

Understanding Pandas Series vs DataFrame

When You Get a Series

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1. Selecting a Single Column: `df['column_name']` - Accessing a single column returns a Series.
2. Row Selection Using `.loc` or `.iloc` with a Single Label/Index: `df.loc['row_label']` or `df.iloc[0]` - Selecting a single row returns a Series.
3. Aggregation on a Single Column: `df['column_name'].sum()` - Aggregating a single column returns a Series.
4. Dot Notation for Column Access: `df.column_name` - Accessing a column with dot notation returns a Series.
5. Applying a Unary Operation on a DataFrame: `(df > 0).any()` - Unary operations return a Series.
6. Slicing a Single Row from DataFrame: `df.iloc[1]` - Slicing a single row returns a Series.
7. Single Condition Filtering that Reduces to a Single Column: `df[df['column_name'] > 0]['column_name']` - Filtering with a condition for a single column returns a Series.

When You Get a DataFrame

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When You Get a DataFrame:

1. Selecting Multiple Columns: `df[['column_name1', 'column_name2']]` - Selecting multiple columns returns a DataFrame.
2. Conditional Selection on Rows: `df[df['column_name'] > 0]` - Conditional row filtering returns a DataFrame.
3. Slicing Multiple Rows: `df[1:4]` - Slicing rows returns a DataFrame.
4. Using `.loc` or `.iloc` for Slicing or Multiple Indices/Labels: `df.loc['row_label1':'row_label3']` or `df.iloc[0:3]` - Selecting multiple elements returns a DataFrame.
5. Applying Aggregations with `groupby`: `df.groupby('column_name').mean()` - Groupby aggregations return a DataFrame.
6. Transposing (T): `df.T` - Transposing the DataFrame returns a DataFrame.
7. Adding a Dimension with `to_frame()`: `df['column_name'].to_frame()` - Converting a Series to a DataFrame.
8. Using `.assign()` to Add Columns: `df.assign(new_col=df['column_name']*2)` - Adding a column with `.assign()` returns a DataFrame.

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9. Filtering with Multiple Conditions: `df[(df['column1'] > 0) & (df['column2'] < 0)]` - Multiple conditions filtering returns a DataFrame.

10. Using `.drop()` to Remove Columns or Rows: `df.drop(columns=['column_name'])` - Dropping columns or rows returns a DataFrame.