


Objective:

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).**

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook with two code cells. The first cell mounts the Google Drive to the local content directory. The second cell sets up the environment to download a file from a specific URL.

```
[1] from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')

Mounted at /content/drive

[ ] # Example: accessing a file located in your Google Drive
file_path = '/content/drive/My Drive/Colab Notebooks/LAB 1-CYT-250/Lab 1 Tweaked Script.py'

[2] import os
import sys
import urllib

# Set your working directory
# You can either upload the file or set it to a folder in Google Drive
os.chdir('/content/')

# The URL to download the file
avURL = "http://datadrivensecurity.info/book/ch03/data/reputation.data"

# Relative path for the downloaded data
avRep = "data/reputation.data"

# Create the 'data' directory if it doesn't exist
os.makedirs(os.path.dirname(avRep), exist_ok=True) # This line is added

# Using urllib to download the file if it doesn't already exist
if not os.path.isfile(avRep):
    urllib.request.urlretrieve(avURL, filename=avRep)
```

- **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.

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```
[3] import os
import sys
import urllib

# Set your working directory
# You can either upload the file or set it to a folder in Google Drive
os.chdir('/content/')

# The URL to download the file
avURL = "http://datadrivensecurity.info/book/ch03/data/reputation.data"

# Relative path for the downloaded data
avRep = "data/reputation.data"

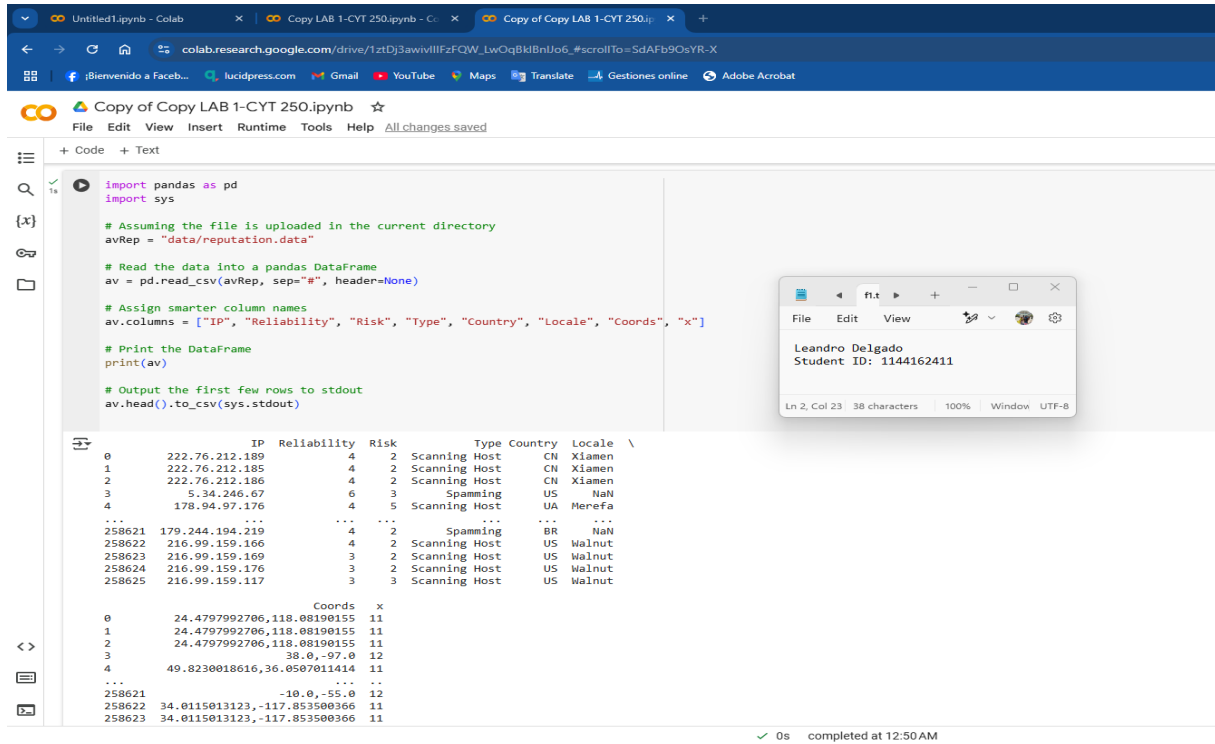
# Create the 'data' directory if it doesn't exist
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# Using urllib to download the file if it doesn't already exist
if not os.path.isfile(avRep):
    urllib.request.urlretrieve(avURL, filename=avRep)
```

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:



The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook with the following code and output:

```
import pandas as pd
import sys

# Assuming the file is uploaded in the current directory
avRep = "data/reputation.data"

# Read the data into a pandas DataFrame
av = pd.read_csv(avRep, sep=";", header=None)

# Assign smarter column names
av.columns = ["IP", "Reliability", "Risk", "Type", "Country", "Locale", "Coords", "x"]

# Print the DataFrame
print(av)

# Output the first few rows to stdout
av.head().to_csv(sys.stdout)
```

The output displays the first 5 rows of the DataFrame:

	IP	Reliability	Risk	Type	Country	Locale	\
0	222.76.212.189	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	
1	222.76.212.185	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	
2	222.76.212.186	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	
3	5.34.246.67	6	3	Spamming	US	NaN	
4	178.94.97.176	4	5	Scanning Host	UA	Merefa	

The output also shows the 'Coords' and 'x' columns for the first 5 rows:

	Coords	x
0	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
1	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
2	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
3	38.0,-97.0	12
4	49.8238018616,36.0507011414	11

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 output of the data frame, I executed the following script:

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook titled "Copy of Copy LAB 1-CYT 250.ipynb". The code cell contains the following Python code:

```
[5] from IPython.display import HTML

# Display the first 10 lines of the DataFrame as formatted HTML
HTML(av.head(10).to_html())
```

The output of the code is a table with 10 rows and 8 columns. The columns are IP, Reliability, Risk, Type, Country, Locale, Coords, and x. The data is as follows:

	IP	Reliability	Risk	Type	Country	Locale	Coords	x
0	222.76.212.189	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
1	222.76.212.185	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
2	222.76.212.186	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
3	5.34.246.67	6	3	Spamming	US	NaN	38.0,-97.0	12
4	178.94.97.176	4	5	Scanning Host	UA	Mereta	49.8230018616,36.0507011414	11
5	66.2.49.232	4	2	Scanning Host	US	Union City	37.5962982178,-122.065696716	11
6	222.76.212.173	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
7	222.76.212.172	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
8	222.76.212.171	4	2	Scanning Host	CN	Xiamen	24.4797992706,118.08190155	11
9	174.142.46.19	6	3	Spamming	NaN	NaN	24.4797992706,118.08190155	12

On the right side of the notebook, there is a small window titled "Leandro Delgado" with the text "Student ID: 1144162411".

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.

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook with two code cells. The first cell, labeled [6], contains the code `av['Reliability'].describe()` and displays the following output:

Reliability	
count	258626.000000
mean	2.798040
std	1.130419
min	1.000000
25%	2.000000
50%	2.000000
75%	4.000000
max	10.000000
dtype: float64	

The second cell, labeled [7], contains the code `av['Risk'].describe()` and displays the following output:

Risk	
count	258626.000000
mean	2.221362
std	0.531571
min	1.000000
25%	2.000000
50%	2.000000
75%	2.000000

A small window in the background shows the user's name 'Leandro Delgado' and 'Student ID: 1144162411'.

Answer the following questions:

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

The pandas 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

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with two code cells. The first cell, labeled [68], contains the following code:

```
# Listing 3-10
def factor_col(col):
    factor = pd.Categorical(col)
    return pd.value_counts(factor, sort=True).reindex(factor.categories)

rel_ct = pd.value_counts(av['Reliability'])
risk_ct = pd.value_counts(av['Risk'])
type_ct = pd.value_counts(av['Type'])
country_ct = pd.value_counts(av['Country'])

print(factor_col(av['Reliability']))
```

The output of the first cell is:

```
1    5612
2   149117
3    10892
4     87040
5         7
6     4758
7      297
8        21
9       686
10      196
dtype: int64
```

The second cell, labeled [70], contains the code:

```
print(factor_col(av['Risk']))
```

The output of the second cell is:

```
1      39
2   213852
3    31719
4     9588
5    1328
6       90
7        10
dtype: int64
```

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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)
```

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
ZH 1
ZN 3
Name: count, Length: 152, dtype: int64
```

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Colab interface showing a Jupyter Notebook with two code cells. The first cell prints the factor counts for 'Reliability', and the second cell prints the factor counts for 'Risk'. A small window titled 'ft.t' is overlaid on the notebook, displaying the name 'Leandro Delgado' and the student ID '1144162411'.

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[10] print(factor_col(av['Reliability']))

1	5612
2	149117
3	18892
4	87840
5	7
6	4758
7	297
8	21
9	686
10	196

Name: count, dtype: int64
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return pd.value_counts(factor, sort=True).reindex(factor.categories)

[11] print(factor_col(av['Risk']))

1	39
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4	9588
5	1328
6	90
7	10

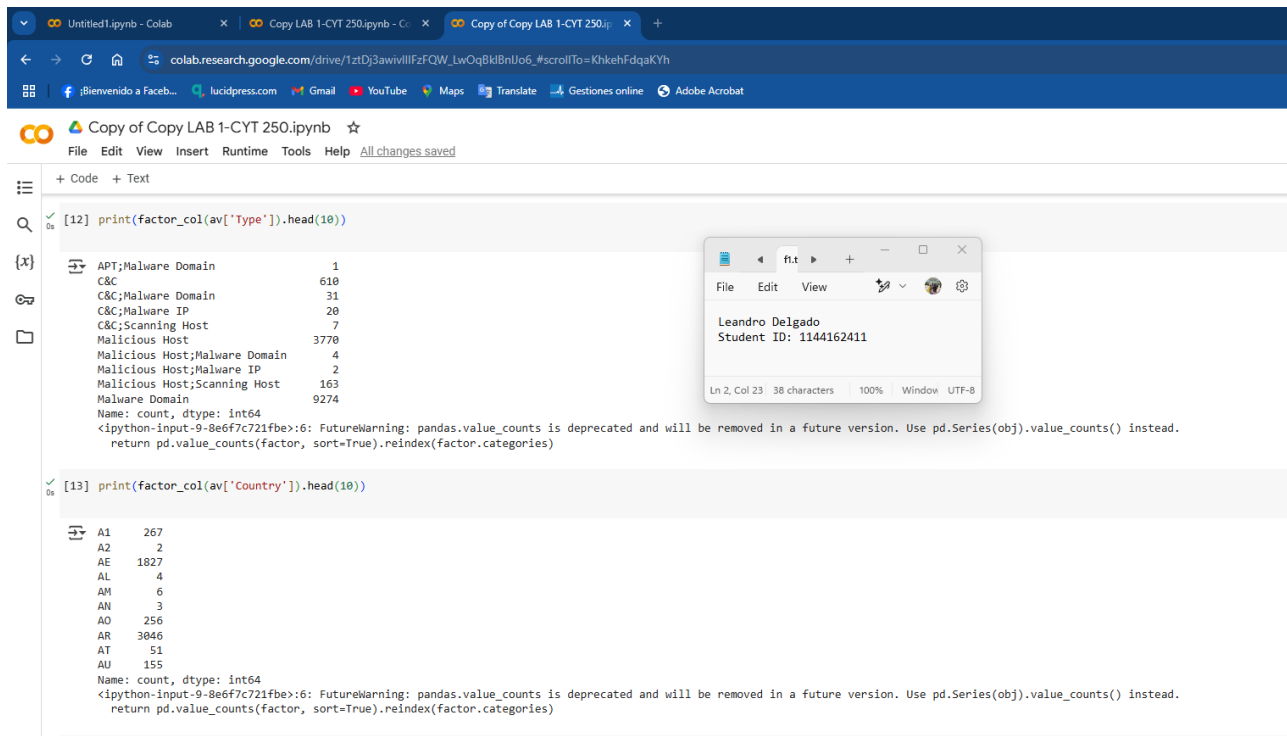
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```
[12] print(factor_col(av['Type']).head(10))
```

APT;Malware Domain	1
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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

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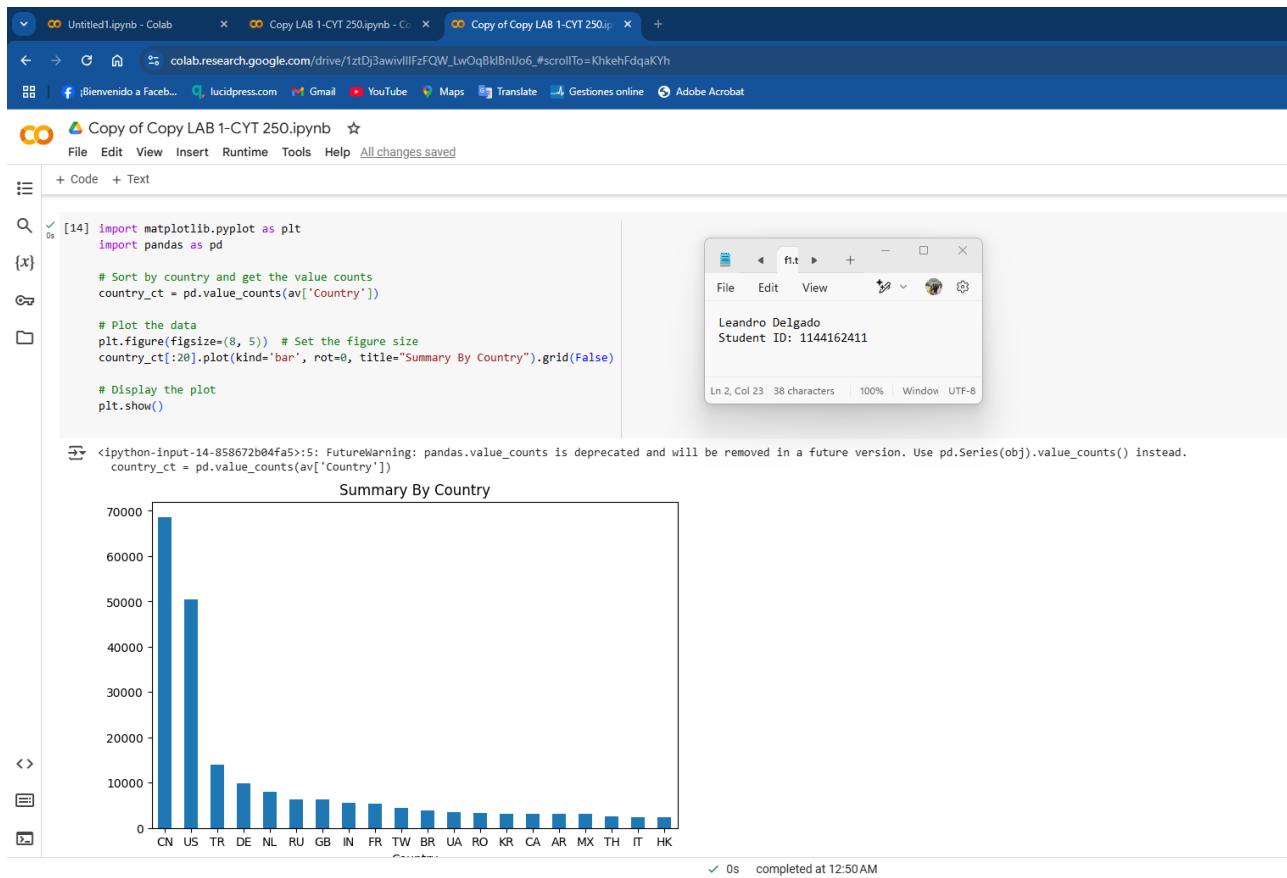
```
[13] print(factor_col(av['Country']).head(10))
```

A1	267
A2	2
AE	1827
AL	4
AM	6
AN	3
AO	256
AR	3046
AT	51
AU	155

```
Name: count, dtype: int64
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return pd.value_counts(factor, sort=True).reindex(factor.categories)
```

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?

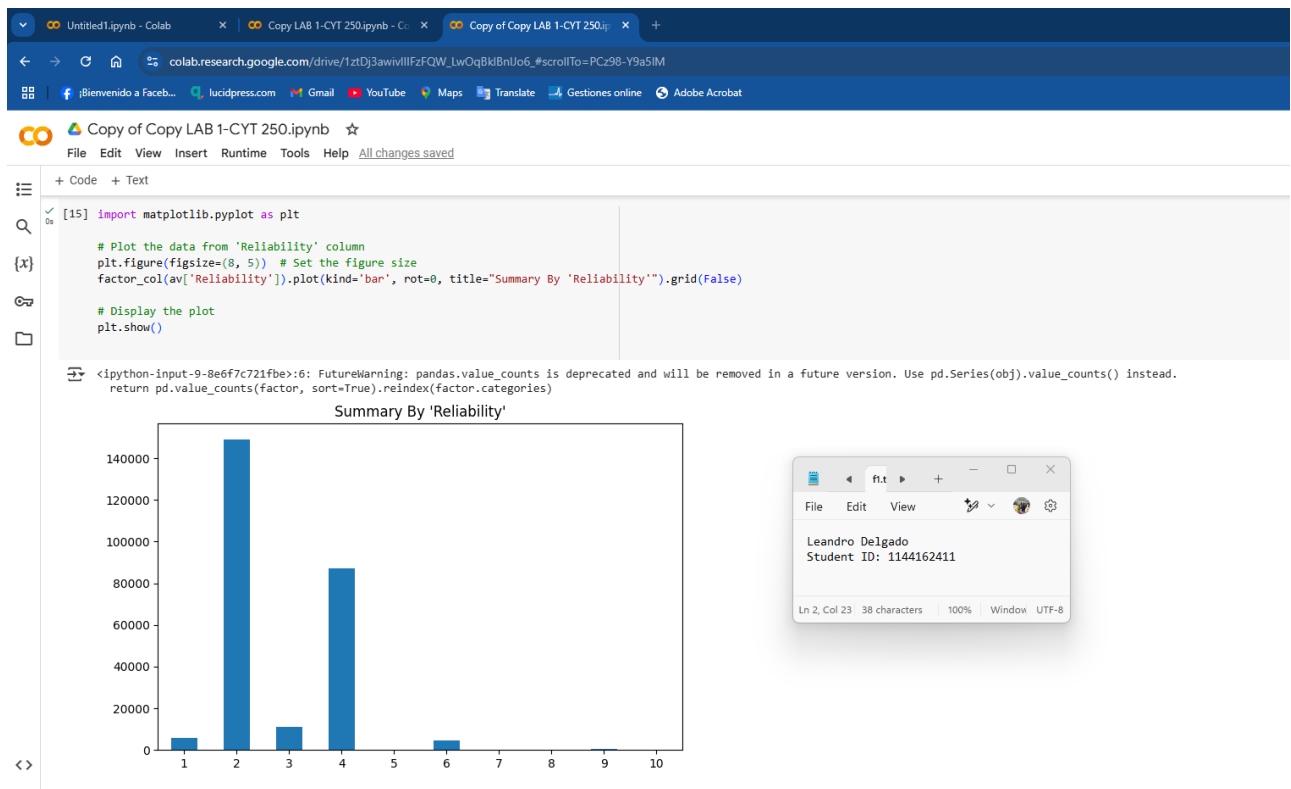
Answer: No

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.

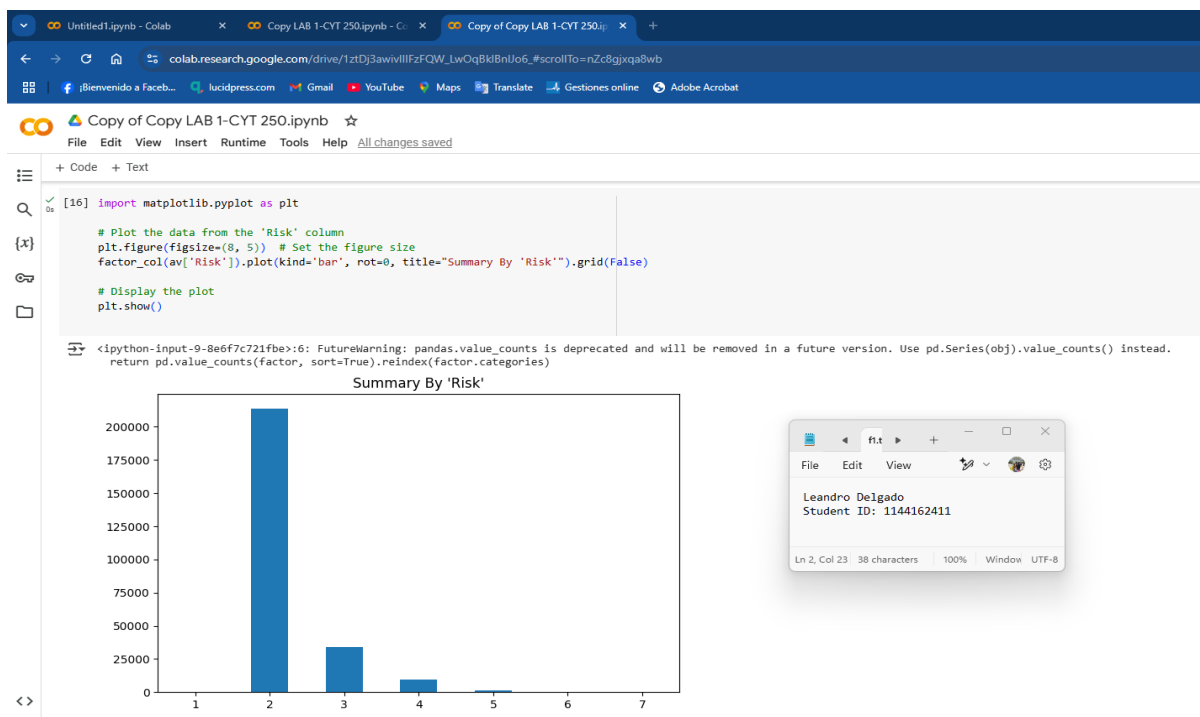
Step 9. Listing 3-15. The result shows Reliability chart for top 10 countries (see Figure 3-6).

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



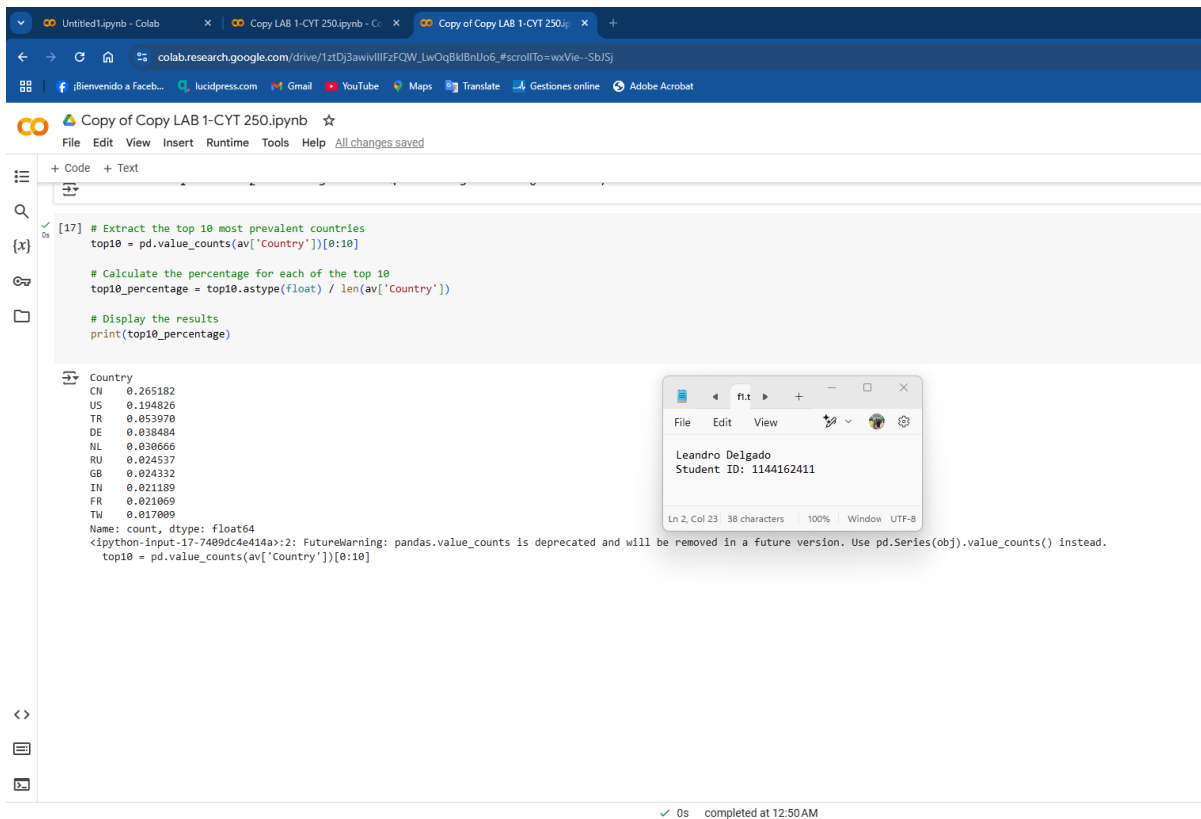
Step 10. Listing 3-16. The result shows Risk chart for top 10 countries (see Figure 3-7).

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.



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled "Copy of Copy LAB 1-CYT 250.ipynb". The code cell contains the following Python code:

```
[17] # Extract the top 10 most prevalent countries
top10 = pd.value_counts(av['Country'])[0:10]

# Calculate the percentage for each of the top 10
top10_percentage = top10.astype(float) / len(av['Country'])

# Display the results
print(top10_percentage)
```

The output of the code is a table showing the top 10 countries and their corresponding percentages:

Country	Percentage
CN	0.265182
US	0.194826
TR	0.053978
DE	0.038484
NL	0.038666
RU	0.024537
GB	0.024332
IN	0.021189
FR	0.021069
TW	0.017089

Below the table, the output type is shown as "Name: count, dtype: float64". A warning message is also displayed: "FutureWarning: pandas.value_counts is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use pd.Series(obj).value_counts() instead." The code cell shows the warning message and the output of the code.

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.