

Ques 02: How do I select a Series / Column from a Dataframe ?

DataFrames and Series are the two main data structures in pandas for data storage:

A **DataFrame** is like a table, and each column of the table is called a **Series**. We will often select a Series in order to analyze or manipulate it.

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In [2]: import pandas as pd
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In [3]: # UFO dataset
# read_csv( ) is used for 'comma' seperated file

ufo_ds = pd.read_csv('http://bit.ly/uforeports') # ufo = pd.read_table('http://bit.ly/uforeports', sep = ',')
ufo_ds.head()
```

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Out[3]:
```

| | City | Colors Reported | Shape Reported | State | Time |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 0 | Ithaca | NaN | TRIANGLE | NY | 6/1/1930 22:00 |
| 1 | Willingboro | NaN | OTHER | NJ | 6/30/1930 20:00 |
| 2 | Holyoke | NaN | OVAL | CO | 2/15/1931 14:00 |
| 3 | Abilene | NaN | DISK | KS | 6/1/1931 13:00 |
| 4 | New York Worlds Fair | NaN | LIGHT | NY | 4/18/1933 19:00 |

```
In [4]: type(ufo_ds)
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Out[4]: pandas.core.frame.DataFrame
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In [5]: # Selecting 'City' column (a series)
# Column name is case-sensitive

ufo_ds['City'].head()
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Out[5]: 0      Ithaca
1    Willingboro
2      Holyoke
3      Abilene
4  New York Worlds Fair
Name: City, dtype: object
```

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In [6]: type(ufo_ds['City'])
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Out[6]: pandas.core.series.Series
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In [7]: # Each name becomes an attribute of the dataframe.
# So, we can use dot notation which is more easy but there is a limitation.
# The column name must not be a "keyword", and there should be "no space" in column name.

ufo_ds.City.head()
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```
Out[7]: 0      Ithaca
1    Willingboro
2      Holyoke
3      Abilene
4  New York Worlds Fair
Name: City, dtype: object
```

Dot notation does not always work but Bracket notation always works. If we want to stick to 'Dot' notation, then we have to rename all the columns so that there is no space in the columns name and no name is a keyword (built-in method or attribute) of python.

We can add two series (columns) if they are strings.

Creating a new column by combining two columns.

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In [8]: # We can create a new series/column

ufo_ds['Location'] = ufo_ds.City + ' , ' + ufo_ds.State # Need Bracket notation for the new column

ufo_ds.head()
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Out[8]:

| | City | Colors Reported | Shape Reported | State | Time | Location |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | Ithaca | NaN | TRIANGLE | NY | 6/1/1930 22:00 | Ithaca , NY |
| 1 | Willingboro | NaN | OTHER | NJ | 6/30/1930 20:00 | Willingboro , NJ |
| 2 | Holyoke | NaN | OVAL | CO | 2/15/1931 14:00 | Holyoke , CO |
| 3 | Abilene | NaN | DISK | KS | 6/1/1931 13:00 | Abilene , KS |
| 4 | New York Worlds Fair | NaN | LIGHT | NY | 4/18/1933 19:00 | New York Worlds Fair , NY |