Dataframe Merges

In [ ]:

```
import pandas as pd
```

pandas provides various facilities for easily combining together Series, DataFrame objects with various kinds of set logic for the indexes and relational algebra functionality in the case of join / merge-type operations.

Concat

Several dataframes can be merged together using the concat function.

In [ ]:

```
dict1 = {
            "one" : pd.Series([1, 2, 3, 4]),
            "two" : pd.Series(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
}

df1 = pd.DataFrame(dict1)
df1
```

In [ ]:

```
dict2 = {
            "one" : pd.Series([5, 6, 7, 8]),
            "two" : pd.Series(['x', 'y', 'z', 'a'])
}

df2 = pd.DataFrame(dict2)
df2
```

In [ ]:

```
frames = [df1, df2]
```

In [ ]:

```
pd.concat(frames)
```

Another Example

In [ ]:

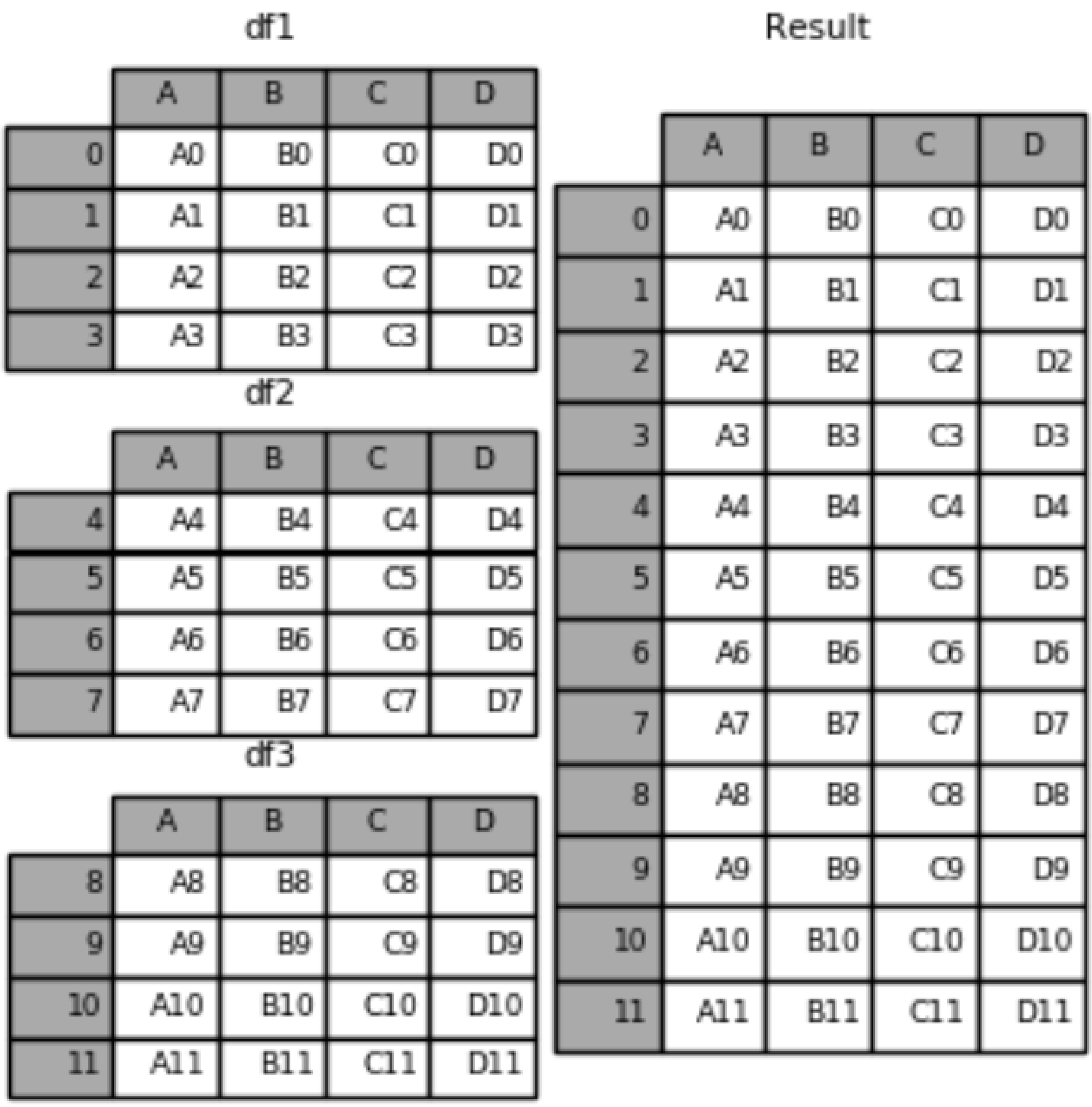
```
df1 = pd.DataFrame({'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2', 'A3'],
                    'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2', 'B3'],
                    'C': ['C0', 'C1', 'C2', 'C3'],
                    'D': ['D0', 'D1', 'D2', 'D3']},
                    index=[0, 1, 2, 3])

df2 = pd.DataFrame({'A': ['A4', 'A5', 'A6', 'A7'],
                    'B': ['B4', 'B5', 'B6', 'B7'],
                    'C': ['C4', 'C5', 'C6', 'C7'],
                    'D': ['D4', 'D5', 'D6', 'D7']},
                    index=[4, 5, 6, 7])

df3 = pd.DataFrame({'A': ['A8', 'A9', 'A10', 'A11'],
                    'B': ['B8', 'B9', 'B10', 'B11'],
                    'C': ['C8', 'C9', 'C10', 'C11'],
                    'D': ['D8', 'D9', 'D10', 'D11']},
                    index=[8, 9, 10, 11])

frames = [df1, df2, df3]

result = pd.concat(frames)
```


df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df2

	A	B	C	D
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7

df3

	A	B	C	D
8	A8	B8	C8	D8
9	A9	B9	C9	D9
10	A10	B10	C10	D10
11	A11	B11	C11	D11

Result

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7
8	A8	B8	C8	D8
9	A9	B9	C9	D9
10	A10	B10	C10	D10
11	A11	B11	C11	D11

Set logic on the other axes

When gluing together multiple DataFrames, you have a choice of how to handle the other axes (other than the one being concatenated). This can be done in the following three ways:

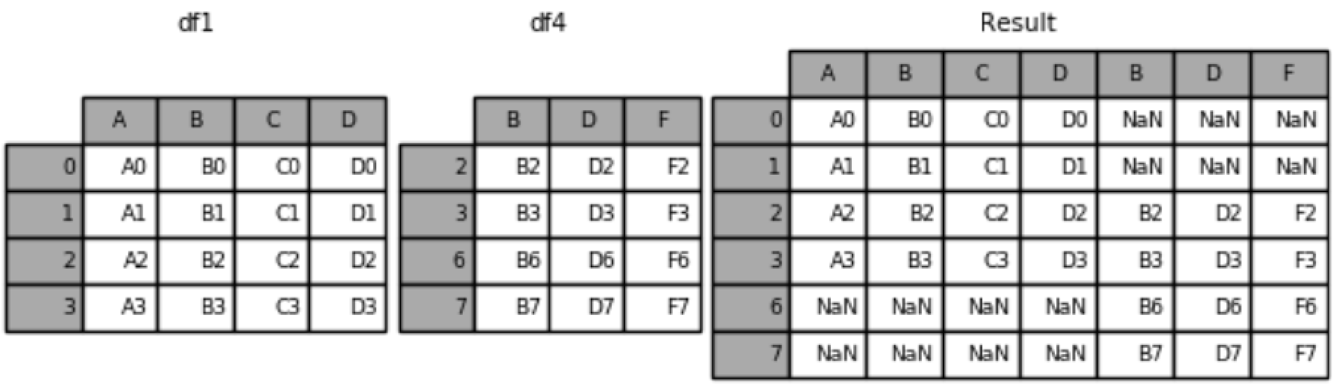
- Take the union of them all, join='outer'. This is the default option as it results in zero information loss.
- Take the intersection, join='inner'.
- Use a specific index, as passed to the join_axes argument.

First, the default join='outer' behavior:

In [ ]:

```python
df4 = pd.DataFrame({'B': ['B2', 'B3', 'B6', 'B7'],
                    'D': ['D2', 'D3', 'D6', 'D7'],
                    'F': ['F2', 'F3', 'F6', 'F7']},
                    index=[2, 3, 6, 7])

result = pd.concat([df1, df4], axis=1, sort=False)
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df4

	B	D	F
2	B2	D2	F2
3	B3	D3	F3
6	B6	D6	F6
7	B7	D7	F7

Result

	A	B	C	D	B	D	F
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	B2	D2	F2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	B3	D3	F3
6	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	B6	D6	F6
7	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	B7	D7	F7

Here is the same thing with join='inner':

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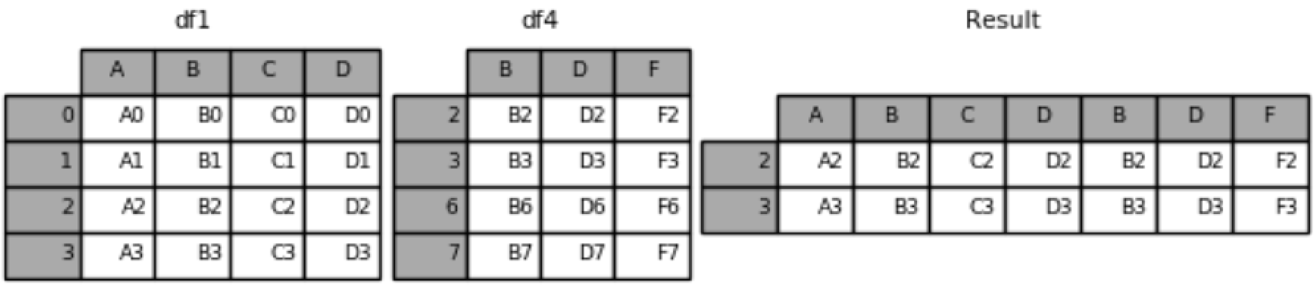
```python
result = pd.concat([df1, df4], axis=1, join='inner')
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df4

	B	D	F
2	B2	D2	F2
3	B3	D3	F3
6	B6	D6	F6
7	B7	D7	F7

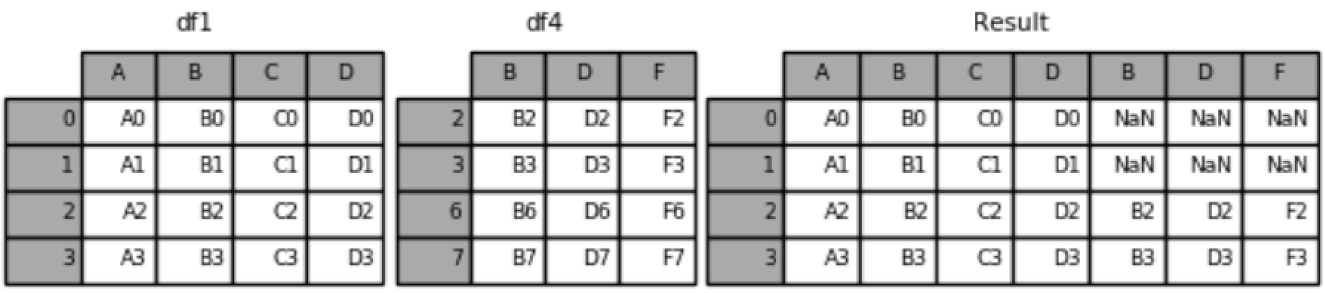
Result

	A	B	C	D	B	D	F
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	B2	D2	F2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	B3	D3	F3

Lastly, suppose we just wanted to reuse the exact index from the original DataFrame:

In [ ]:

```python
result = pd.concat([df1, df4], axis=1, join_axes=[df1.index])
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df4

	B	D	F
2	B2	D2	F2
3	B3	D3	F3
6	B6	D6	F6
7	B7	D7	F7

Result

	A	B	C	D	B	D	F
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	B2	D2	F2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	B3	D3	F3

In [ ]:

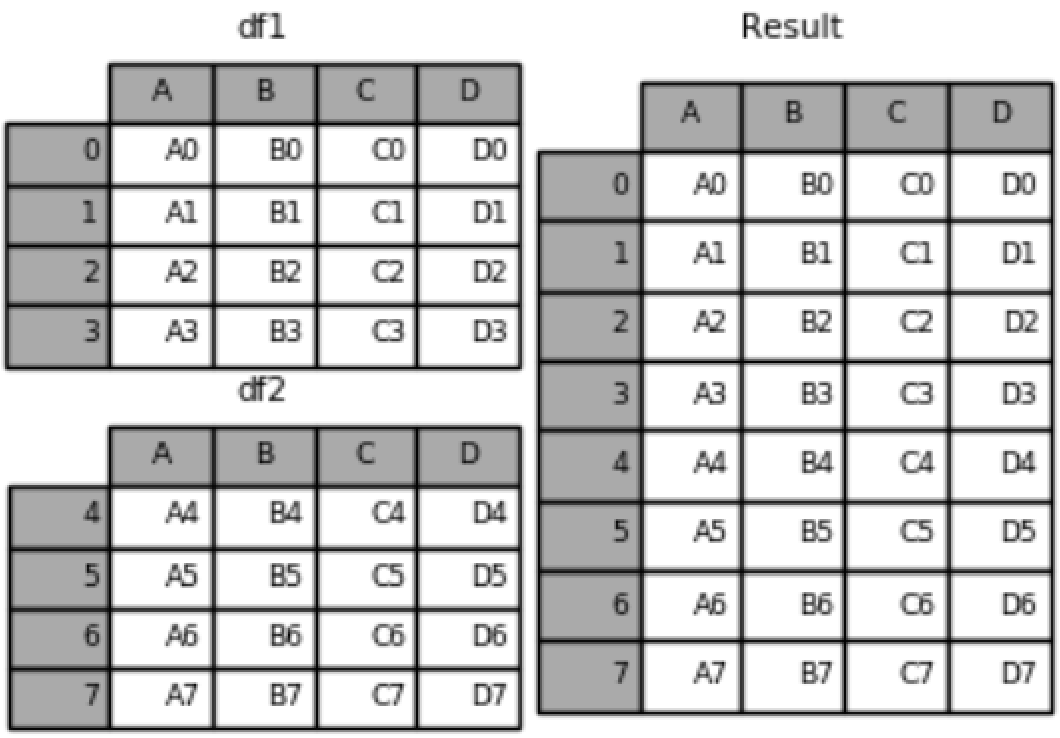
```
result = pd.concat([df1, df4], axis=1, join_axes=[df4.index])
result
```

append

A useful shortcut to concat() are the append() instance methods on Series and DataFrame. These methods actually predated concat. They concatenate along axis=0, namely the index:

In [ ]:

```
result = df1.append(df2)
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df2

	A	B	C	D
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7

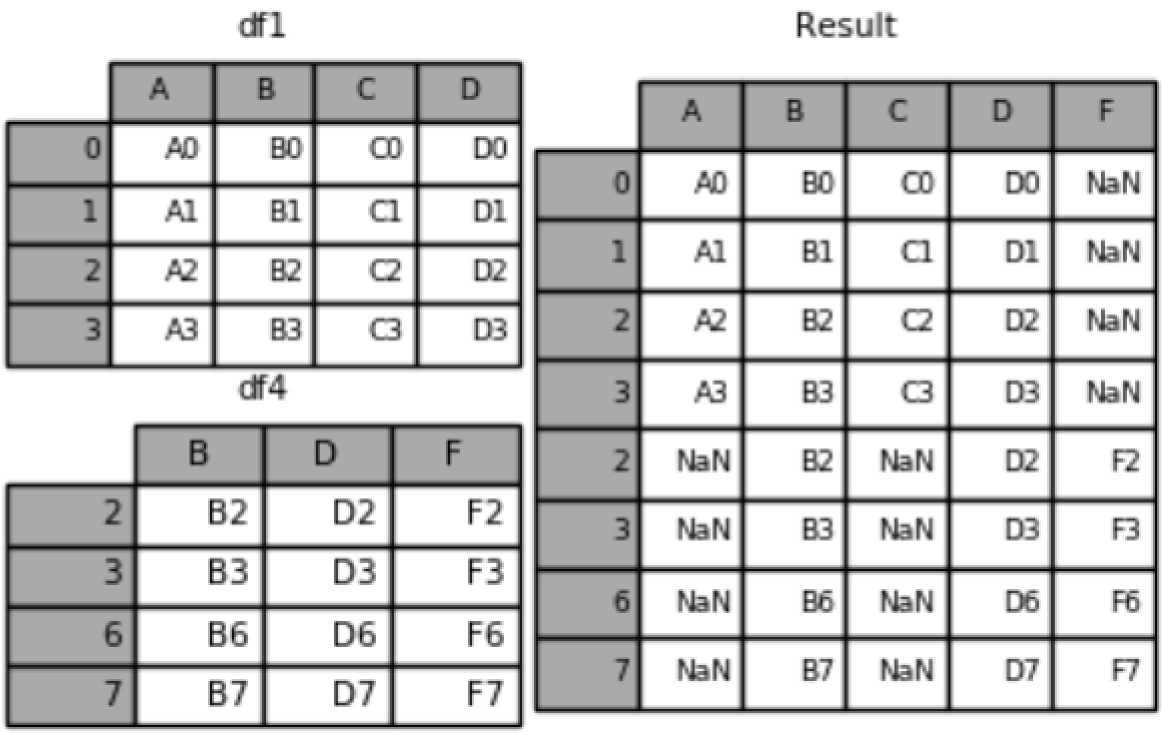
Result

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7

In the case of DataFrame, the indexes must be disjoint but the columns do not need to be:

In [ ]:

```
result = df1.append(df4, sort=False)
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df4

	B	D	F
2	B2	D2	F2
3	B3	D3	F3
6	B6	D6	F6
7	B7	D7	F7

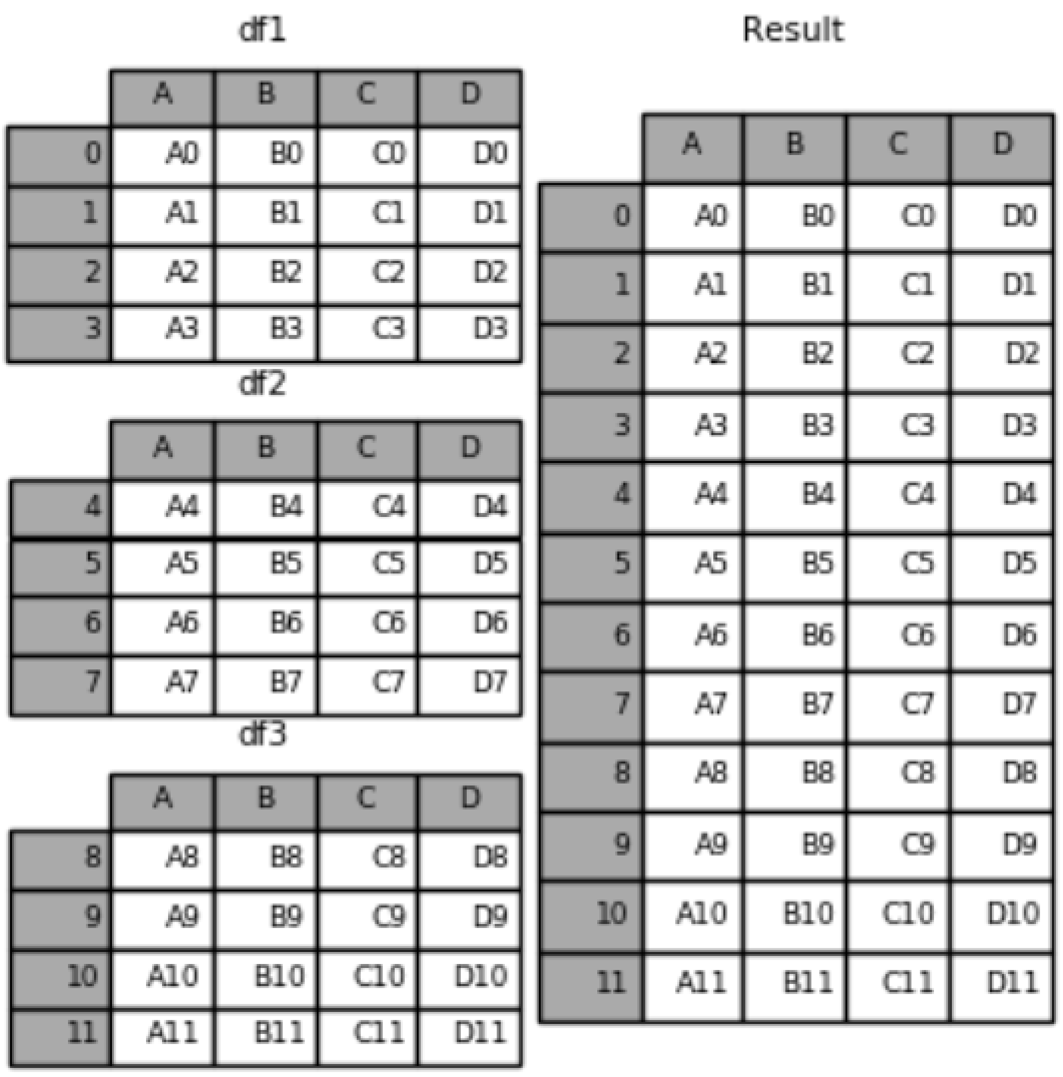
Result

	A	B	C	D	F
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	NaN
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	NaN
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	NaN
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	NaN
2	NaN	B2	NaN	D2	F2
3	NaN	B3	NaN	D3	F3
6	NaN	B6	NaN	D6	F6
7	NaN	B7	NaN	D7	F7

append may take multiple objects to concatenate:

In [ ]:

```
result = df1.append([df2, df3])
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

df2

	A	B	C	D
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7

df3

	A	B	C	D
8	A8	B8	C8	D8
9	A9	B9	C9	D9
10	A10	B10	C10	D10
11	A11	B11	C11	D11

Result

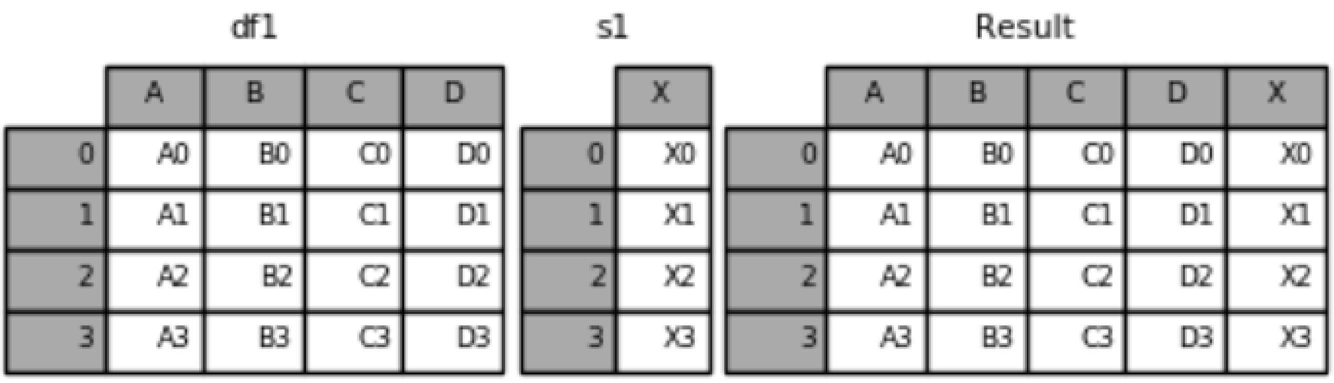
	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7
8	A8	B8	C8	D8
9	A9	B9	C9	D9
10	A10	B10	C10	D10
11	A11	B11	C11	D11

Concatenating with mixed ndims

You can concatenate a mix of Series and DataFrame objects. The Series will be transformed to DataFrame with the column name as the name of the Series.

In [ ]:

```
series1 = pd.Series(['X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3'], name='X')
result = pd.concat([df1, series1], axis=1)
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

s1

	X
0	X0
1	X1
2	X2
3	X3

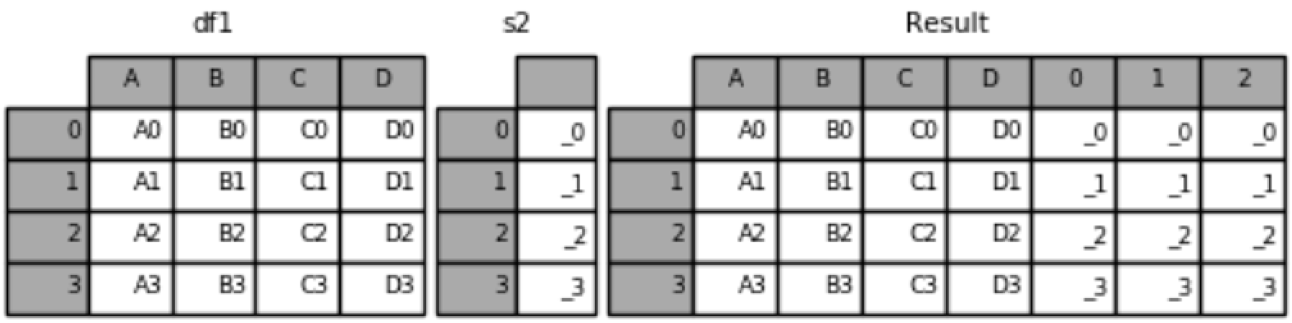
Result

	A	B	C	D	X
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	X0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	X1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	X2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	X3

If unnamed Series are passed they will be numbered consecutively.

In [ ]:

```
series2 = pd.Series(['_0', '_1', '_2', '_3'])
result = pd.concat([df1, series2, series2, series2], axis=1)
result
```



df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

s2

0	_0
1	_1
2	_2
3	_3

Result

	A	B	C	D	0	1	2
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	_0	_0	_0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	_1	_1	_1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	_2	_2	_2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	_3	_3	_3

Appending rows to a DataFrame

While not especially efficient (since a new object must be created), you can append a single row to a DataFrame by passing a Series or dict to append, which returns a new DataFrame as above.

In [ ]:

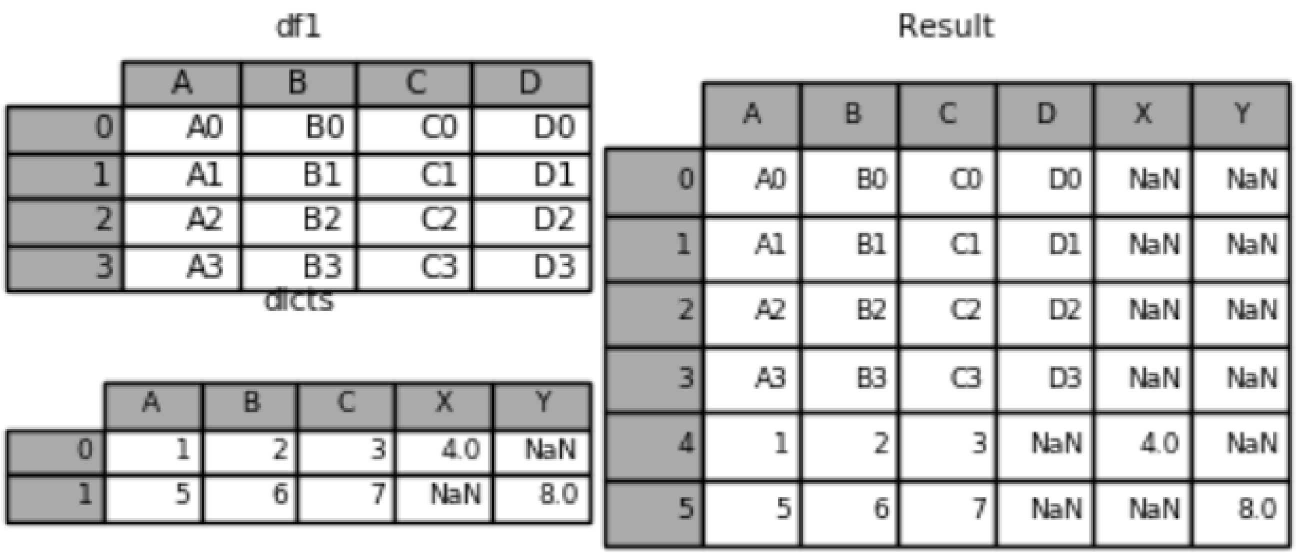
```
s2 = pd.Series(['X0', 'X1', 'X2', 'X3'], index=['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'])
result = df1.append(s2, ignore_index=True)
result
```

You should use ignore_index with this method to instruct DataFrame to discard its index. You can also pass a list of dicts or Series:

In [ ]:

```
dicts = [{'A': 1, 'B': 2, 'C': 3, 'X': 4},
         {'A': 5, 'B': 6, 'C': 7, 'Y': 8}]

result = df1.append(dicts, ignore_index=True, sort=False)
result
```


df1

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

dicts

	A	B	C	X	Y
0	1	2	3	4.0	NaN
1	5	6	7	NaN	8.0

Result

	A	B	C	D	X	Y
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	NaN	NaN
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	NaN	NaN
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	NaN	NaN
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	NaN	NaN
4	1	2	3	NaN	4.0	NaN
5	5	6	7	NaN	NaN	8.0

Database-style DataFrame merging

pandas has full-featured, high performance in-memory join operations idiomatically very similar to relational databases like SQL. These methods perform significantly better (in some cases well over an order of magnitude better) than other open source implementations (like base::merge.data.frame in R). The reason for this is careful algorithmic design and the internal layout of the data in DataFrame.

pandas provides a single function, merge(), as the entry point for all standard database join operations between DataFrame or named Series objects:

pd.merge(left, right, how='inner', on=None, left_on=None, right_on=None, left_index=False, right_index=False, sort=True, suffixes=('_x', '_y'), copy=True, indicator=False, validate=None)

In [ ]:

```
help(pd.merge)
```

The return type will be the same as left. If left is a DataFrame or named Series and right is a subclass of DataFrame, the return type will still be DataFrame.

merge is a function in the pandas namespace, and it is also available as a DataFrame instance method merge(), with the calling DataFrame being implicitly considered the left object in the join.

The related join() method, uses merge internally for the index-on-index (by default) and column(s)-on-index join. If you are joining on index only, you may wish to use DataFrame.join to save yourself some typing.

Experienced users of relational databases like SQL will be familiar with the terminology used to describe join operations between two SQL-table like structures (DataFrame objects). There are several cases to consider which are very important to understand:

- one-to-one joins: for example when joining two DataFrame objects on their indexes (which must contain unique values).
- many-to-one joins: for example when joining an index (unique) to one or more columns in a different DataFrame.

- many-to-many joins: joining columns on columns.

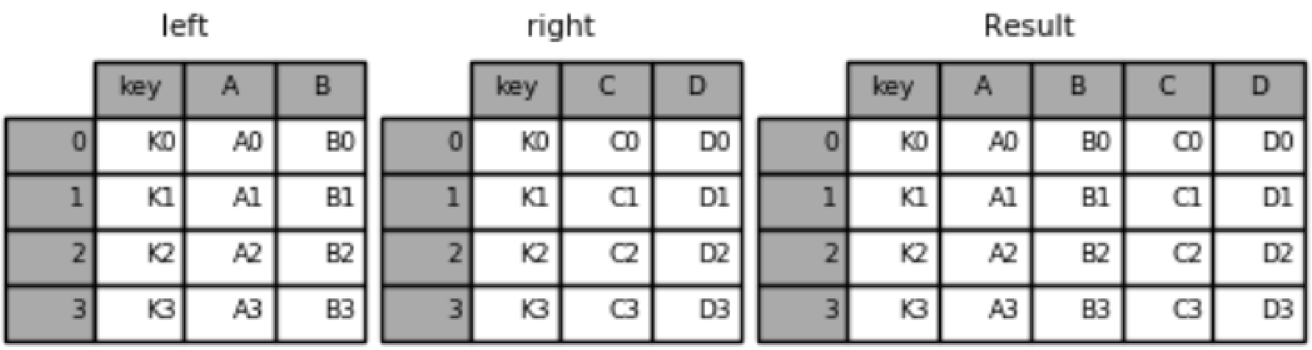
It is worth spending some time understanding the result of the many-to-many join case. In SQL / standard relational algebra, if a key combination appears more than once in both tables, the resulting table will have the Cartesian product of the associated data. Here is a very basic example with one unique key combination:

In [ ]:

```
left = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['K0', 'K1', 'K2', 'K3'],
                     'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2', 'A3'],
                     'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2', 'B3']})

right = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['K0', 'K1', 'K2', 'K3'],
                      'C': ['C0', 'C1', 'C2', 'C3'],
                      'D': ['D0', 'D1', 'D2', 'D3']})

result = pd.merge(left, right, on='key')
result
```



left

	key	A	B
0	K0	A0	B0
1	K1	A1	B1
2	K2	A2	B2
3	K3	A3	B3

right

	key	C	D
0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	C1	D1
2	K2	C2	D2
3	K3	C3	D3

Result

	key	A	B	C	D
0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	K2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	K3	A3	B3	C3	D3

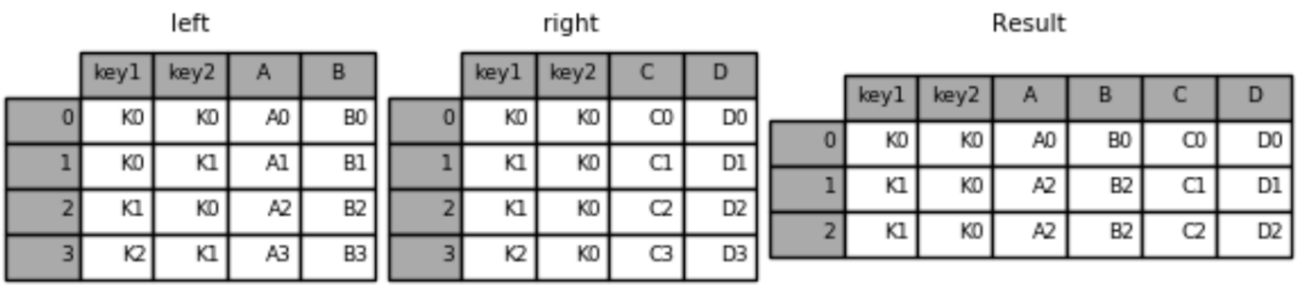
Here is a more complicated example with multiple join keys. Only the keys appearing in left and right are present (the intersection), since how='inner' by default.

In [ ]:

```
left = pd.DataFrame({'key1': ['K0', 'K0', 'K1', 'K2'],
                     'key2': ['K0', 'K1', 'K0', 'K1'],
                     'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2', 'A3'],
                     'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2', 'B3']})

right = pd.DataFrame({'key1': ['K0', 'K1', 'K1', 'K2'],
                      'key2': ['K0', 'K0', 'K0', 'K0'],
                      'C': ['C0', 'C1', 'C2', 'C3'],
                      'D': ['D0', 'D1', 'D2', 'D3']})

result = pd.merge(left, right, on=['key1', 'key2'])
result
```


left

	key1	key2	A	B
0	K0	K0	A0	B0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2
3	K2	K1	A3	B3

right

	key1	key2	C	D
0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	C3	D3

Result

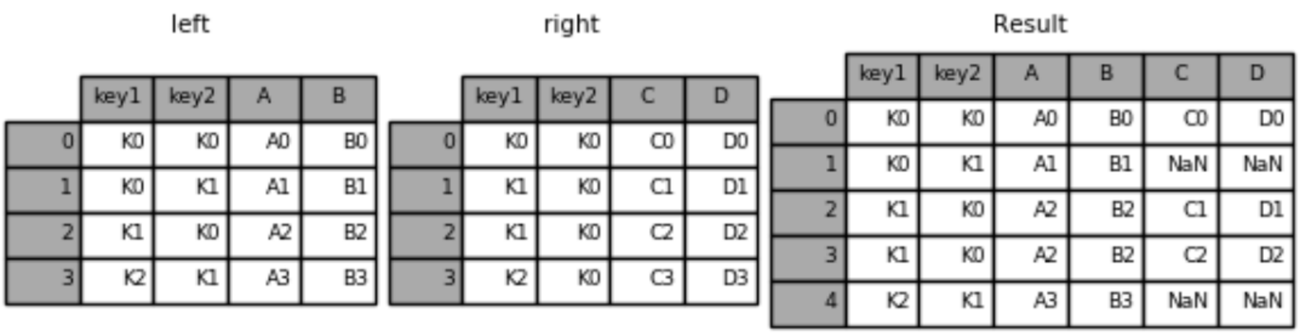
	key1	key2	A	B	C	D
0	K0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	A2	B2	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2	C2	D2

The "how" argument to merge specifies how to determine which keys are to be included in the resulting table. If a key combination does not appear in either the left or right tables, the values in the joined table will be NA. Here is a summary of the how options and their SQL equivalent names:

Merge method	SQL Join Name	Description
`left`	`LEFT OUTER JOIN`	Use keys from left frame only
`right`	`RIGHT OUTER JOIN`	Use keys from right frame only
`outer`	`FULL OUTER JOIN`	Use union of keys from both frames
`inner`	`INNER JOIN`	Use intersection of keys from both frames

In [ ]:

```
result = pd.merge(left, right, how='left', on=['key1', 'key2'])
result
```


left

	key1	key2	A	B
0	K0	K0	A0	B0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2
3	K2	K1	A3	B3

right

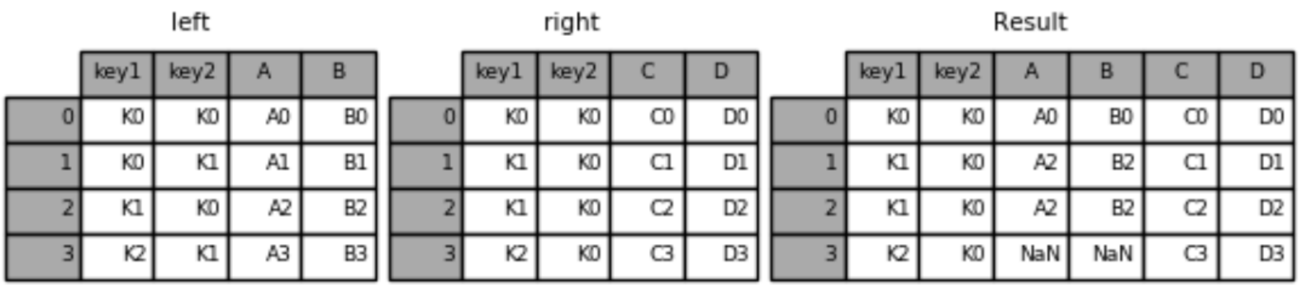
	key1	key2	C	D
0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	C3	D3

Result

	key1	key2	A	B	C	D
0	K0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1	NaN	NaN
2	K1	K0	A2	B2	C1	D1
3	K1	K0	A2	B2	C2	D2
4	K2	K1	A3	B3	NaN	NaN

In [ ]:

```
result = pd.merge(left, right, how='right', on=['key1', 'key2'])
result
```


left

	key1	key2	A	B
0	K0	K0	A0	B0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2
3	K2	K1	A3	B3

right

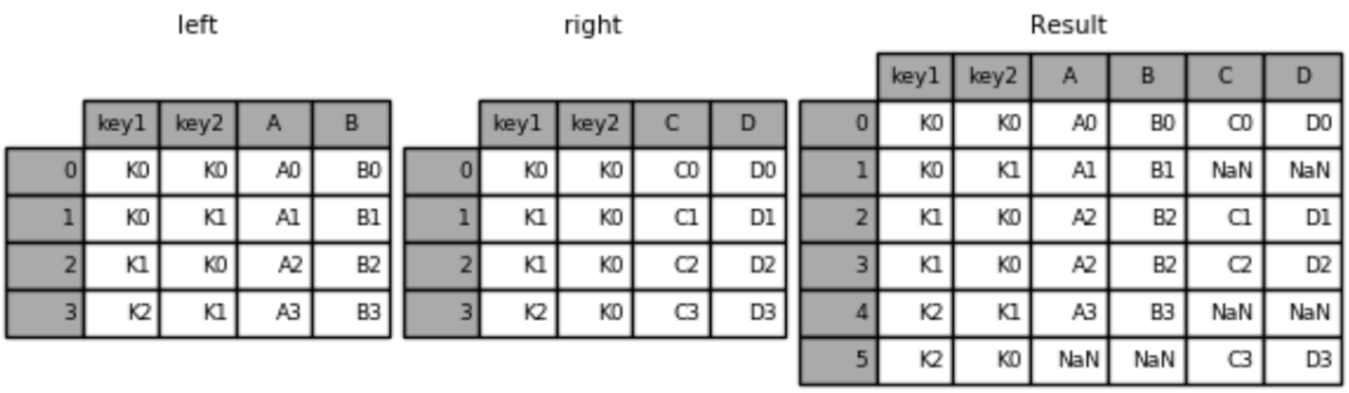
	key1	key2	C	D
0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	C3	D3

Result

	key1	key2	A	B	C	D
0	K0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	A2	B2	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	NaN	NaN	C3	D3

In [ ]:

```
result = pd.merge(left, right, how='outer', on=['key1', 'key2'])
result
```



left

	key1	key2	A	B
0	K0	K0	A0	B0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2
3	K2	K1	A3	B3

right

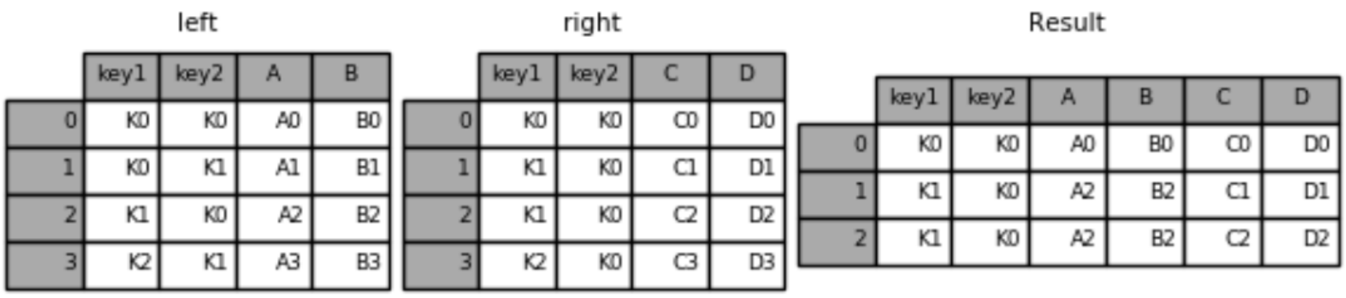
	key1	key2	C	D
0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	C3	D3

Result

	key1	key2	A	B	C	D
0	K0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1	NaN	NaN
2	K1	K0	A2	B2	C1	D1
3	K1	K0	A2	B2	C2	D2
4	K2	K1	A3	B3	NaN	NaN
5	K2	K0	NaN	NaN	C3	D3

In [ ]:

```
result = pd.merge(left, right, how='inner', on=['key1', 'key2'])
result
```



left

	key1	key2	A	B
0	K0	K0	A0	B0
1	K0	K1	A1	B1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2
3	K2	K1	A3	B3

right

	key1	key2	C	D
0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	C2	D2
3	K2	K0	C3	D3

Result

	key1	key2	A	B	C	D
0	K0	K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	K1	K0	A2	B2	C1	D1
2	K1	K0	A2	B2	C2	D2

Database-style DataFrame indexing

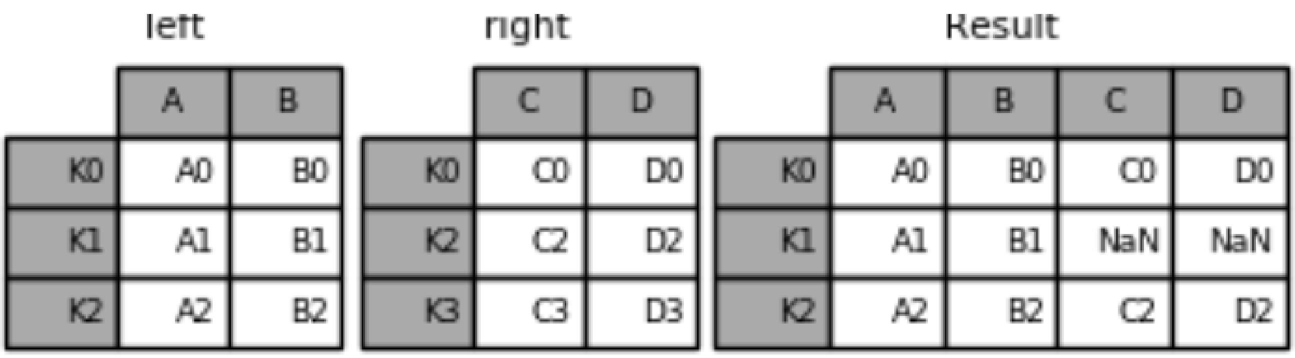
DataFrame.join() is a convenient method for combining the columns of two potentially differently-indexed DataFrames into a single result DataFrame. Here is a very basic example:

In [ ]:

```
left = pd.DataFrame({'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2'],
                     'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2']},
                    index=['K0', 'K1', 'K2'])

right = pd.DataFrame({'C': ['C0', 'C2', 'C3'],
                      'D': ['D0', 'D2', 'D3']},
                     index=['K0', 'K2', 'K3'])

result = left.join(right)
result
```


left

	A	B
K0	A0	B0
K1	A1	B1
K2	A2	B2

right

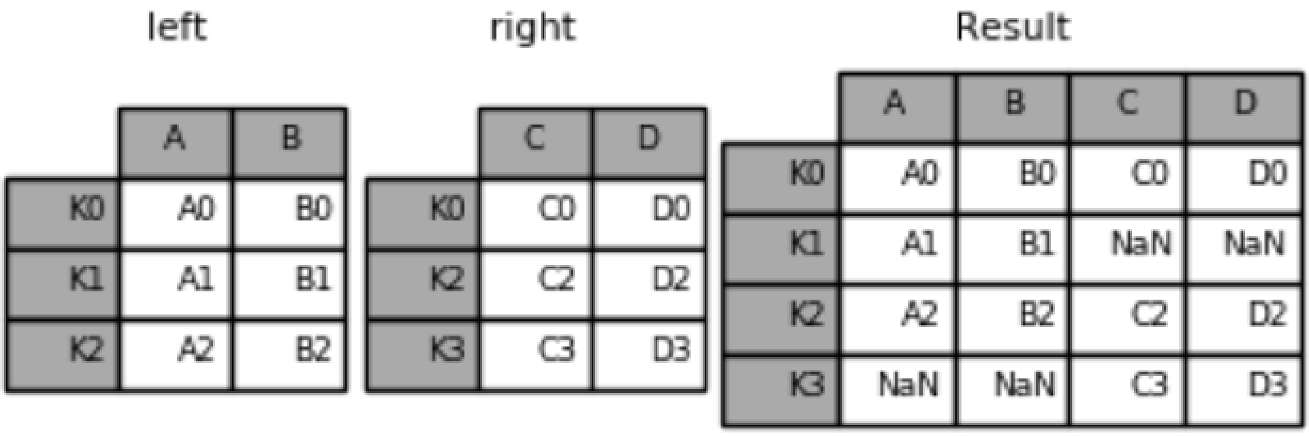
	C	D
K0	C0	D0
K2	C2	D2
K3	C3	D3

Result

	A	B	C	D
K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
K1	A1	B1	NaN	NaN
K2	A2	B2	C2	D2

In [ ]:

```
result = left.join(right, how='outer')
result
```


left

	A	B
K0	A0	B0
K1	A1	B1
K2	A2	B2

right

	C	D
K0	C0	D0
K2	C2	D2
K3	C3	D3

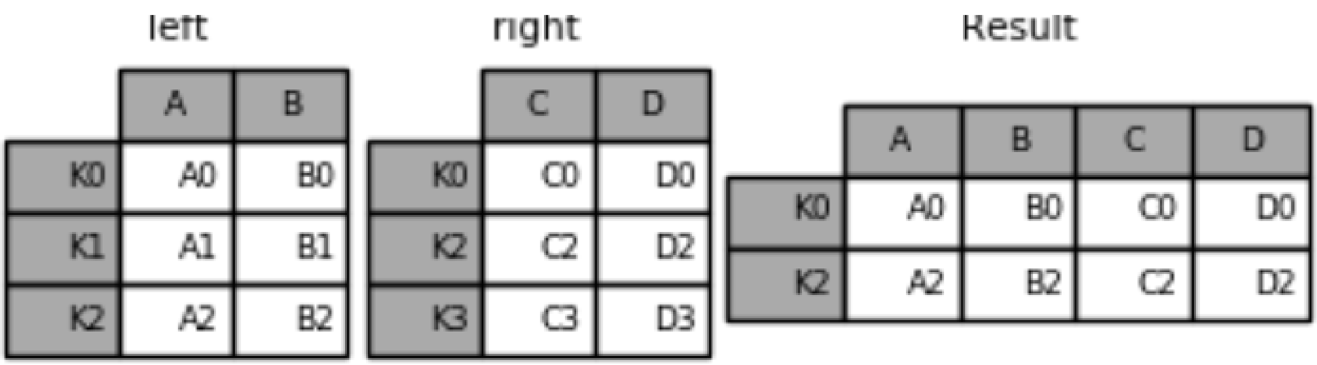
Result

	A	B	C	D
K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
K1	A1	B1	NaN	NaN
K2	A2	B2	C2	D2
K3	NaN	NaN	C3	D3

The same as above, but with how='inner'.

In [ ]:

```
result = left.join(right, how='inner')
result
```


left

	A	B
K0	A0	B0
K1	A1	B1
K2	A2	B2

right

	C	D
K0	C0	D0
K2	C2	D2
K3	C3	D3

Result

	A	B	C	D
K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
K2	A2	B2	C2	D2

In [ ]:

```

```