

# Python Pandas Conditional Selection of Rows and Columns

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## 1 Select Rows and Columns from Dataframe

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```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import random as random
import string as string
```

### 1.1 Generate a Testing Dataframe

Generate a testing dataframe for selection and other tests.

```
# Seed
np.random.seed(999)
random.seed(999)
# Numeric matrix 3 rows 4 columns
mt_numeric = np.random.randint(10, size=(5, 4))
st_rand_word_block = ''.join(random.choice(string.ascii_lowercase) for ctr in range(5*5*3))
mt_string = np.reshape([st_rand_word_block[ctr: ctr + 5].capitalize() for ctr in range(0, len(st_rand_w
mt_data = np.column_stack([mt_numeric, mt_string])

# Matrix to dataframe
df_data = pd.DataFrame(data=mt_data,
                        index=[ 'r' + str(it_col) for it_col in np.array(range(1, mt_data.shape[0]+1))],
                        columns=[ 'c' + str(it_col) for it_col in np.array(range(1, mt_data.shape[1]+1))])

# Replace values
df_data = df_data.replace(['Zvcss', 'Dugei', 'Ciagu'], 'Zqovt')

# Print table
print(df_data)
```

```
##      c1 c2 c3 c4      c5      c6      c7
## r1   0  5  1  8  Zqovt  Rppez  Ukuzu
## r2   1  9  3  0  Zqovt  Sbwyi  Mzhum
```

```
## r3  5  8  8  0  Zqovt  Qgfvk  Fcrto
## r4  5  2  5  7  Wxlev  Upoax  Bhdxu
## r5  4  6  2  7  Hmziq  Lbyfo  Dntrz
```

## 1.2 Select Rows Based on Column/Variable Values

There is a dataframe with many rows, select a subset of rows where a particular column/variable's value is equal to some value.

```
# Concatenate to matrix
df_data_subset = df_data.loc[df_data['c5'] == 'Zqovt']
# Print
print(df_data_subset)
```

```
##      c1 c2 c3 c4      c5      c6      c7
## r1   0  5  1  8  Zqovt  Rppez  Ukuzu
## r2   1  9  3  0  Zqovt  Sbwyi  Mzhum
## r3   5  8  8  0  Zqovt  Qgfvk  Fcrto
```

See [How to select rows from a DataFrame based on column values](#).