

Plotly tutorial

Plotly

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Basics

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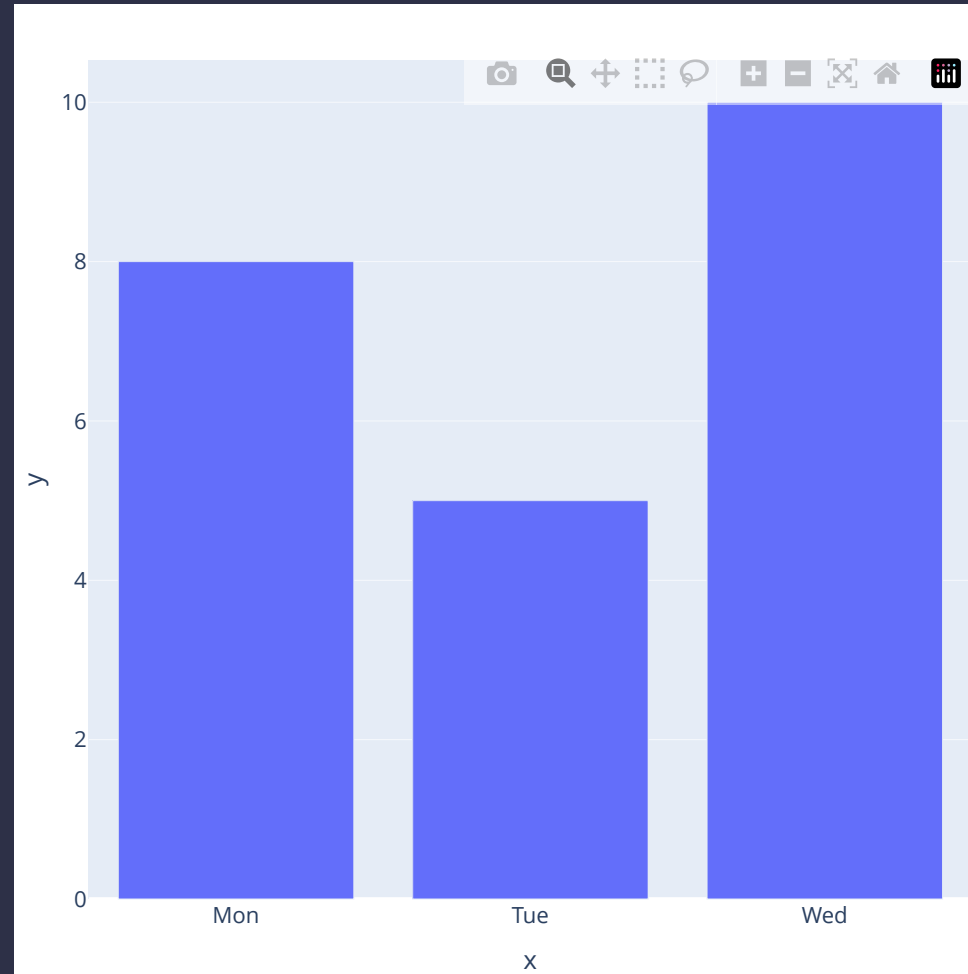
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)
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Adding a title

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import plotly.express as px

days = ["Mon", "Tue", "Wed"]
sleep_hours = [8, 5, 10]

fig = px.bar(
    x = days,
    y = sleep_hours,
    title = "Hours of sleep"
)
fig.show()
```



A **pandas** dataframe

```
import pandas as pd  
  
sleep = pd.DataFrame({  
  
})
```

A **pandas** dataframe

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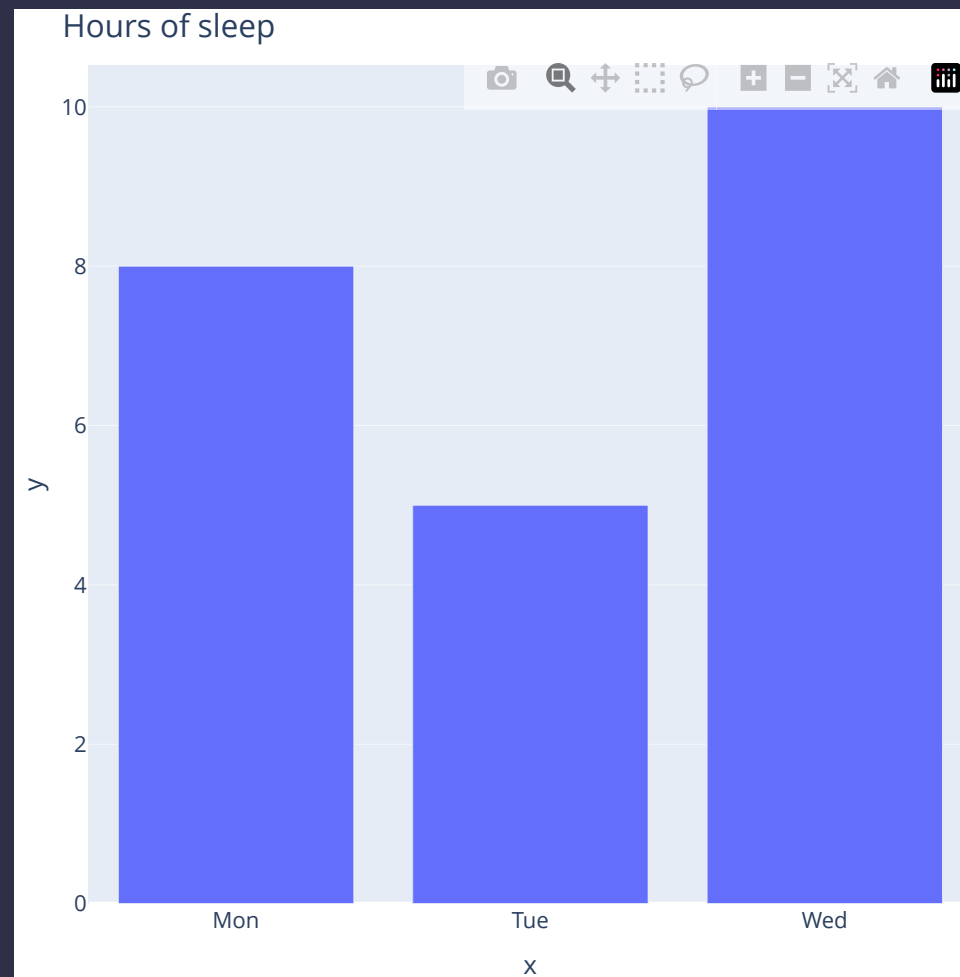
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    "day": ["Mon", "Tue", "Wed"],
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})
```

A **pandas** dataframe

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})

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    y = sleep_hours,
    title = "Hours of sleep"
)
fig.show()
```



Inside a **plotly** figure

```
print(fig)
```

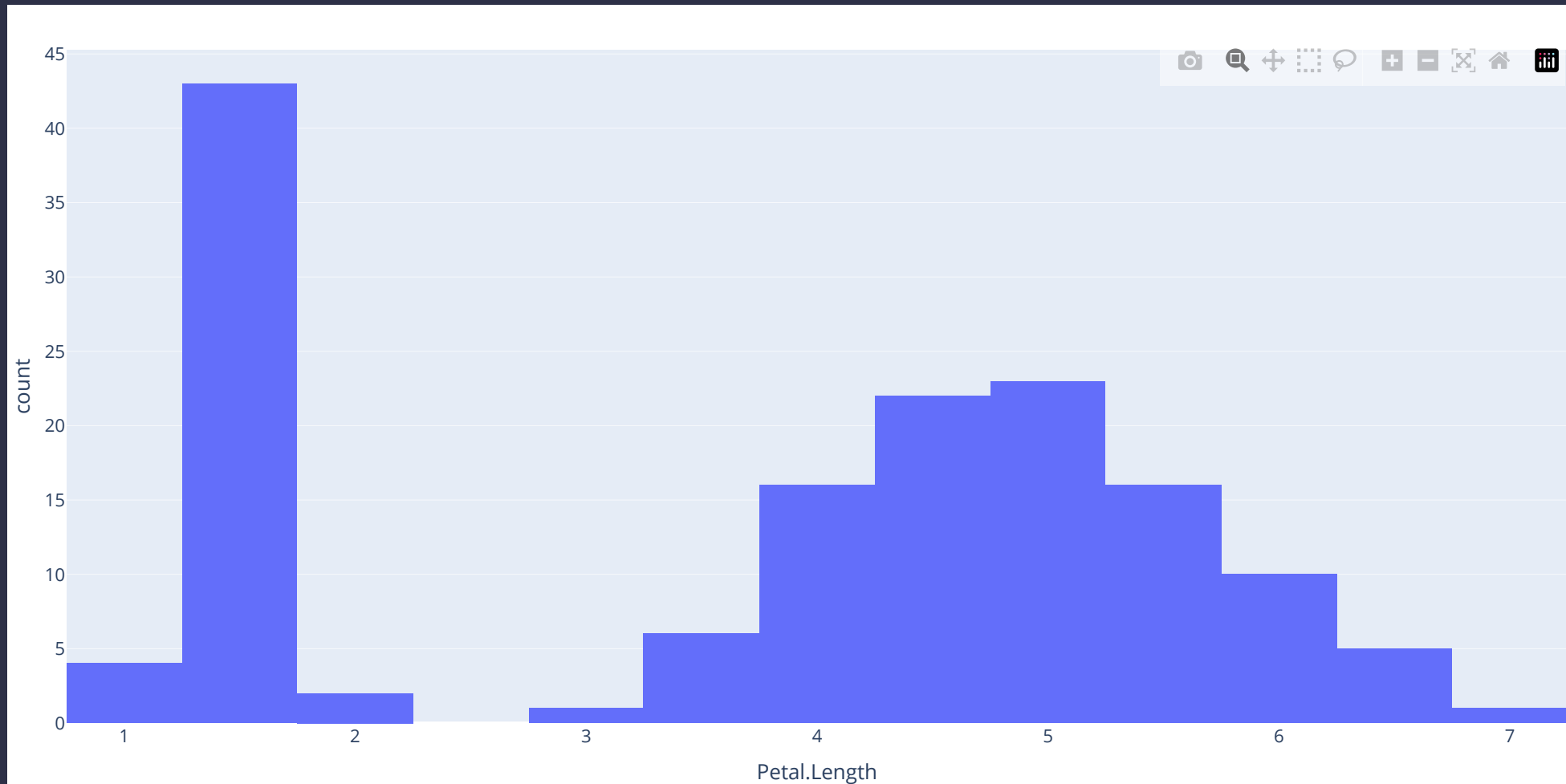
```
Figure({
  'data': [{ 'alignmentgroup': 'True',
              'hovertemplate': 'x=%{x}<br>y=%{y}<extra></extra>',
              'legendgroup': '',
              'marker': { 'color': '#636efa', 'pattern': { 'shape': '' } },
              'name': '',
              'offsetgroup': '',
              'orientation': 'v',
              'showlegend': False,
              'textposition': 'auto',
              'type': 'bar',
              'x': array(['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed'], dtype=object),
              'xaxis': 'x',
              'y': array([ 8,  5, 10]),
              'yaxis': 'y' }],
  'layout': { 'barmode': 'relative',
              'legend': { 'tracegroupgap': 0 },
              'template': '... ',
              'title': { 'text': 'Hours of sleep' }
```

Plotly is interactive



Univariate visualizations

A histogram



A histogram

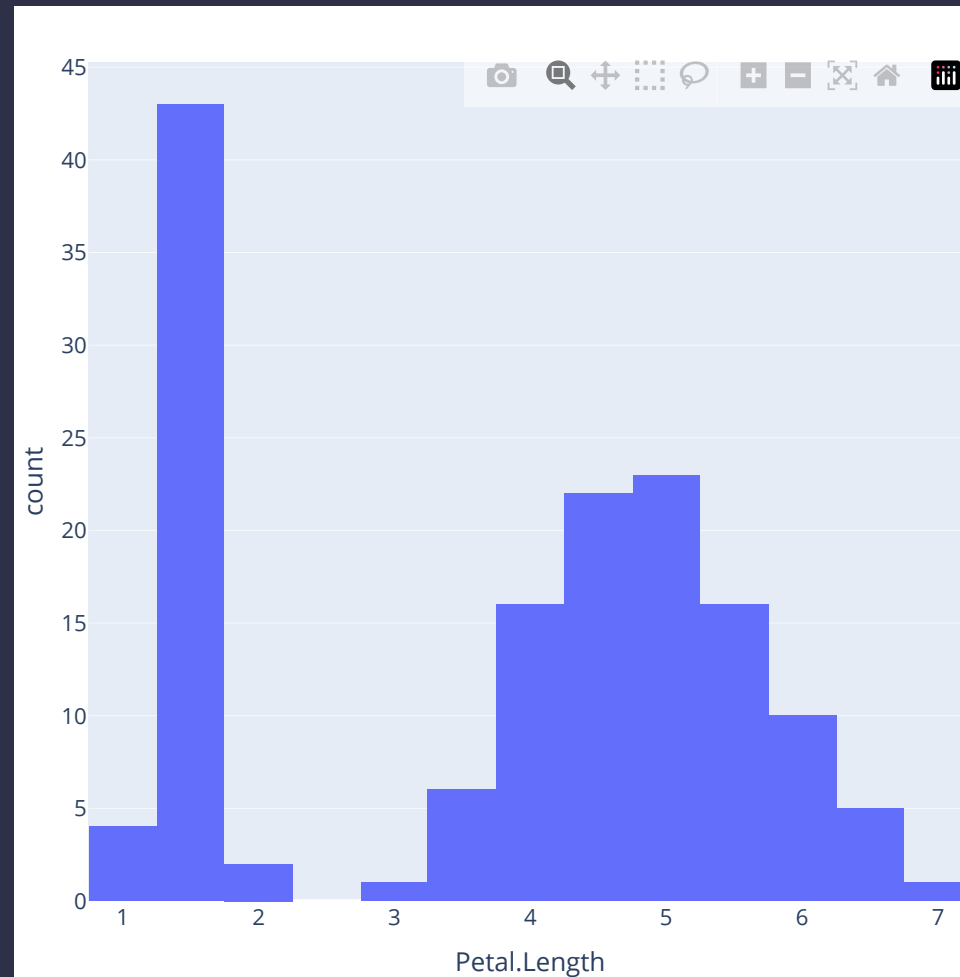
```
iris = pd.read_csv("data/iris.csv")  
print(iris.head())
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	NaN	setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
3	NaN	3.1	NaN	0.2	setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa

A histogram

```
iris = pd.read_csv("data/iris.csv")

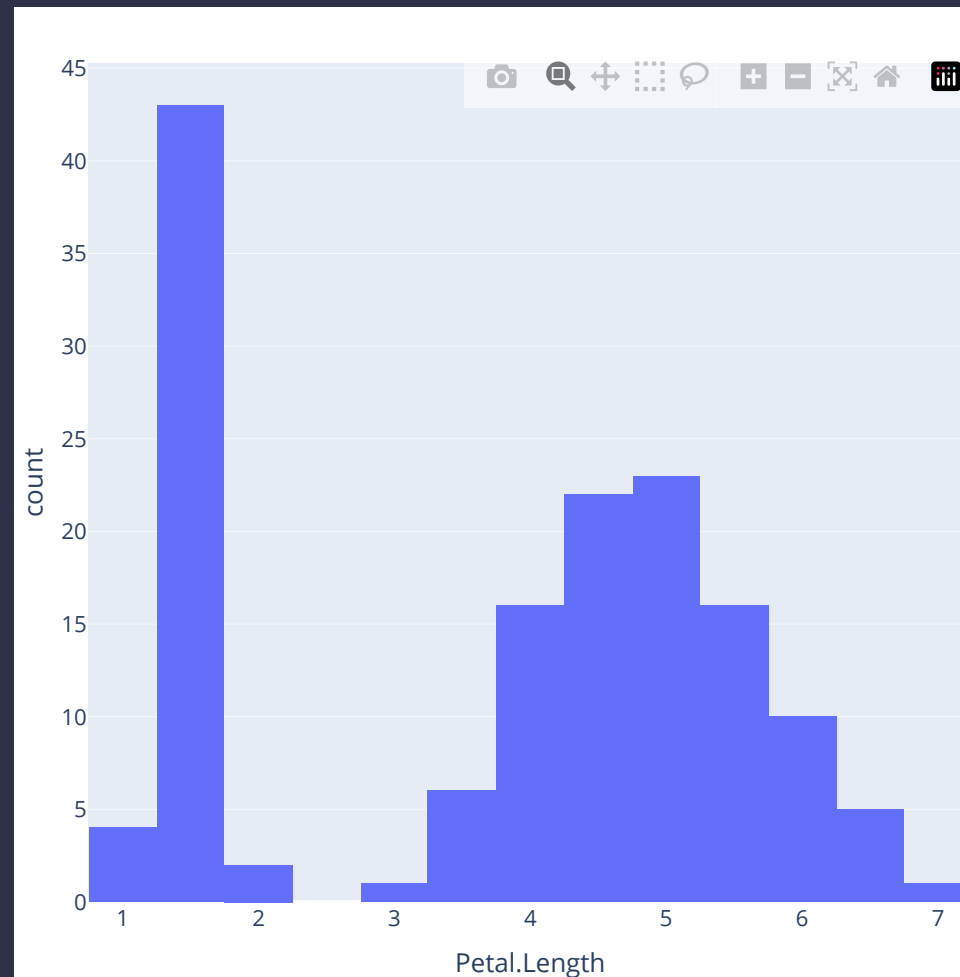
fig = px.histogram(
    data_frame = iris,
    x = "Petal.Length",
)
fig.show()
```



Adjusting bin size

```
iris = pd.read_csv("data/iris.csv")

fig = px.histogram(
    data_frame = iris,
    x = "Petal.Length",
    nbins = 20
)
fig.show()
```

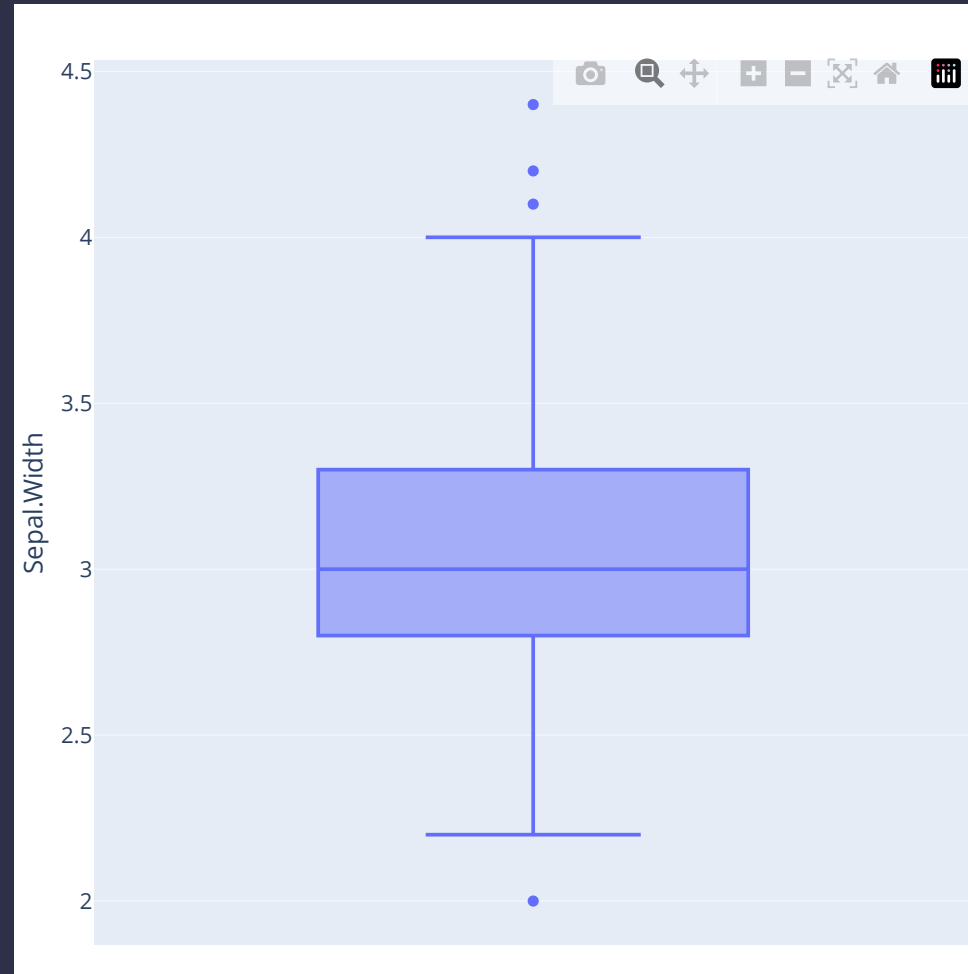


Box plots



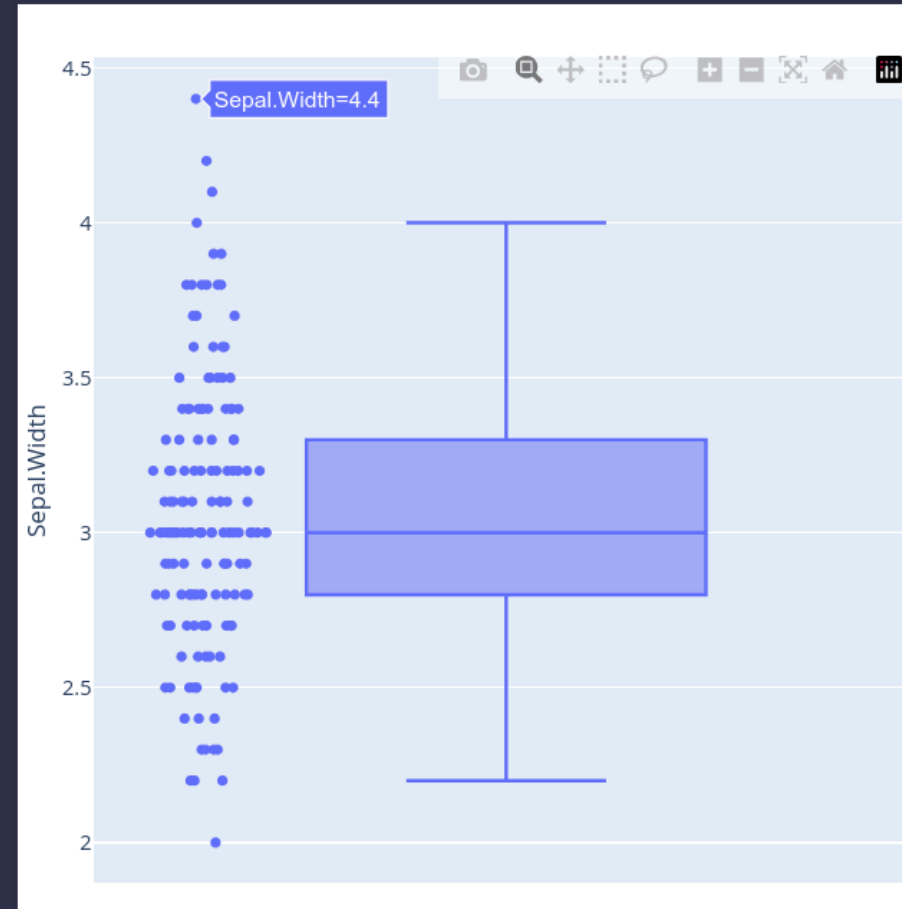
Box plots

```
fig = px.box(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    y = "Sepal.Width",  
)  
fig.show()
```



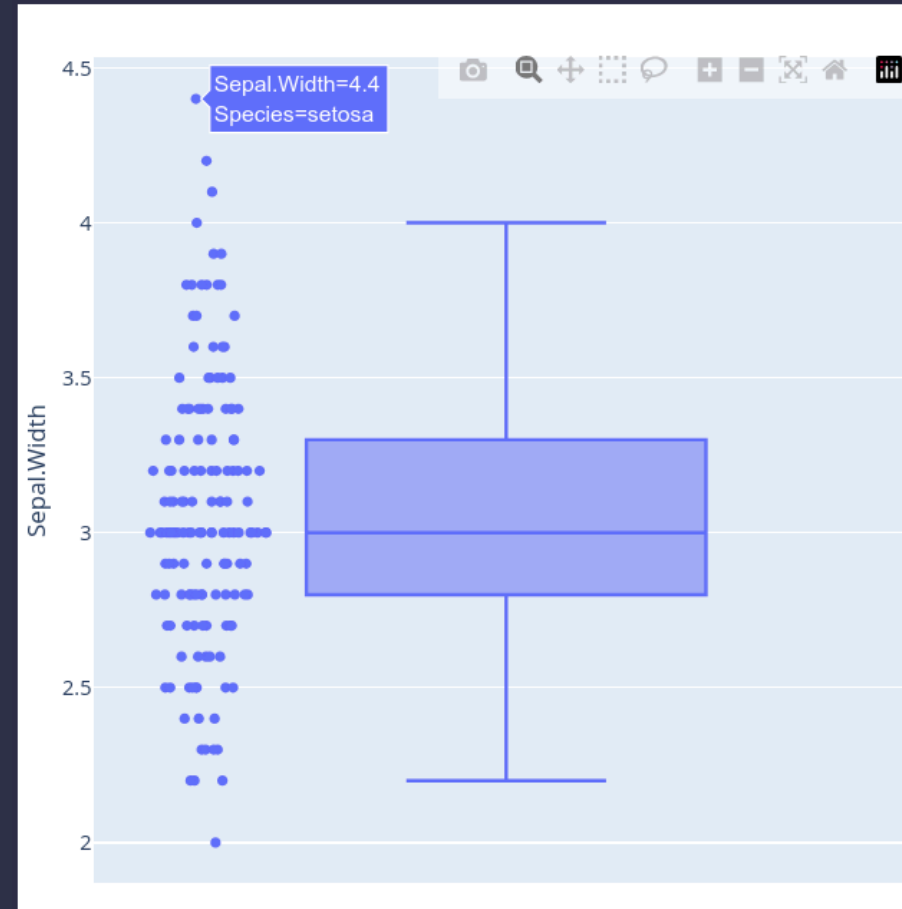
Adding points with boxplot

```
fig = px.box(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    y = "Sepal.Width",  
    points="all"  
)  
fig.show()
```



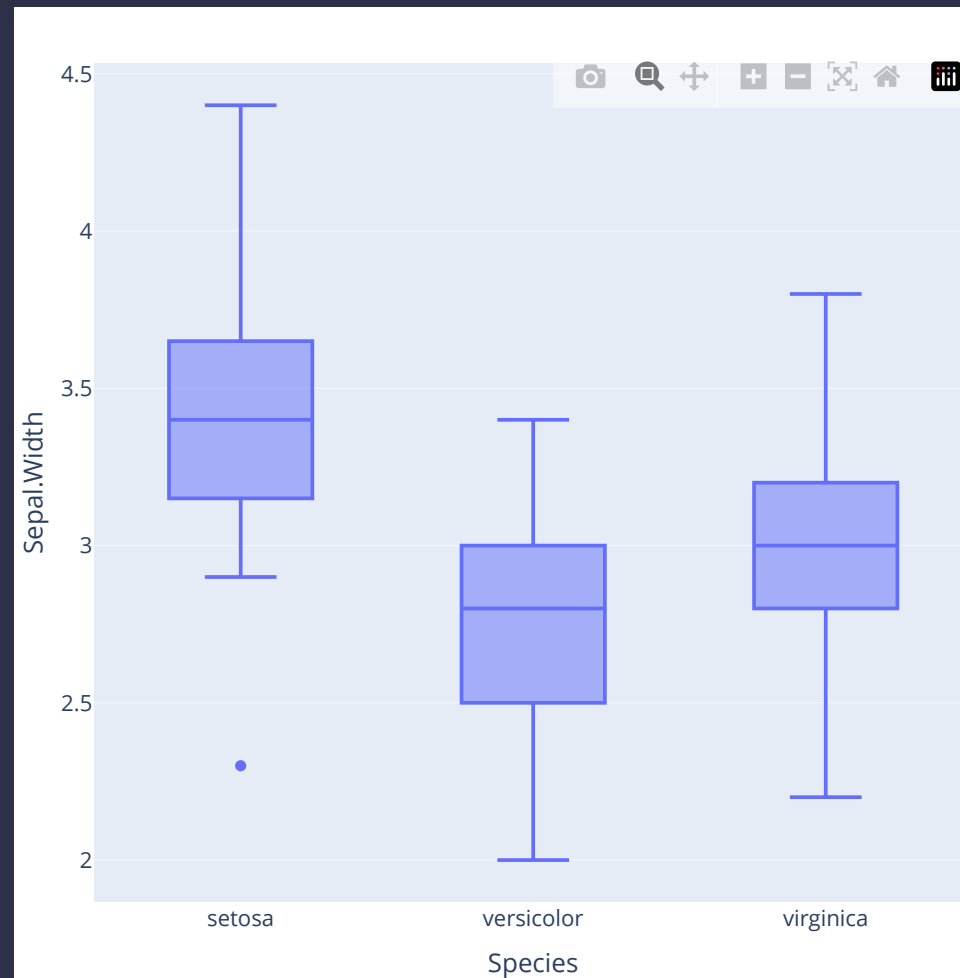
Adjust hover data

```
fig = px.box(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    y = "Sepal.Width",  
    points="all",  
    hover_data=["Species"]  
)  
fig.show()
```



Boxplots

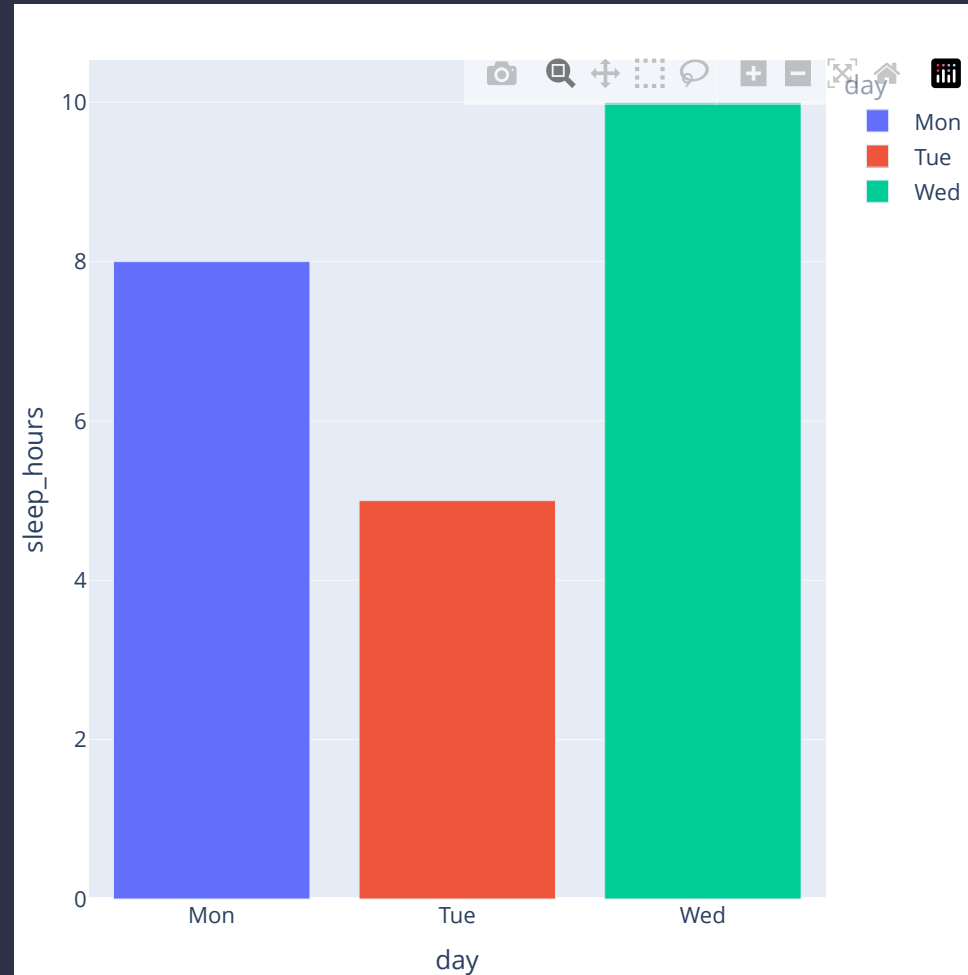
```
fig = px.box(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Species",  
    y = "Sepal.Width"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Customizing colors

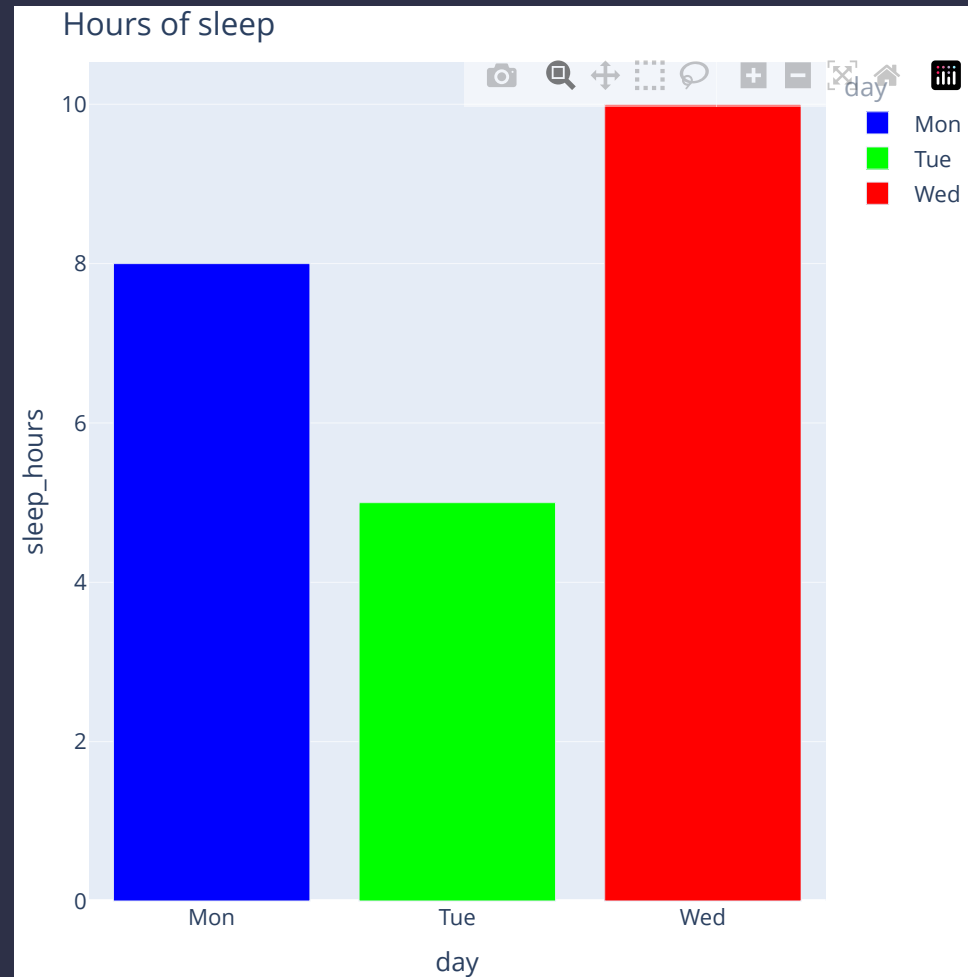
Adding color scales

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame = sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    color = "day"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Customize color scales

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color_discrete_map={  
        "Mon": "rgb(0, 0, 255)",  
        "Tue": "rgb(0, 255, 0)",  
        "Wed": "rgb(255, 0, 0)"  
    },  
    color = "day"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Customize color scales

```
my_colors = {  
    "Mon": "rgb(0, 0, 255)",  
    "Tue": "rgb(0, 255, 0)",  
    "Wed": "rgb(255, 0, 0)"  
}
```

Customize color scales

```
my_colors = {  
    "Mon": "rgb(0, 0, 255)",  
    "Tue": "rgb(0, 255, 0)",  
    "Wed": "rgb(255, 0, 0)"  
}  
fig = px.box(  
    data_frame=px.data.iris(),  
    x = "species",  
    y = "petal_length",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color_discrete_map=my_colors,  
    color = "species"  
)  
fig.show()
```



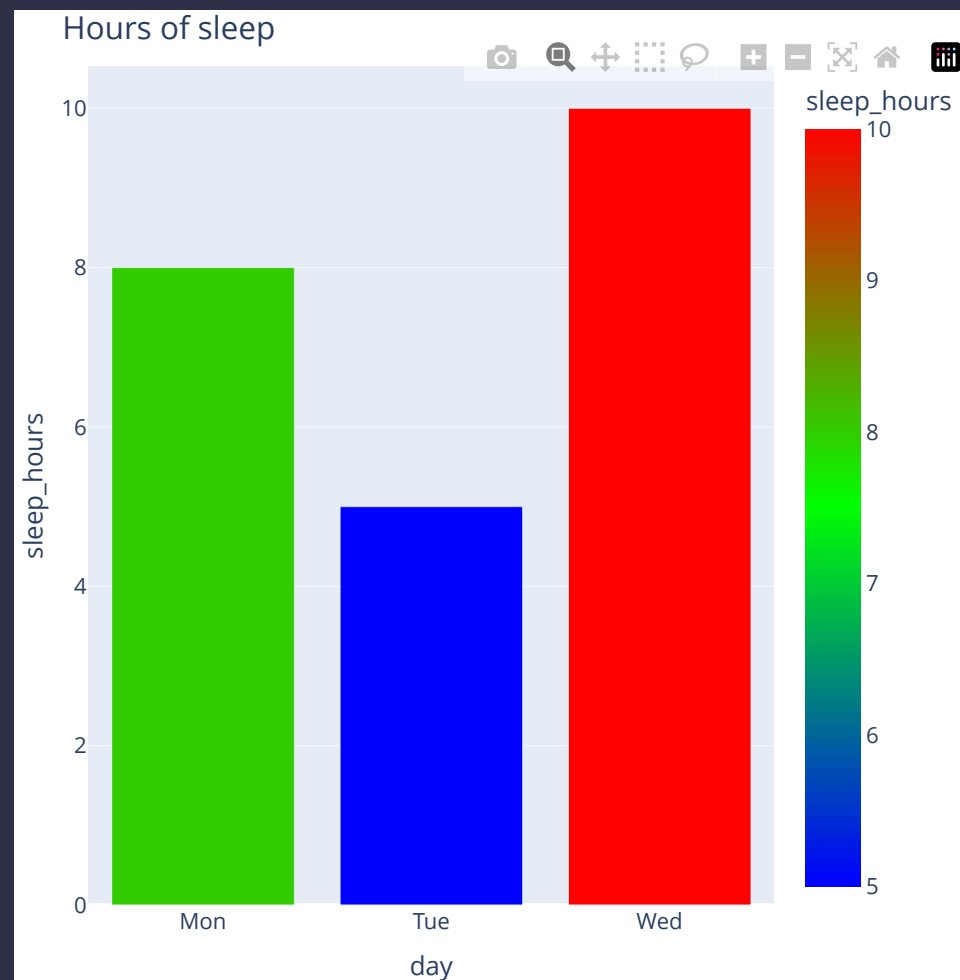
Preset colors

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame = sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color_continuous_scale = "Viridis",  
    color = "sleep_hours"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Customize color scales

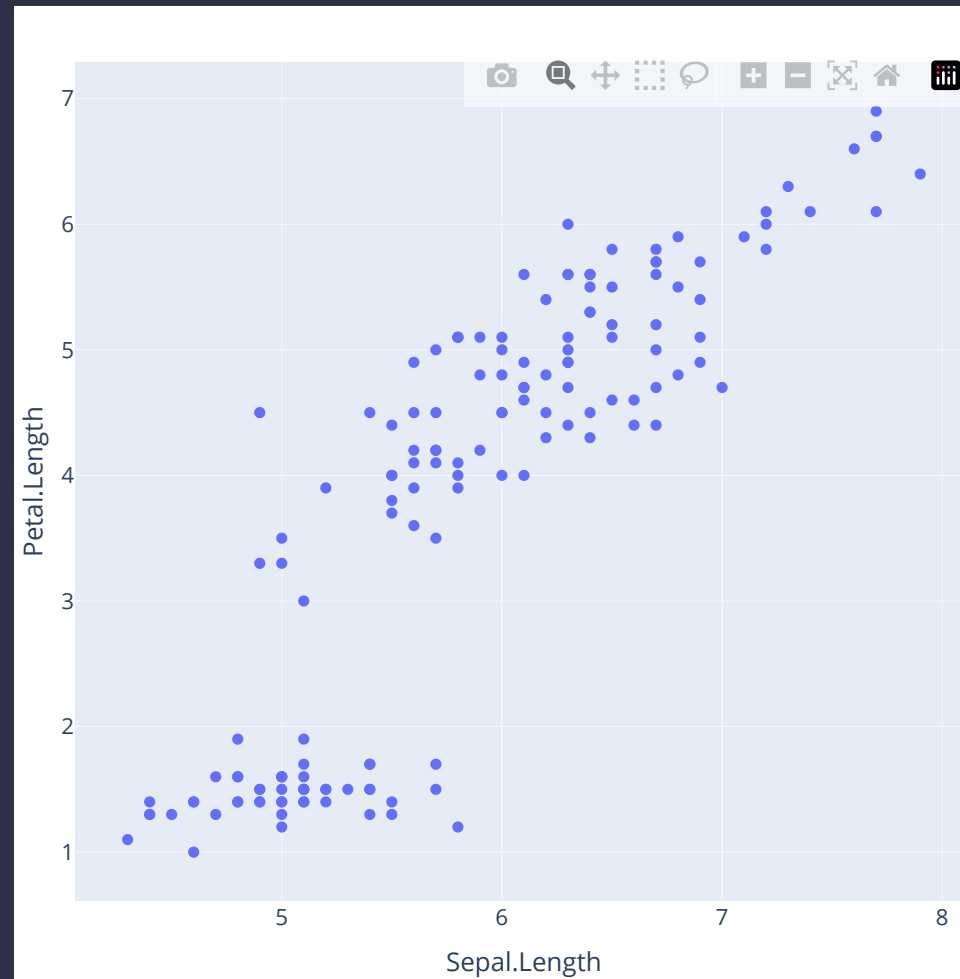
```
custom_color = [  
    ("rgb(0, 0, 255)"),  
    ("rgb(0, 255, 0)"),  
    ("rgb(255, 0, 0)")  
]  
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color_continuous_scale = custom_color,  
    color = "sleep_hours"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Bivariate visualizations

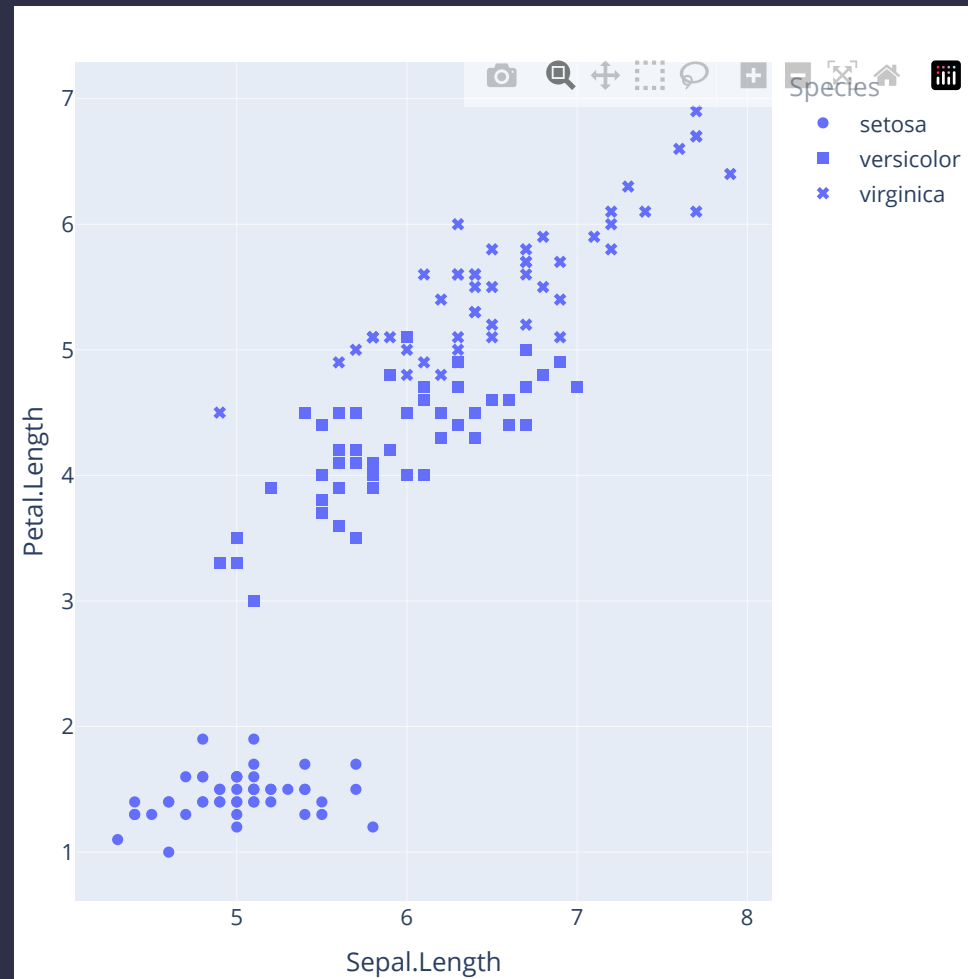
Scatter plots

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length"  
)  
fig.show()
```



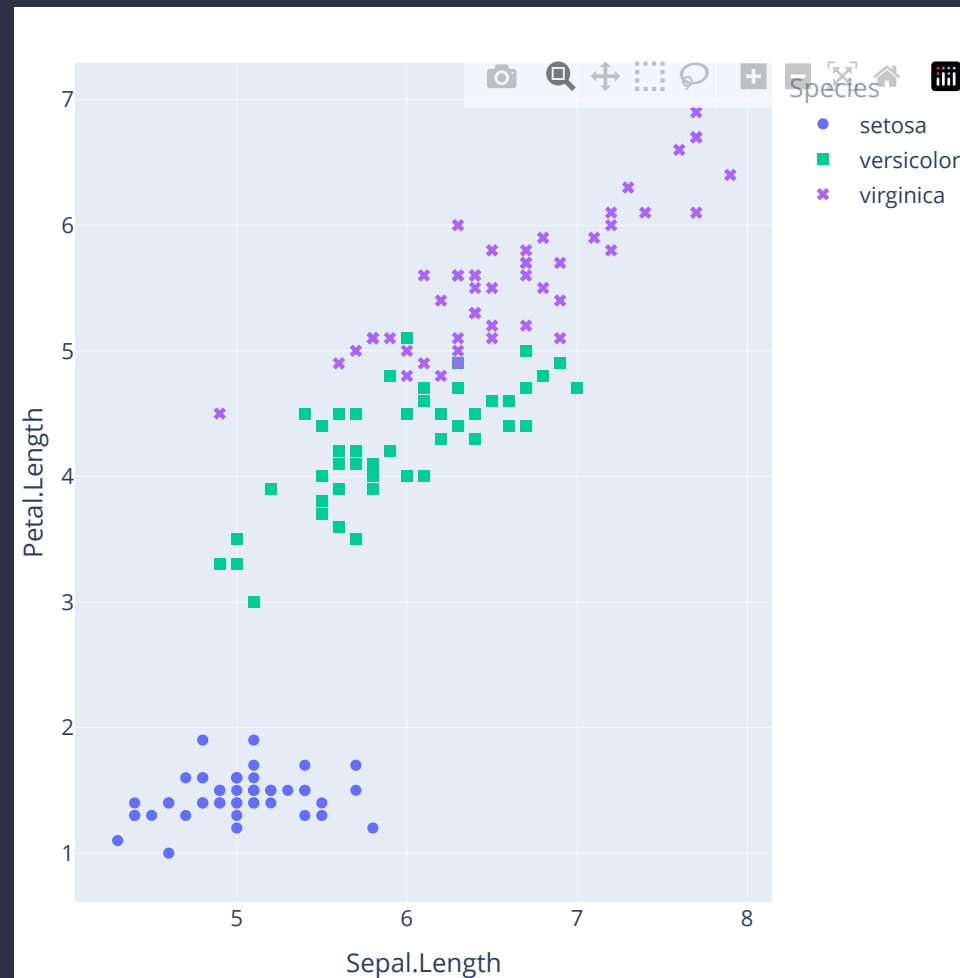
Symbols

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    symbol="Species"  
)  
fig.show()
```



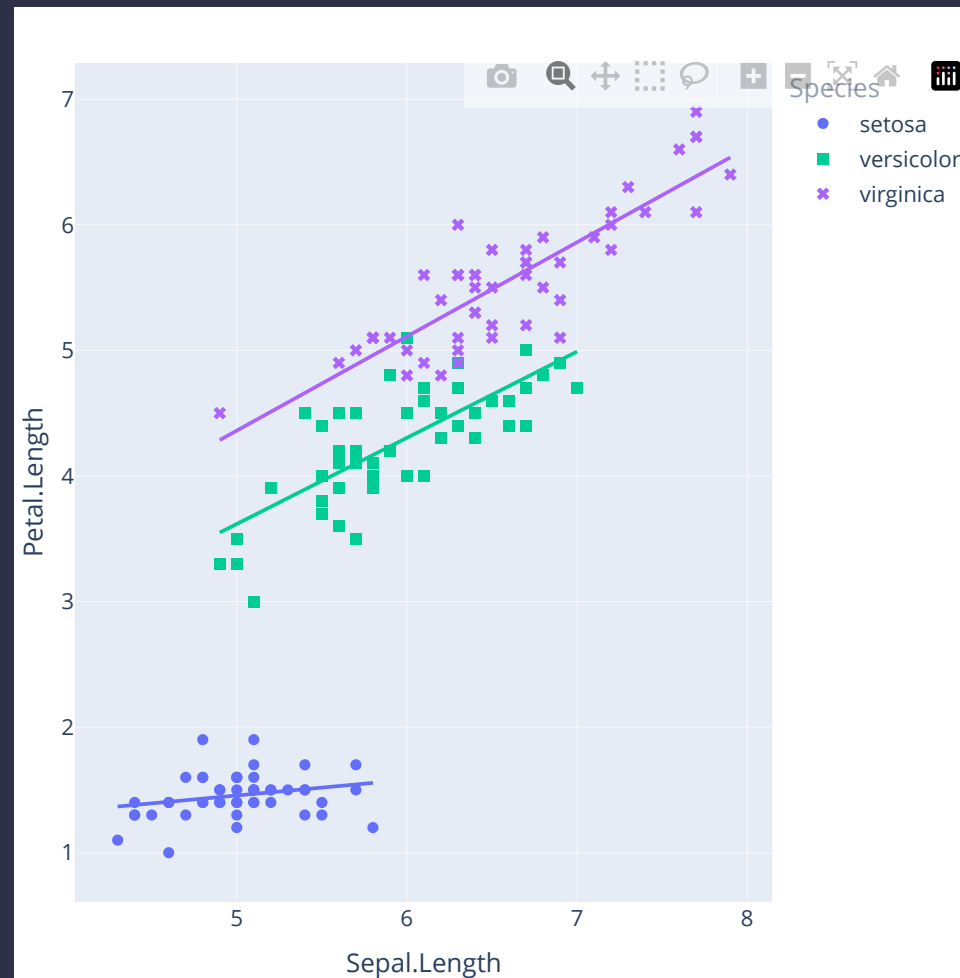
Adding colors with symbols

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    symbol="Species",  
    color="Species"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Scatter plot with **trendline**

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    symbol="Species",  
    color="Species",  
    trendline = "ols"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Line plot

```
stocks = pd.read_csv("data/stocks")

fig = px.line(
    data_frame = stocks,
    x = "Date",
    y = "MSFT"
)
fig.show()
```



Correlation plot

Correlation plot

```
# Remove species column from iris dataset  
iris_2 = iris.drop("Species", axis = 1)
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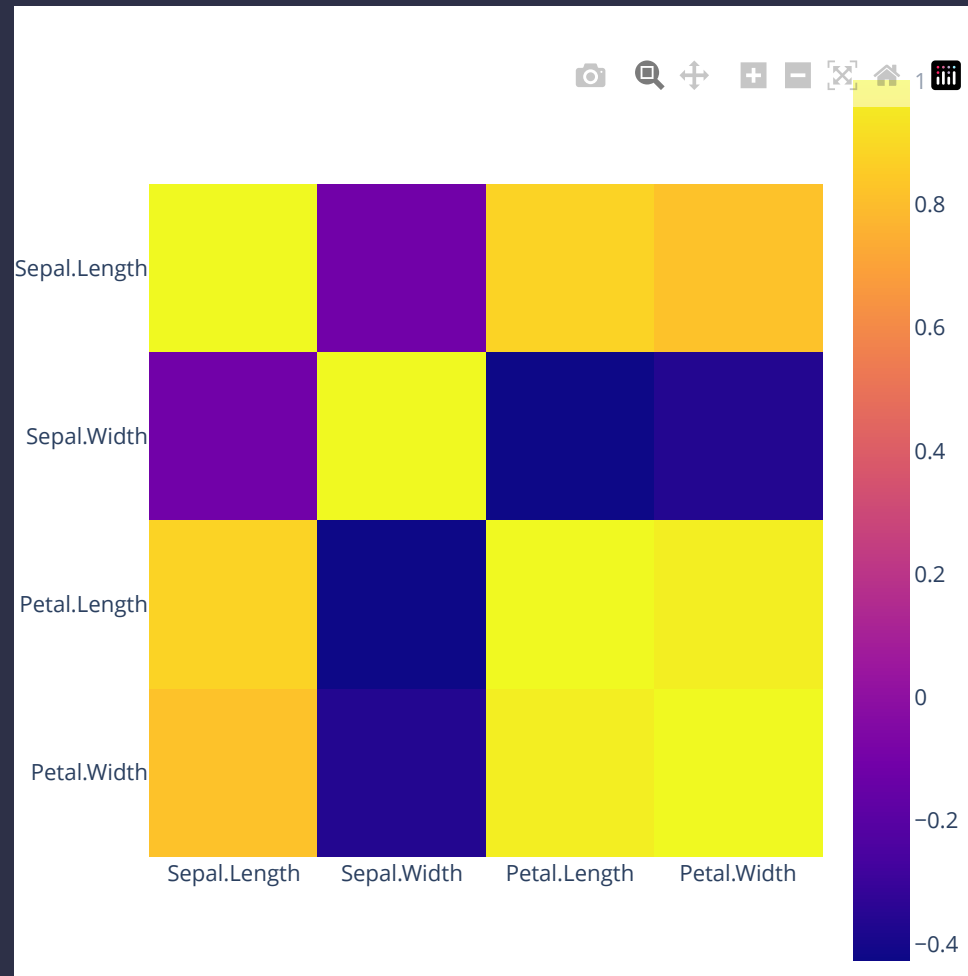
iris_corr = iris_2.corr(method="pearson")

print(iris_corr)
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width
Sepal.Length	1.000000	-0.112613	0.870217	0.813734
Sepal.Width	-0.112613	1.000000	-0.426417	-0.365359
Petal.Length	0.870217	-0.426417	1.000000	0.961984
Petal.Width	0.813734	-0.365359	0.961984	1.000000

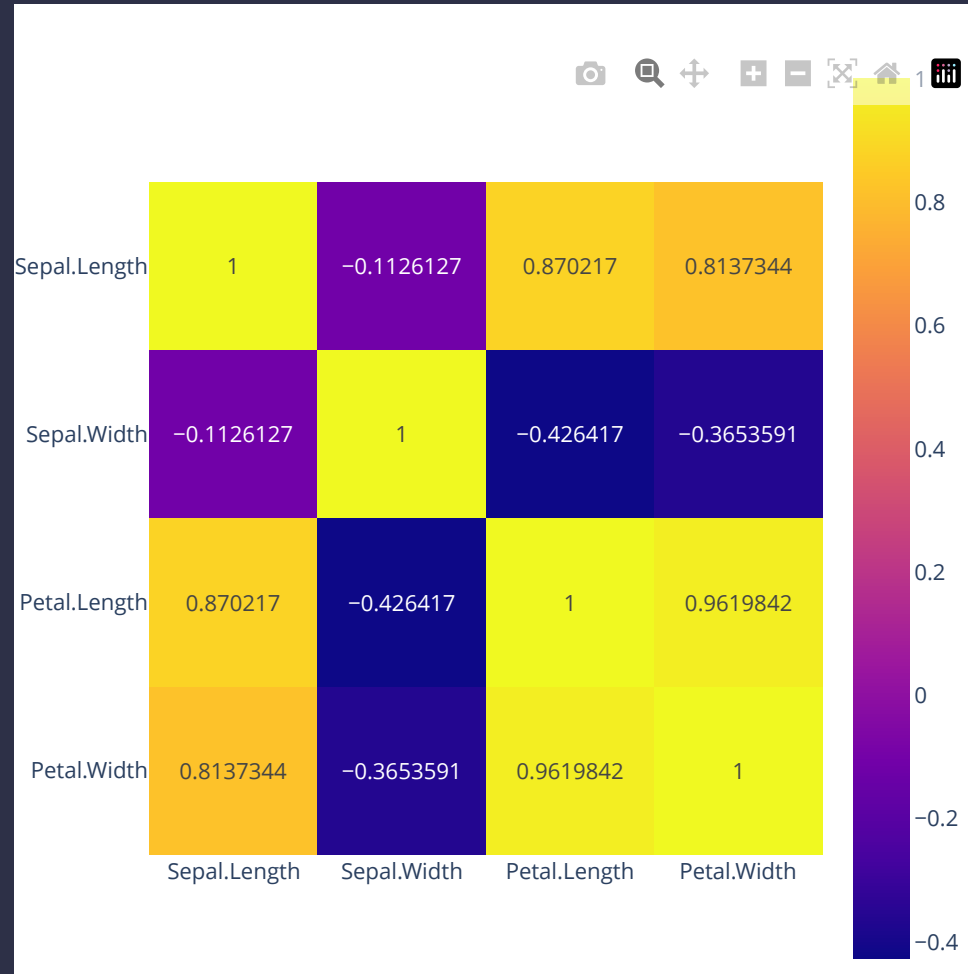
Correlation plot

```
fig = px.imshow(  
    iris_corr,  
)  
fig.show()
```



Correlation plot

```
fig = px.imshow(  
    iris_corr,  
    text_auto=True,  
)  
fig.show()
```



Correlation plot

```
fig = px.imshow(  
    iris_corr,  
    text_auto=True,  
    color_continuous_scale="RdYlGn"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Correlation plot

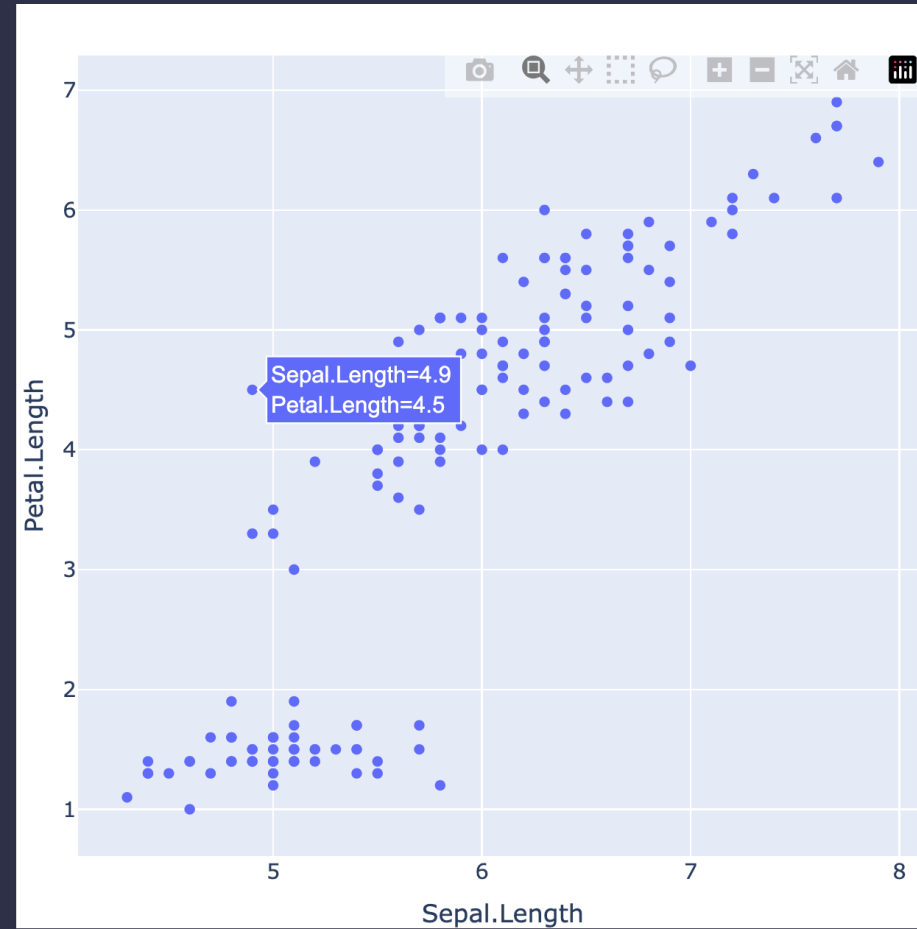
```
fig = px.imshow(
    iris_corr,
    text_auto=True,
    color_continuous_scale="RdYlGn"
    zmin = -1, zmax = 1
)
fig.show()
```



Customizing plots

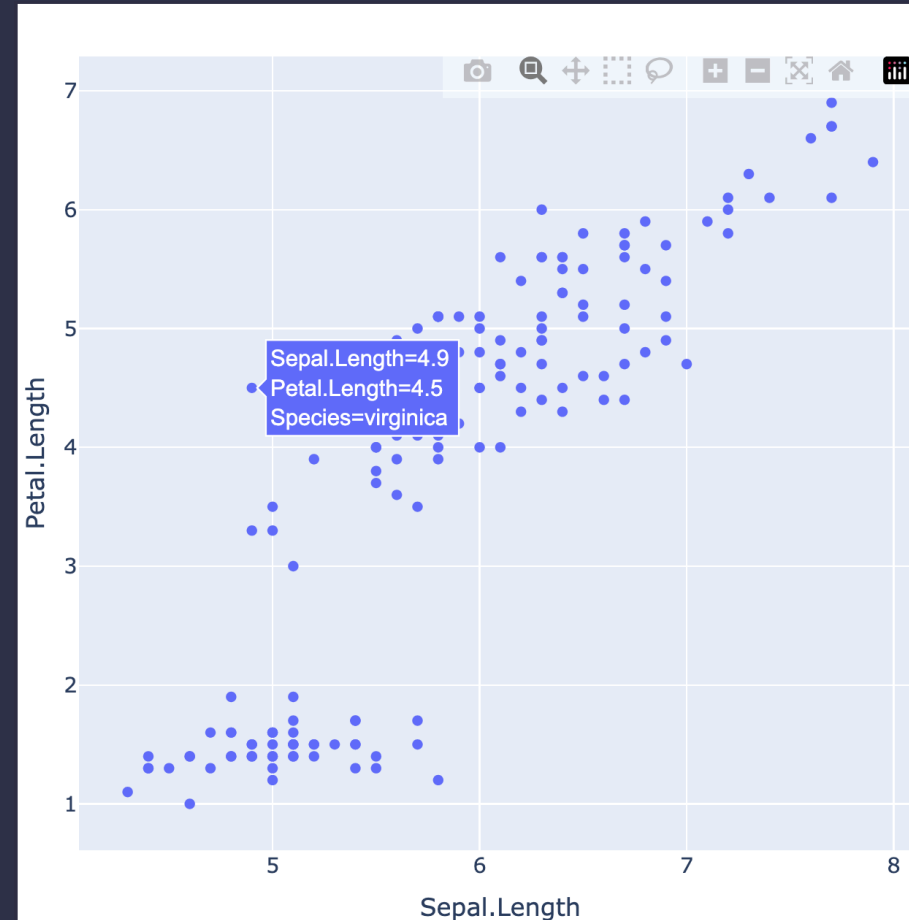
Hover information

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Hover information

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    hover_data=["Species"]  
)  
fig.show()
```

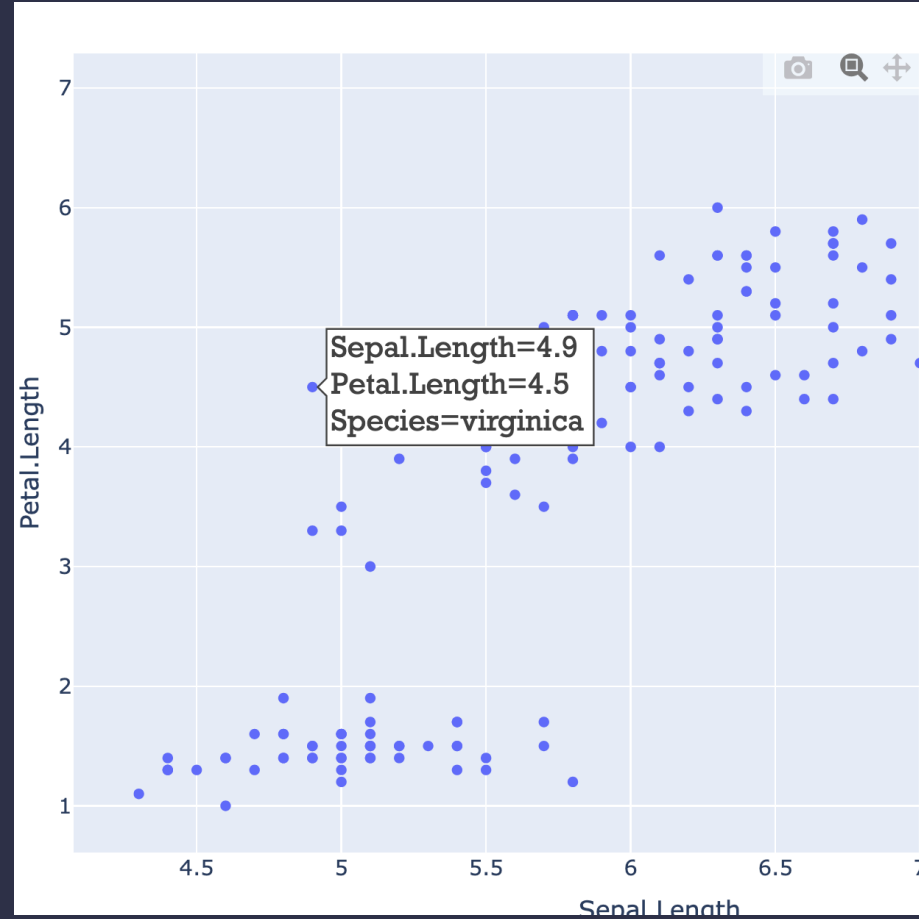


Customize hover information

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    hover_data=["Species"]  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(  
  
  
)  
fig.show()
```


Customize hover information

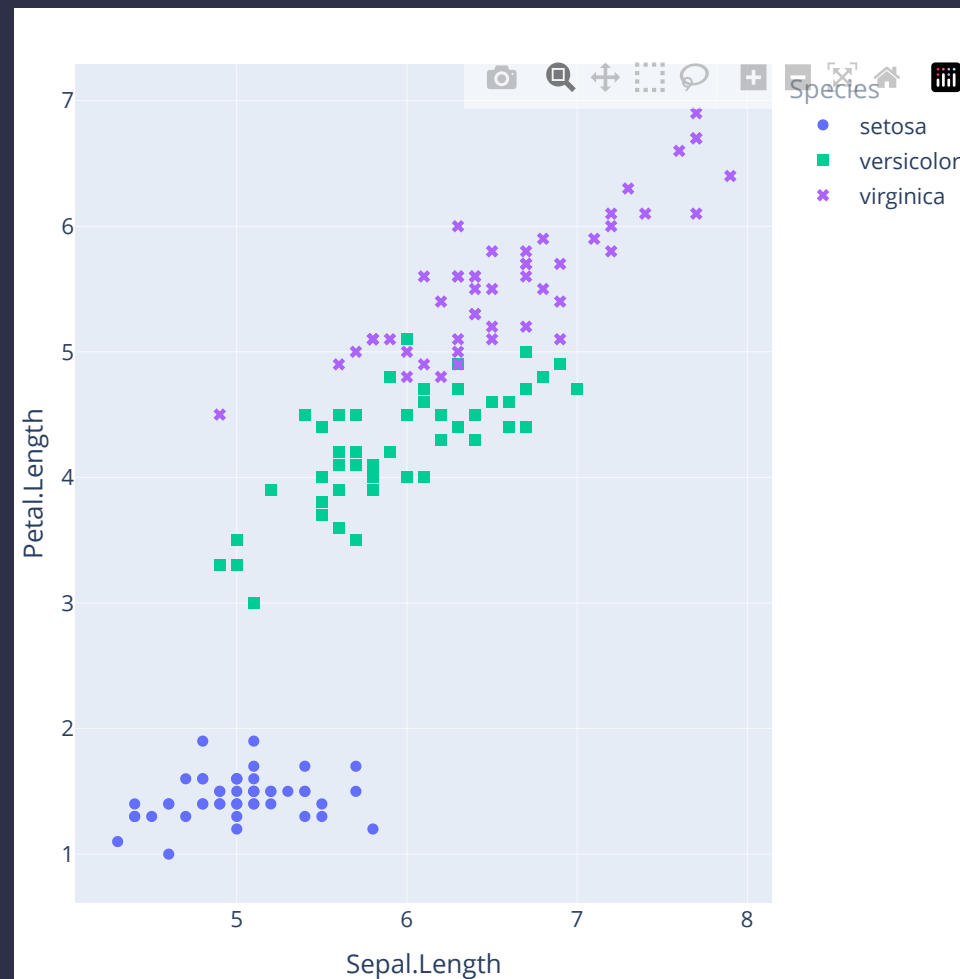
```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    hover_data=["Species"]  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(  
    hoverlabel=dict(  
        bgcolor="white",  
        font_size=16,  
        font_family="Rockwell"  
    )  
)  
fig.show()
```



Legends

Plot legend

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    symbol="Species",  
    color="Species"  
)  
fig.show()
```



Style plot legend

```
my_legend = dict(  
    x=0.2,  
    y=0.95,  
    bgcolor="rgb(240, 229, 111)"  
)
```

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)
```

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    x=0.2,  
    y=0.95,  
    bgcolor="rgb(240, 229, 111)"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(  
    showlegend=True,  
    legend=my_legend  
)  
fig.show()
```



Annotations

Adding annotations

- `add_annotation`
- `update_layout`

Arrows

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)
```

Arrows

```
less = dict(  
    x="Tue", y=5,  
    text="Less sleep",  
    font=dict(color="black"),  
    showarrow=True, arrowhead=4  
)
```

Arrows

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(annotations=[less])  
  
fig.show()
```



Multiple annotations

```
less = dict(  
    x="Tue", y=5,  
    text="Less sleep",  
    font=dict(color="black"),  
    showarrow=True, arrowhead=4  
)  
  
# Create the second annotation  
more = dict(  
    x="Wed", y=10,  
    text="More sleep",  
    font=dict(color="black"),  
    showarrow=True, arrowhead=4,  
)
```

Multiple annotations

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(annotations=[less, more])  
  
fig.show()
```



Annotations texts

```
h_sleep = 8
msg = dict(
    x="Tue", y=9,
    text=f"Mon: {h_sleep} hours",
    font=dict(
        size=20,
        color="white"
    ),
    bgcolor="rgb(237, 64, 200)",
    showarrow=False
)
```

Annotations texts

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(annotations = [msg])  
  
fig.show()
```



Annotations texts

```
h_sleep = 8
msg = dict(
    x=0.5, y=0.5,
    xref="paper", yref="paper",
    text=f"Mon: {h_sleep} hours",
    font=dict(
        size=20,
        color="white"
    ),
    bgcolor="rgb(237, 64, 200)",
    showarrow=False
)
```


Annotations texts

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fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
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    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(annotations = [msg])  
  
fig.show()
```



Axes customization

Axis labels

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_xaxes(title_text="Day")  
fig.update_yaxes(title_text="Time (hours)")  
  
fig.show()
```



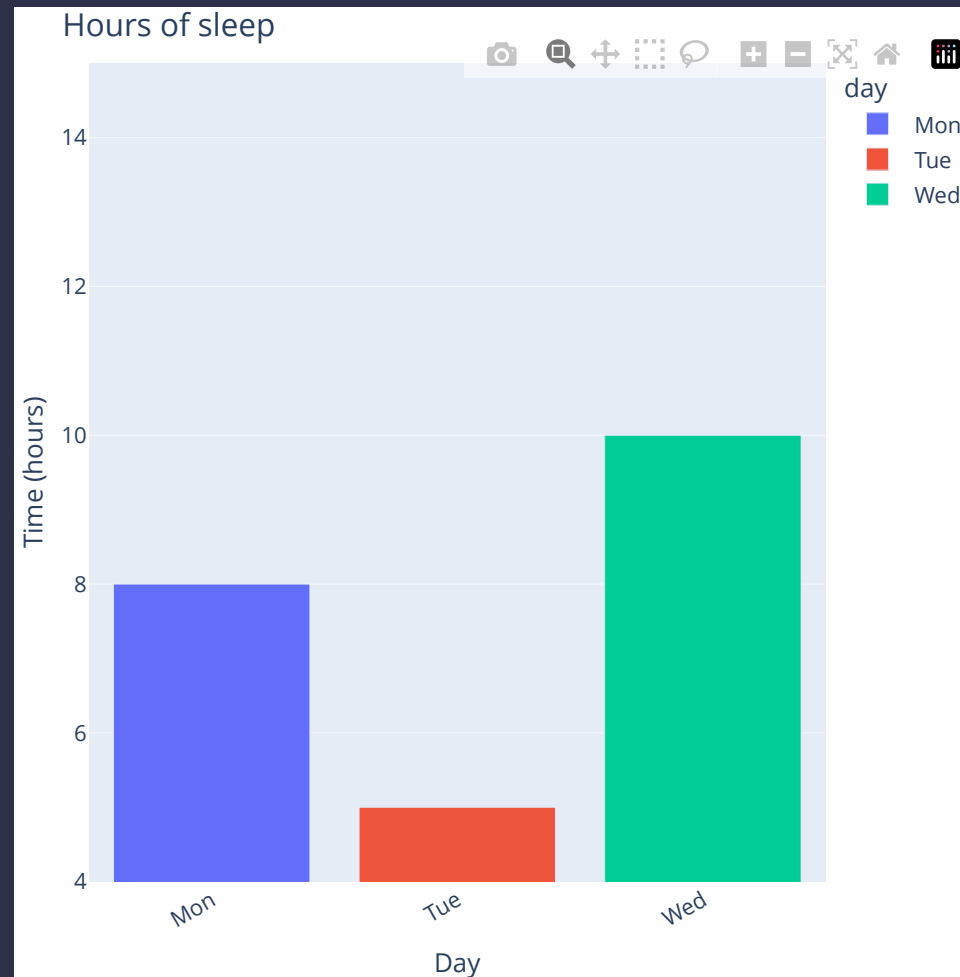
Axis labels

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(dict(  
    xaxis=dict(title = dict(text="Day")),  
    yaxis=dict(title = dict(text="Time (hours)"))  
)  
)  
  
fig.show()
```



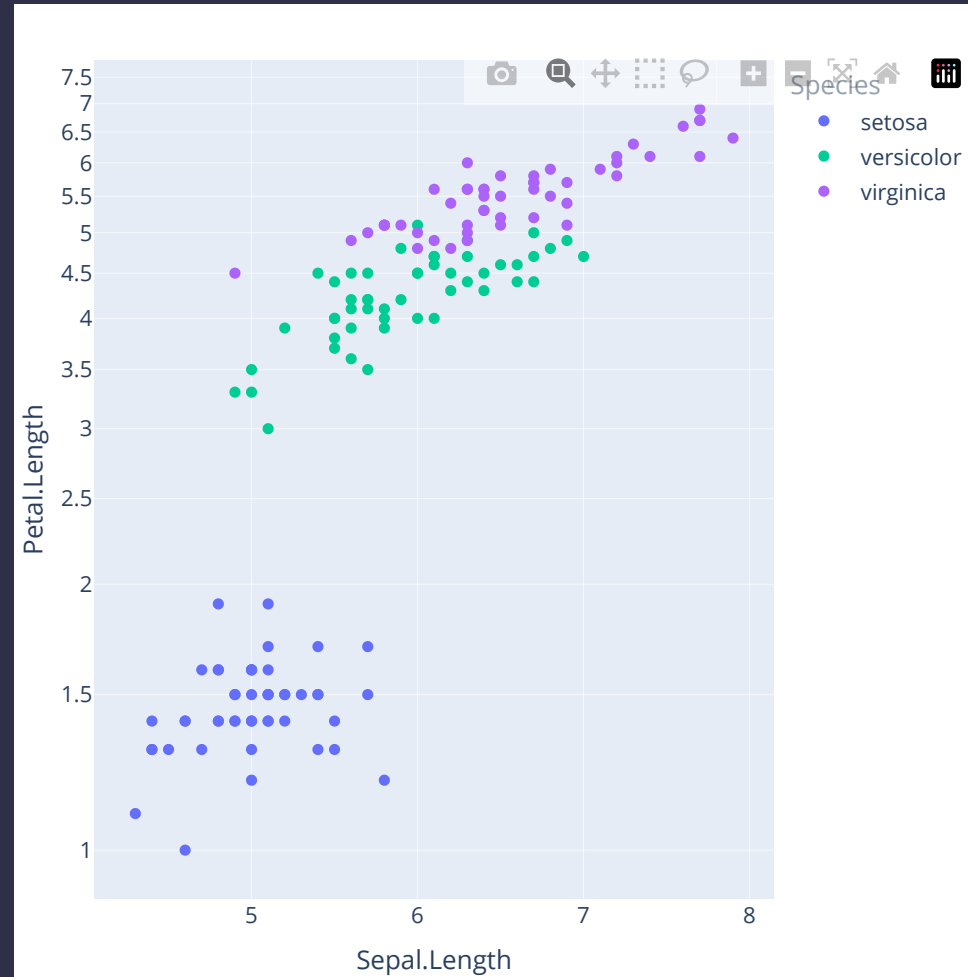
Axis limits

```
fig = px.bar(  
    data_frame=sleep,  
    x = "day",  
    y = "sleep_hours",  
    title = "Hours of sleep",  
    color = "day"  
)  
  
fig.update_layout(dict(  
    xaxis=dict(  
        title = dict(text="Day"),  
        tickangle=-30  
    ),  
    yaxis=dict(  
        title = dict(text="Time (hours)"),  
        range = [4, 15]  
    )  
)  
  
fig.show()
```



Axis transformation

```
fig = px.scatter(  
    data_frame = iris,  
    x = "Sepal.Length",  
    y = "Petal.Length",  
    color="Species",  
    log_y= True  
)  
  
fig.show()
```



Subplots

Subplots

```
import plotly.express as px  
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
```


Create a grid

```
import plotly.express as px
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

fig = make_subplots(rows=2, cols=1)
```

Trace

```
fig = px.scatter(
    data_frame = iris,
    x = "Sepal.Length",
    y = "Petal.Length",
    color="Species")
fig.data
```

```
(Scatter({
  'hovertemplate': 'Species=setosa<br>Sepal.Length=%{x}<br>Petal.Length=%{y}<extra></extra>',
  'legendgroup': 'setosa',
  'marker': {'color': '#636efa', 'symbol': 'circle'},
  'mode': 'markers',
  'name': 'setosa',
  'orientation': 'v',
  'showlegend': True,
  'x': array([5.1, 4.9, 4.7, nan, 5. , 4.6, 5. , 4.4, 4.9, 5.4, 4.8, 4.8, 4.3, 5.8,
              5.7, 5.4, 5.1, 5.7, 5.1, 5.4, 5.1, 4.6, 5.1, 4.8, 5. , 5. , 5.2, 5.2,
              4.7, 4.8, 5.4, 5.2, 5.5, 4.9, 5. , 5.5, 4.9, 4.4, 5.1, 5. , 4.5, 4.4,
              5. , 5.1, 4.8, 5.1, 4.6, 5.3, 5. ]),
  'xaxis': 'x',
  'y': array([1.4, 1.4, 1.3, nan, 1.4, 1.4, 1.5, 1.4, 1.5, 1.5, 1.6, 1.4, 1.1, 1.2,
              1.5, 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 1.5, 1.7, 1.5, 1. , 1.7, 1.9, 1.6, 1.6, 1.5, 1.4,
              1.6, 1.6, 1.5, 1.5, 1.4, 1.5, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.3, 1.5, 1.3, 1.3, 1.3,
              1.6, 1.9, 1.4, 1.6, 1.4, 1.5, 1.4]),
  'yaxis': 'y'
})
```

Subplots

Subplots

```
import plotly.express as px
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

fig = make_subplots(rows=2, cols=1)

hist = px.histogram(
    data_frame = iris, x='Petal.Length'
)

box = px.box(
    data_frame = iris, x='Petal.Length'
)
```

Subplots

```
import plotly.express as px
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

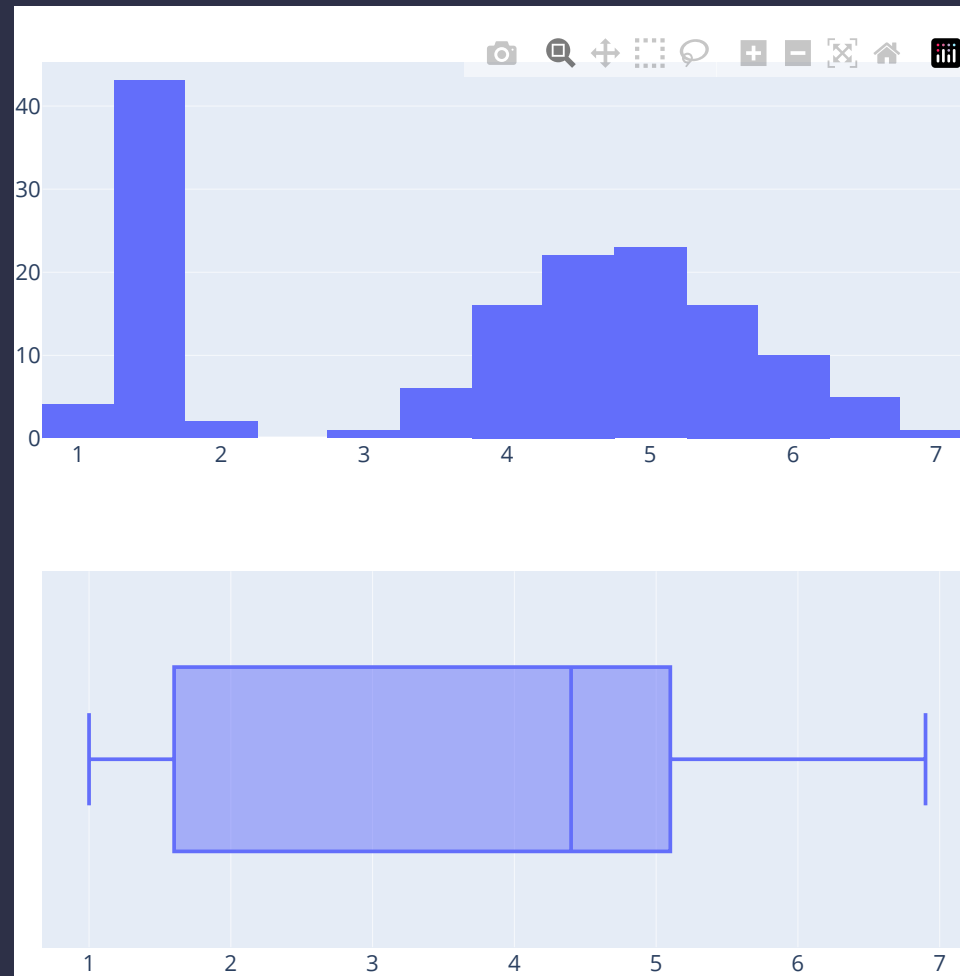
fig = make_subplots(rows=2, cols=1)

hist = px.histogram(
    data_frame = iris, x='Petal.Length'
)

box = px.box(
    data_frame = iris, x='Petal.Length'
)

fig.add_trace(hist.data[0], row=1, col=1)
fig.add_trace(box.data[0], row=2, col=1)

fig.show()
```



Stacked subplots

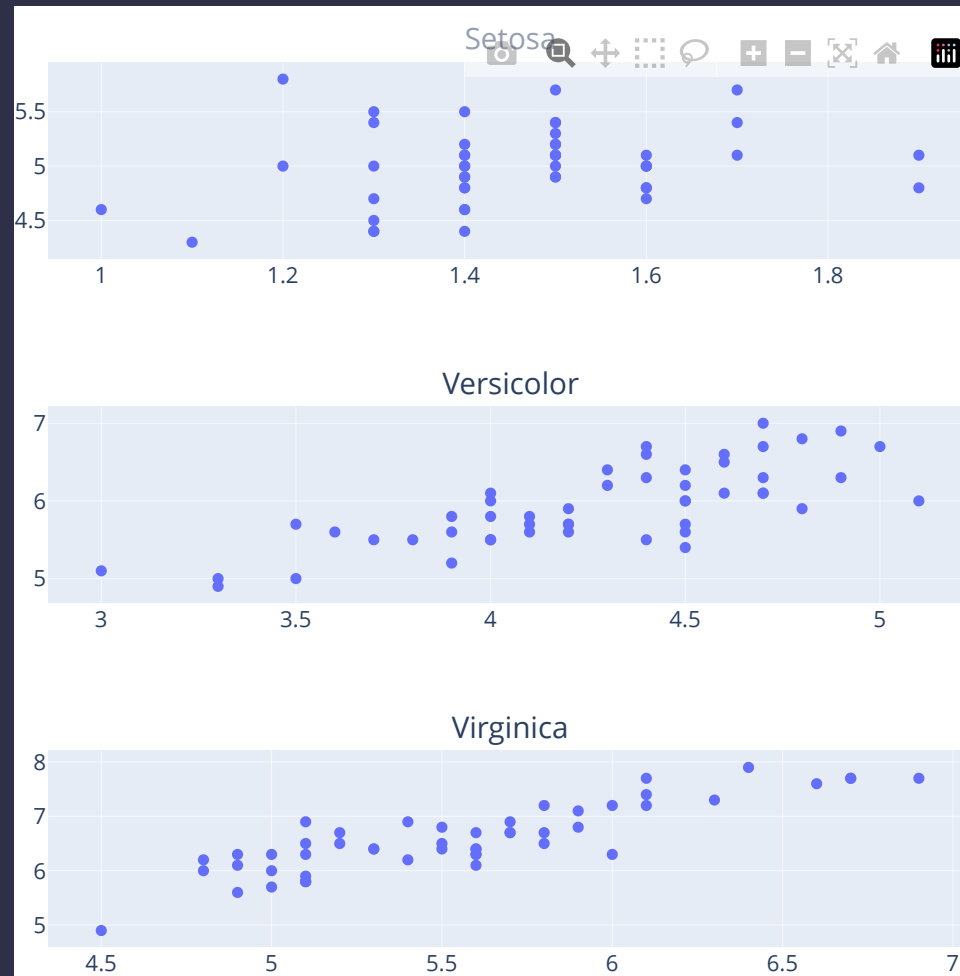
```
fig = make_subplots(  
    rows=3, cols=1,  
    subplot_titles=\n        ['Setosa', 'Versicolor', 'Virginica']  
)
```

Stacked subplots

```
fig = make_subplots(
    rows=3, cols=1,
    subplot_titles=\
        ['Setosa', 'Versicolor', 'Virginica']
)

row_num = 1

for species in\
    ['setosa', 'versicolor', 'virginica']:
    # Filter individual species
    df = iris[iris['Species'] == species]
    # Make separate scatter plots
    scatter = px.scatter(
        df, x='Petal.Length', y='Sepal.Length'
    )
    # Add trace
    fig.add_trace(
        scatter.data[0],
        row=row_num,
        col=1
    )
    row_num += 1
```



Shared axes

```
fig = make_subplots(
    rows=3, cols=1,
    subplot_titles=\
        ['Setosa', 'Versicolor', 'Virginica'],
    shared_xaxes=True
)

row_num = 1

for species in\
    ['setosa', 'versicolor', 'virginica']:
    df = iris[iris['Species'] == species]
    scatter = px.scatter(
        df, x='Petal.Length', y='Sepal.Length'
    )
    fig.add_trace(
        scatter.data[0],
        row=row_num,
        col=1
    )
    row_num += 1

fig.show()
```



Layering

Layering plots

```
from plotly.graph_objects import Figure

weather = pd.read_csv("data/weather.csv")
print(weather.head())
```

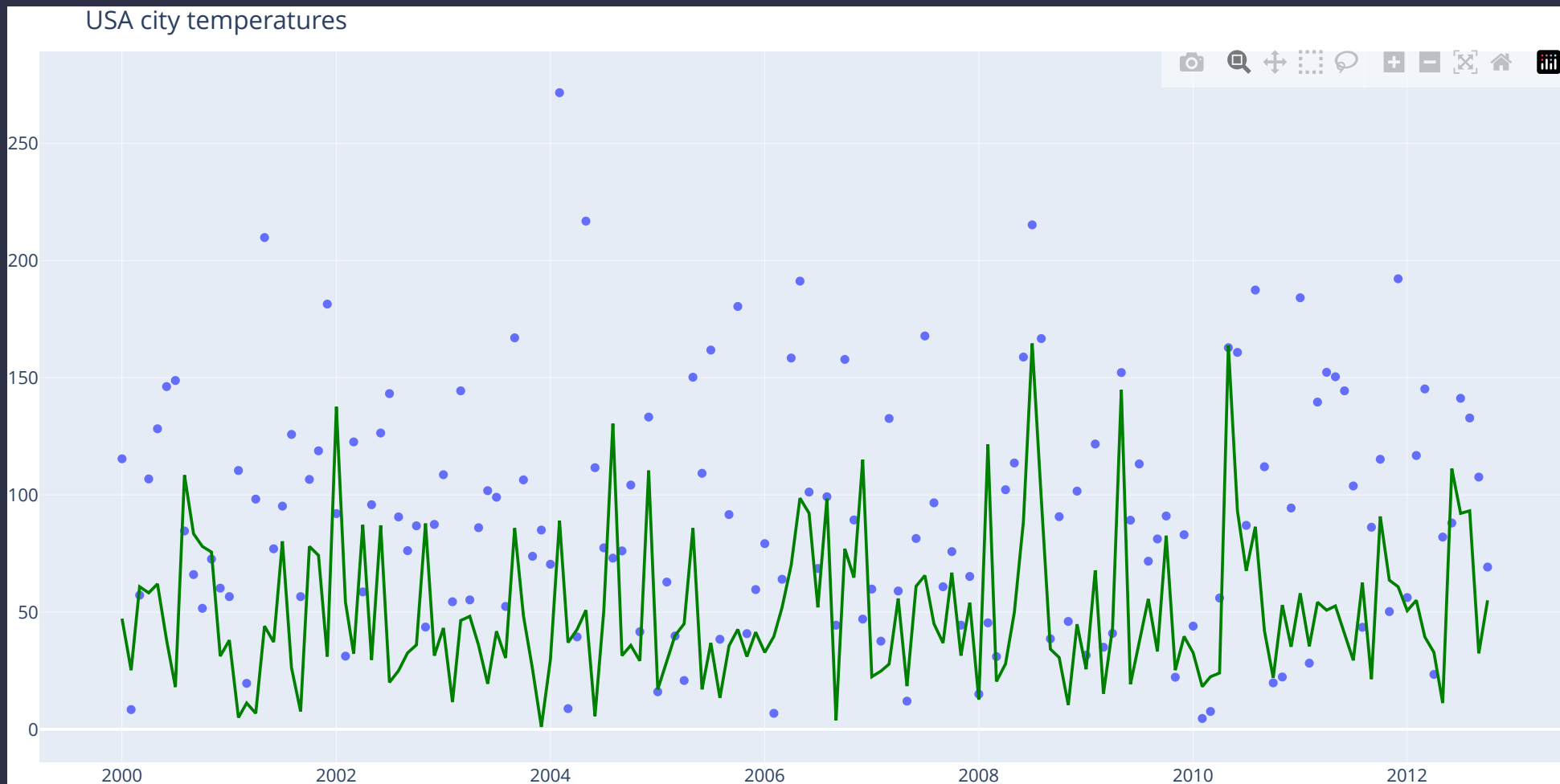
	DATE	Boston	Houston	Seattle
0	2000-01	115.4	47.2	174.8
1	2000-02	8.4	25.2	41
2	2000-03	57.2	60.8	74.2
3	2000-04	106.8	58.2	50
4	2000-05	128.2	62.0	' -

Layering plots

```
scatter_fig = px.scatter(  
    weather,  
    x='DATE', y='Boston'  
)  
  
line_fig = px.line(  
    weather,  
    x='DATE', y='Houston',  
    color_discrete_sequence=['green']  
)
```

Layering plots

```
combined_fig = Figure(data=[*scatter_fig.data, *line_fig.data])  
combined_fig.update_layout(title='USA city temperatures')
```

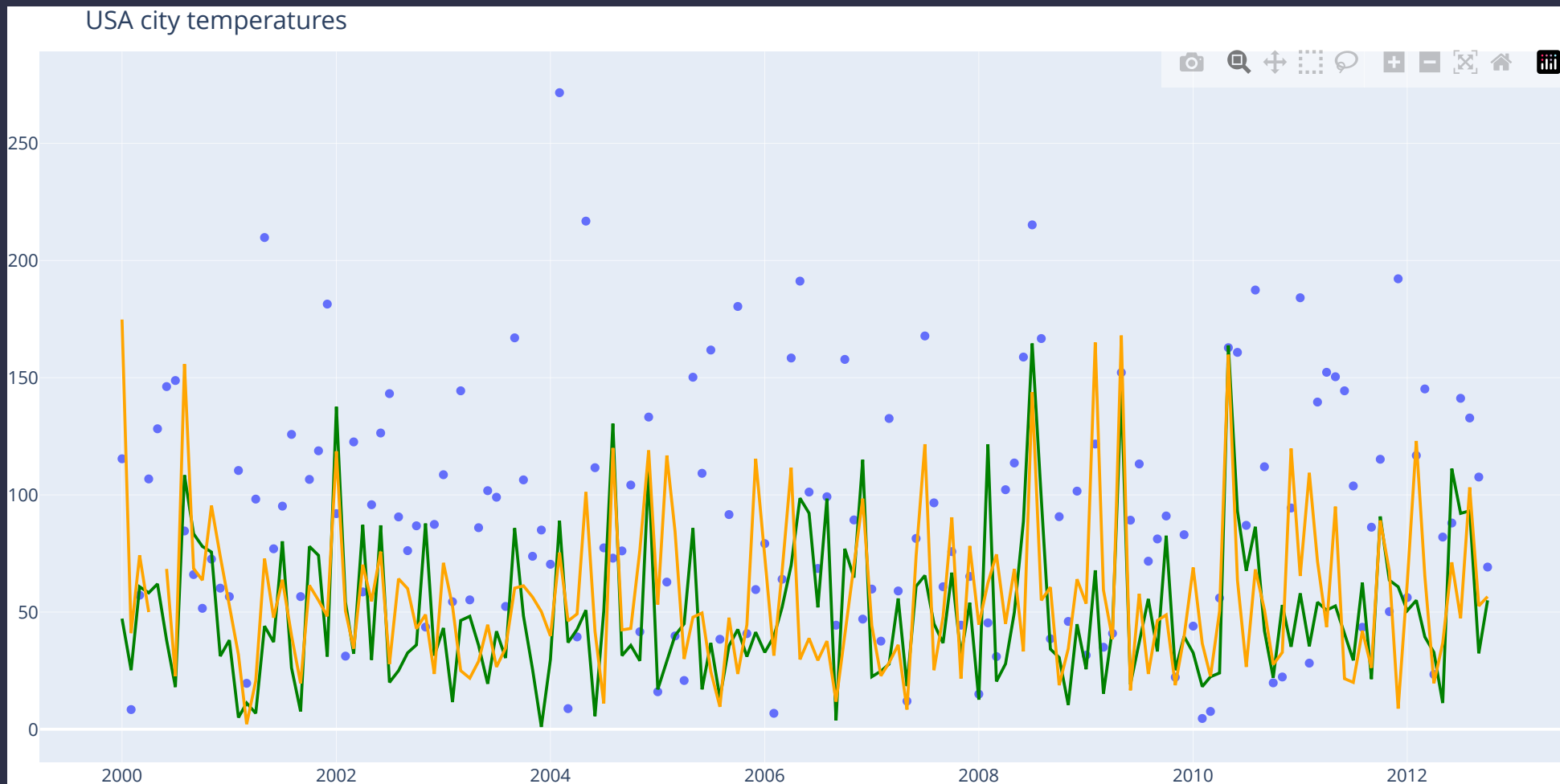


Adding more layers

```
line_fig_seattle = px.line(  
    weather,  
    x='DATE', y='Seattle',  
    color_discrete_sequence=['orange']  
)
```

Adding more layers

```
combined_fig.add_trace(line_fig_seattle.data[0])  
combined_fig.update_layout(title='USA city temperatures')
```



Buttons

Time buttons

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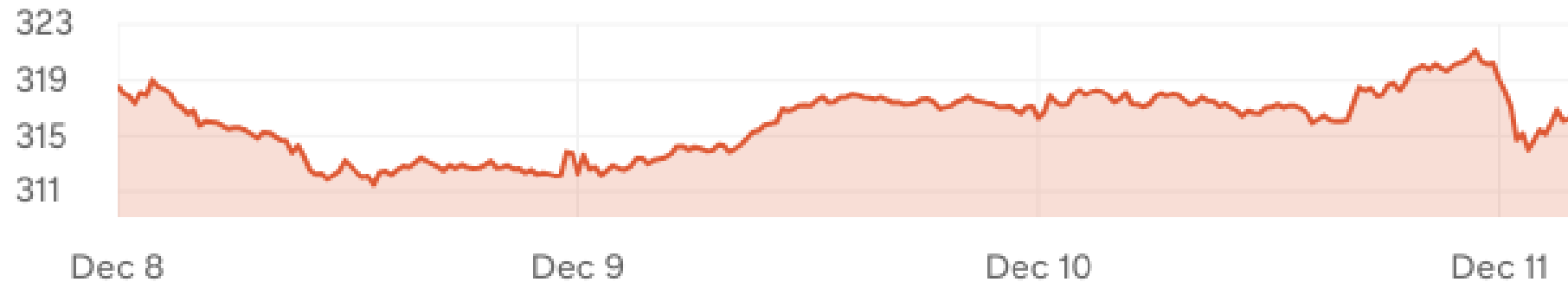
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5Y

All



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- `stepmode`:
 - `todate` = start of the next full time period
 - `backward` = moves back by the `count`

Creating date buttons

```
date_buttons = [  
    {'label': "6MTH", 'count': 6, 'step': "month", 'stepmode': "todate"},  
]
```

Creating date buttons

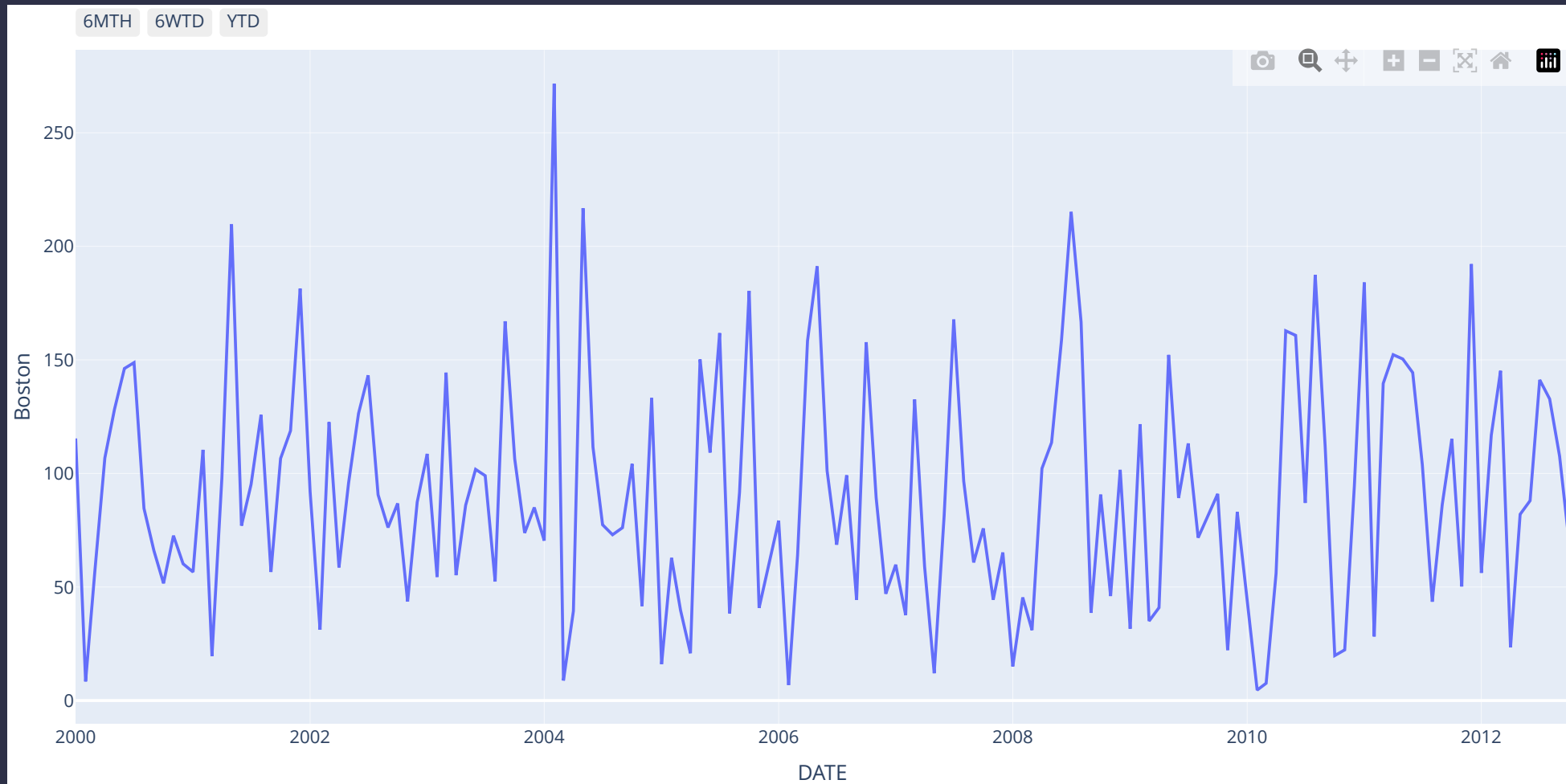
```
date_buttons = [  
    {'label': "6MTH", 'count': 6, 'step': "month", 'stepmode': "todate"},  
    {'label': "6WTD", 'count': 6, 'step': "day", 'stepmode': "backward"},  
    {'label': "YTD", 'count': 1, 'step': "year", 'stepmode': "todate"}  
]
```

Creating date buttons

```
date_buttons = [  
    {'label': "6MTH", 'count': 6, 'step': "month", 'stepmode': "todate"},  
    {'label': "6WTD", 'count': 6, 'step': "day", 'stepmode': "backward"},  
    {'label': "YTD", 'count': 1, 'step': "year", 'stepmode': "todate"}  
]  
  
fig = px.line(  
    weather,  
    x='DATE',  
    y='Boston'  
)
```

Creating date buttons

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Thank you