

KEY_Practice11_Pandas-Reading

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1 Practice: Reading Data with Pandas

Let's start by importing pandas. Remember to give it its special nickname!

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
```

We have another dataset called `iris` located in the GWC GitHub. Let's load it into a DataFrame called `iris`:

```
[2]: # this is where the file is located
path = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/GWC-DCMB/ClubCurriculum/master/'
filename = path + 'SampleData/iris.csv'

# load the iris dataset into a DataFrame
iris = pd.read_csv(filename)
```

Explore the DataFrame; take a look at the beginning and end:

```
[3]: # View the first few rows

iris.head()
```

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[3]:
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	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	0.2	setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa

```
[4]: # View the last few rows

iris.tail()
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[4]:
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	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width	species
145	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	virginica
146	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	virginica
147	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	virginica
148	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	virginica
149	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	virginica

After taking a close look at the data, what do you think each row in the DataFrame represents?

Answer: Each row represents an individual flower.

How many rows are in the DataFrame? Use `len` to find out:

```
[5]: # number of rows  
  
len(iris)
```

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[5]: 150
```

How many columns are in the DataFrame? Use `columns` and `len` to find out:

```
[7]: # number of columns  
  
len(iris.columns)
```

```
[7]: 5
```

How many data points are in the DataFrame?

```
[8]: # calculate the number of data points  
  
len(iris)*len(iris.columns)
```

```
[8]: 750
```