



# COVID-19 Dashboard Case Study

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# Project Overview: Real-Time Pandemic Insights

## Dashboard Development

Built a dynamic COVID-19 dashboard using Python and the Dash framework. Focused on real-time data visualization.

## Global Data Visualization

Enabled interactive exploration of global and country-specific pandemic data, providing comprehensive insights.

## Interactive Charts

Integrated Plotly Express for highly interactive and visually appealing charts, enhancing user experience.

## i2i Industry Internship

Executed as a key project during an internship at i2i Industry, applying practical data science skills.

# Core Objectives & Key Features



## Global Impact via Pie Charts

Visualize total deaths and new cases by continent, offering a clear distribution of pandemic impact.



## Top Countries Analysis

Identify and highlight the top 7 countries by total cases using insightful bar charts for quick comparison.



## Trend Over Time

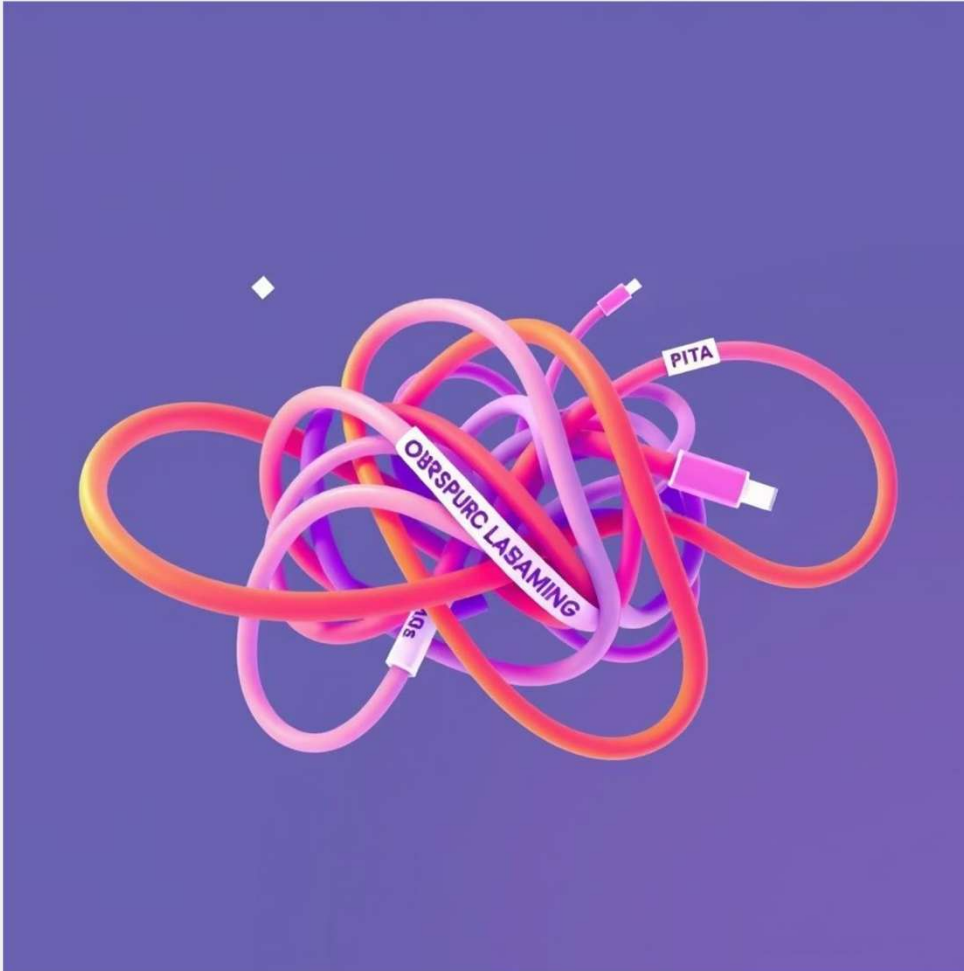
Illustrate pandemic progression with line charts for selected countries, showing trends and changes.



## Demographic Insights

Analyze the median age by country using scatter plots, providing contextual demographic data.

# Challenges Encountered



- 1 Large, Unstructured Data**  
Managing and cleaning a voluminous Excel dataset with inconsistent formats.
- 2 Data Integrity Issues**  
Addressing missing values and correcting invalid continent entries within the dataset.
- 3 Complex Chart Integration**  
Seamlessly integrating diverse chart types (pie, bar, line, scatter) within the Dash framework.
- 4 Time Series Handling**  
Accurately processing and visualizing time-series data, including date format conversions.
- 5 Local Deployment Limitations**  
Overcoming challenges associated with local server setup and running the Dash application.

# Strategic Solutions & Implementation

## Data Preprocessing with Pandas

Leveraged Pandas for robust data cleaning, transformation, and efficient management of large datasets.

## Optimized Data Filtering

Implemented advanced filtering and grouping techniques to extract and present the most current and relevant records.

## Dynamic Visualizations with Plotly

Utilized Plotly Express to generate aesthetically pleasing and highly interactive graphs, enhancing data readability.

## Interactive Web Dashboard with Dash

Employed the Dash framework to construct and deploy the functional web dashboard, ensuring a seamless user experience.

## Robust Error Handling

Incorporated try-except blocks to gracefully manage missing values and potential errors, ensuring dashboard stability.

# Tools & Technologies Stack



## Python

Core programming language for backend logic and data processing.



## Dash

Web application framework by Plotly, enabling interactive dashboard creation.



## Pandas

Powerful library for data manipulation, analysis, and cleaning.



## Plotly Express

High-level API for creating complex, interactive statistical graphs.



## Excel Dataset

Data sourced from Our World in Data, serving as the primary input.



## VS Code

Integrated Development Environment (IDE) used for project coding.

# Industry Research: Comparative Analysis

To contextualize the project, a comparative analysis of existing COVID-19 dashboards was conducted.

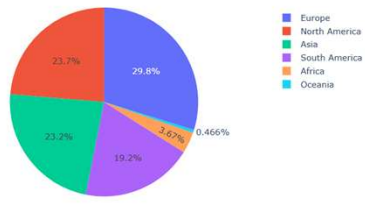
Company	Solution Offered
Johns Hopkins University	Pioneering COVID-19 ArcGIS Dashboard, providing comprehensive global tracking.
Microsoft Bing	Interactive COVID Map featuring real-time tracking, news, and related data.
Our World in Data	Extensive COVID-19 global data and research-backed charts, widely used as a data source.

This research provided valuable insights into industry best practices for data visualization and real-time tracking.

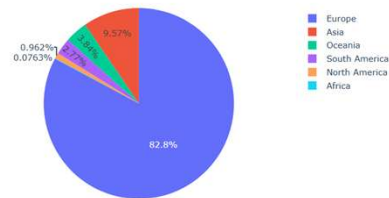
# Dashboard Visualizations: A Glimpse

The following visualizations demonstrate the dashboard's interactive capabilities and data presentation:

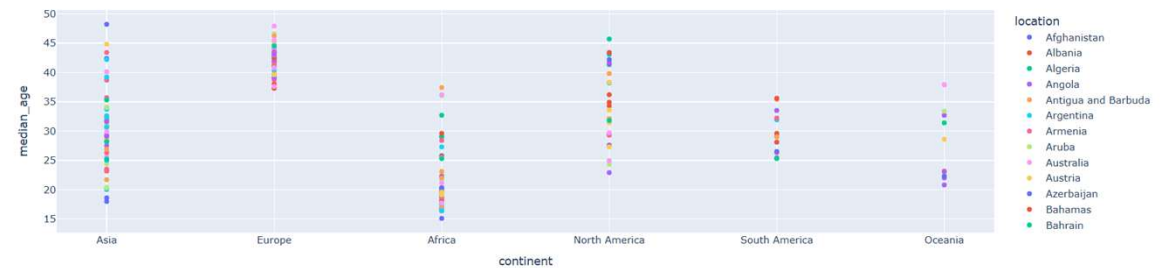
Total Deaths by Continent



New Cases by Continent



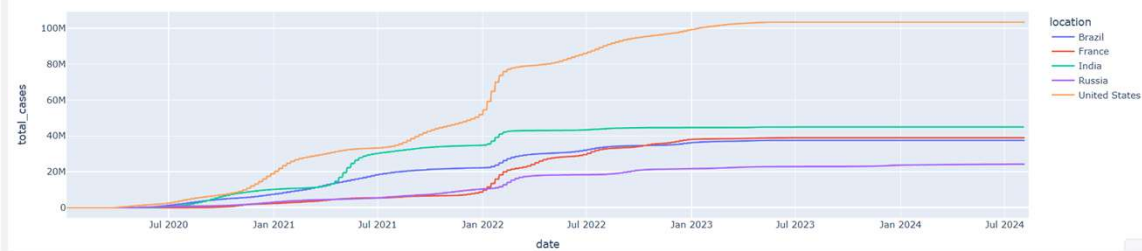
Median Age by Continent and Country



Total Cases by Country



Total Cases by Date and Country





# Project Workflow: From Data to Deployment



## 1. Data Ingestion

Loading the comprehensive Excel dataset.



## 2. Data Preprocessing

Cleaning and filtering data using Pandas for accuracy.



## 3. Visual Chart Creation

Developing interactive charts with Plotly.



## 4. Dashboard Layout

Arranging UI components and interactivity with Dash.



## 5. Local Deployment

Running the local server to display the functional dashboard.

# Key Learnings & Outcomes

## Real-World Data Proficiency

Gained hands-on experience with large, complex real-world datasets, enhancing practical skills.

## Data Cleaning & Visualization

Mastered techniques to efficiently clean and visualize extensive data in Python, ensuring accuracy.

## Web App Development

Significantly improved skills in building interactive web applications using the Dash framework.

## Dashboard Structuring

Developed a deep understanding of structuring and optimizing real-time data dashboards.

## Effective Data Communication

Learned to effectively communicate complex data insights through clear and engaging graphical representations.

