

1 Data Structures

pandas introduces two new data structures to Python - Series and DataFrame, both of which are built on top of NumPy (this means it's fast).

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
pd.set_option('max_columns', 50)
```

1.1 Series

A Series is a one-dimensional object similar to an array, list, or column in a table. It will assign a labeled index to each item in the Series. By default, each item will receive an index label from 0 to N, where N is the length of the Series minus one.

```
# create a Series with an arbitrary list
s = pd.Series([7, 'Heisenberg', 3.14, -1789710578, 'Happy Eating!'])
s
```

```
0          7
1    Heisenberg
2         3.14
3   -1789710578
4   Happy Eating!
dtype: object
```

Alternatively, you can specify an index to use when creating the Series.

```
s = pd.Series([7, 'Heisenberg', 3.14, -1789710578, 'Happy Eating!'],
              index=['A', 'Z', 'C', 'Y', 'E'])
s
```

```
A          7
Z    Heisenberg
C          3.14
Y    -1789710578
E    Happy Eating!
dtype: object
```