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5. Working with structured data Part 2

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Last week

1. Multimodal data & Pandas

2. Basic data structures: Series and DataFrames

3. Selecting data in Series and DataFrames

4. Ufuncs in data frames

Today

1. Pandas: recap

2. Indexing part 2 (multi-indexing)

3. Working with missing data

4. Concatenating datasets

Reminder: Indexing a series

dtype: int64

Example: we want to track data about the population of US states in 2000

index: will contain the indexes with which we can access the population of US states

What if we want to have more than one indexes?

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It is tempting to use Python tuples as keys where we keep track of state and year

```
my_tuple = ("pen", "pencil", "book")
Tuples: storing multiple items in one single variable
```

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pop[('California', 2010):('Texas', 2000)]

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Straightforward way: we can use index or slice the series based on the multiple index

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However, the convenience ends there. For example, if we want to select all values from 2010, we need to be very creative

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We can create a multi-index directly from the tuple

We can think of multiple *levels* of indexing (state names and years) as levels

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We can use the MultiIndex to re-index our series This creates a hierarchical representation of the data

```
pop = pop.reindex(index)
pop
California
            2000
                    33871648
            2010
                    37253956
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Advantage: we can easily access data! Easier syntax More efficient operation

```
pop[:, 2010]

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New York 19378102

Texas 25145561

dtype: int64
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Alternatively, we could have stored the same data using a DataFrame with index and column labels The unstack() method will convert a multiply indexed Series to a conventionally indexed DataFrame:

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.stack() does the opposite operation!

Why would we bother with hierarchical indexing?

- As we were able to use multi-indexing to represent 2D data with 1D Series, we can also use it to represent data of three or more dimensions in a Series or DataFrame
- Each extra level: an extra dimension in the data
- Gives more flexibility in the types of data we can represent
- We may want to add another column of demographic data for each state at each year (e.g. population under 18)
- With MultiIndex it is as easy as adding another column in the DataFrame

		total	under18
California	2000	33871648	9267089
	2010	37253956	9284094
New York	2000	18976457	4687374
	2010	19378102	4318033
Texas	2000	20851820	5906301
	2010	25145561	6879014

Another advantage: all the ufuncs and other functionalities work with hierarchical indexes too

Example: we can compute the fraction of people under 18 by year:

```
f_u18 = pop_df['under18'] / pop_df['total']
f_u18.unstack()
```

	2000	2010
California	0.273594	0.249211
New York	0.247010	0.222831
Texas	0.283251	0.273568

How do we create a MultiIndex?

Pass a list of two or more index arrays to a Series or DataFrame:

		data1	data2
а	1	0.554233	0.356072
	2	0.925244	0.219474
b	1	0.441759	0.610054
	2	0.171495	0.886688

The indexes of "a"/"b" and "1"/"2" need to be complementary and are matched one on one

The work of creating MultiIndex is done in the background

How do we create a MultiIndex?

Pass a dictionary with appropriate tuples as keys:

```
data = {('California', 2000): 33871648,
        ('California', 2010): 37253956,
        ('Texas', 2000): 20851820,
        ('Texas', 2010): 25145561,
        ('New York', 2000): 18976457,
        ('New York', 2010): 19378102}
pd.Series(data)
California
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            2000
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Pandas will automatically recognize the dictionary with tuples as a MultiIndex!

Handling MultiIndex: index names

We can name the indexes of MultiIndex with two ways:

- Passing the names argument to any of the MultiIndex constructors
- Setting the names attribute after their creation:

```
pop.index.names = ['state', 'year']
pop
state
            year
California
            2000
                     33871648
            2010
                    37253956
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It can be a useful way to keep track of the meaning of various index values!

MultiIndex for columns

In DataFrame, the rows and columns are symmetric

Just as the rows can have multiple levels of indices, the columns can have multiple levels too
e.g.

	subjectBob			Guido		Sue	
	type	HR	Temp	HR	Temp	HR	Temp
year	visit						
2013	1	31.0	38.7	32.0	36.7	35.0	37.2
	2	44.0	37.7	50.0	35.0	29.0	36.7
2014	1	30.0	37.4	39.0	37.8	61.0	36.9
	2	47.0	37.8	48.0	37.3	51.0	36.5

Example where we have multi-indexing for rows and for columns

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	2	47.0	37.8	48.0	37.3	51.0	36.5

health_data['Guido']

	type	HR	Temp
year	visit		
2013	1	32.0	36.7
	2	50.0	35.0
2014	1	39.0	37.8
	2	48.0	37.3

Essentially, 4D data Dimensions:

- Subject
- Measurement type
- Year
- Visit number

If we index the top-level column by the person's name, we can get a full DataFrame containing just this person's information

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- E.g. a patient withdrew from a study
- A measuring device was out of range
- A system was offline and values are corrupted for a given day
- In a questionnaire some questions were skipped, or answered as "I prefer to not answer"

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A separate Boolean array

Appropriation of 1 bit in the data to indicate null

Data-specific convention e.g. -9999

More general convention e.g. NaN

Missing values in Pandas

- Pandas relies on NumPy → built-in notion of NA values for floating-point data types
- For int-types there is no specific pattern to indicate missing value status
- Pandas uses sentinels for missing data:
 - NaN (special floating-point)
 - None (Python object)

The Python way to handle missing data: "None"

The first sentinel value used by Pandas (and Python code in general):
 None

None can only be used with arrays of data type = 'object'

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

vals1 = np.array([1, None, 3, 4])
vals1

array([1, None, 3, 4], dtype=object)
```

The 1st downside of having "None" and data types objects

 Any operations done on the data will be done at Python level with much more overhead than typically fast operations done for arrays with native types:

```
for dtype in ['object', 'int']:
    print("dtype =", dtype)
    %timeit np.arange(1E6, dtype=dtype).sum()
    print()

dtype = object
10 loops, best of 3: 78.2 ms per loop

dtype = int
100 loops, best of 3: 3.06 ms per loop
```

The 2nd downside of having "None" and data types objects

- Aggregated operations, e.g. sum() or min() in an array with a None value will yield an error
- E.g. addition between an integer and None cannot be defined:

The IEEE way to handle missing data: "NaN: Not a Number"

- NaN: a special floating point value recognized by all systems that use the standard IEEE floating point representation
- Because NaN is recognized as a **floating-point type**, python will support fast operations, e.g. sum() min() etc

```
vals2 = np.array([1, np.nan, 3, 4])
vals2.dtype
dtype('float64')
```

Caution with NaN: It infects all other objects that it touches

 Regardless of the operation, the result of arithmetic with NaN will be another NaN

```
1 + np.nan

nan

0 * np.nan

nan
```

• Aggregates over the values will not give an error, but can contain NaNs:

```
vals2.sum(), vals2.min(), vals2.max()
(nan, nan, nan)
```

NaN and None in Pandas!

Pandas handles NaN and None interchangeably and converts them when needed:

```
pd.Series([1, np.nan, 2, None])

0    1.0
1    NaN
2    2.0
3    NaN
dtype: float64
```

NaN and None in Pandas!

When None or NaN values are present, Pandas will automatically type-cast

If an array is set to integer and we assign to it a NaN value, it will be upcast to a floating-type to accommodate the NaN:

```
x = pd.Series(range(2), dtype=int)
Х
0
     0
dtype: int64
x[0] = None
                                                                 None is automatically
Х
                                                                  converted to NaN
0
     NaN
dtype: float64
                                                                                        32
```

Typeclass Conversion when storing NaNs

Typeclass Conversion When Storing NAsNA Sentinel Value

floating	No change	np.nan
object	No change	None or np.nan
integer	Cast to float 64	np.nan
boolean	Cast to object	None or np.nan

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- Pandas (and Python) can handle Null values. How do we deal with them?
- Several methods to detect, remove and replace null values in Pandas:
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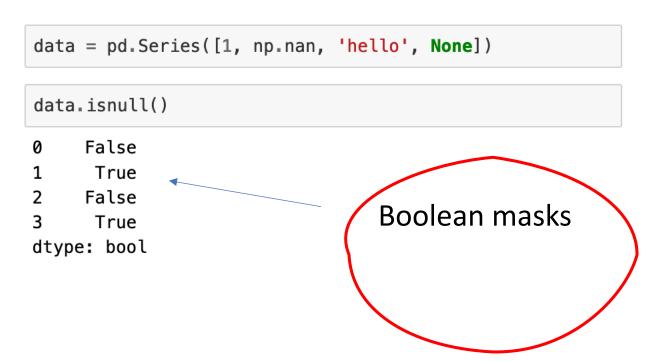
Dropping

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Filling

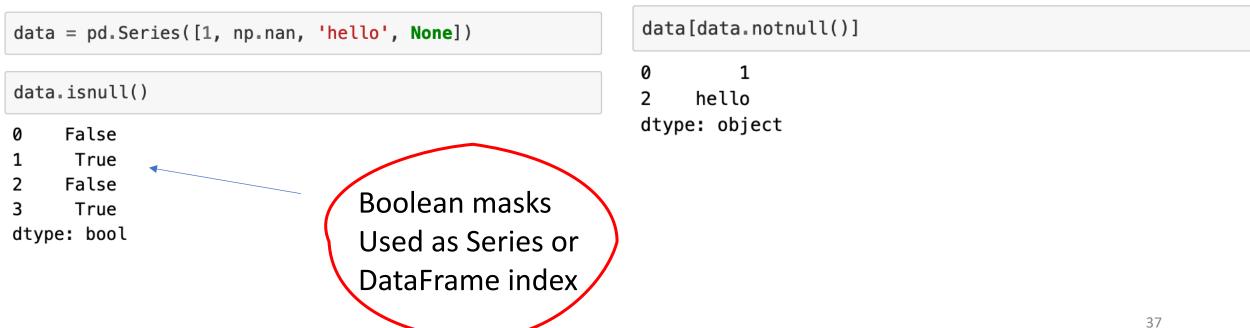
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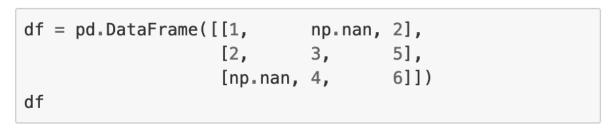


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1	2.0	3.0	5
2	NaN	4.0	6

df.dropna()

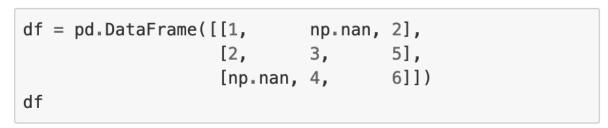
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df.dropna(axis='columns')
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or, we can specify if we want to drop Nulls in another axis

dropna(): how and thres parameters

```
df[3] = np.nan
df
```

	0	1	2	3
0	1.0	NaN	2	NaN
1	2.0	3.0	5	NaN
2	NaN	4.0	6	NaN

```
df.dropna(axis='columns', how='all')
```

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0	1.0	NaN	2
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Sometimes we don't want to drop each and every column or row with null

This may result in loss of some good data too

Only columns where every entry is NaN are dropped with how = 'all'

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2	NaN	4.0	6	NaN

```
df.dropna(axis='rows', thresh=3)
```

	0	1	2	3
1	2.0	3.0	5	NaN

Or, we can specify a minimum number of non-null values for the row/column to be kept

C. Filling null values

fillna(): returns a copy of the data with missing values filled

```
data = pd.Series([1, np.nan, 2, None, 3], index=list('abcde'))
data

a   1.0
b   NaN
c   2.0
d   NaN
e   3.0
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Sometimes we want to replace Null values with a valid value, e.g. 0 or interpolated value.

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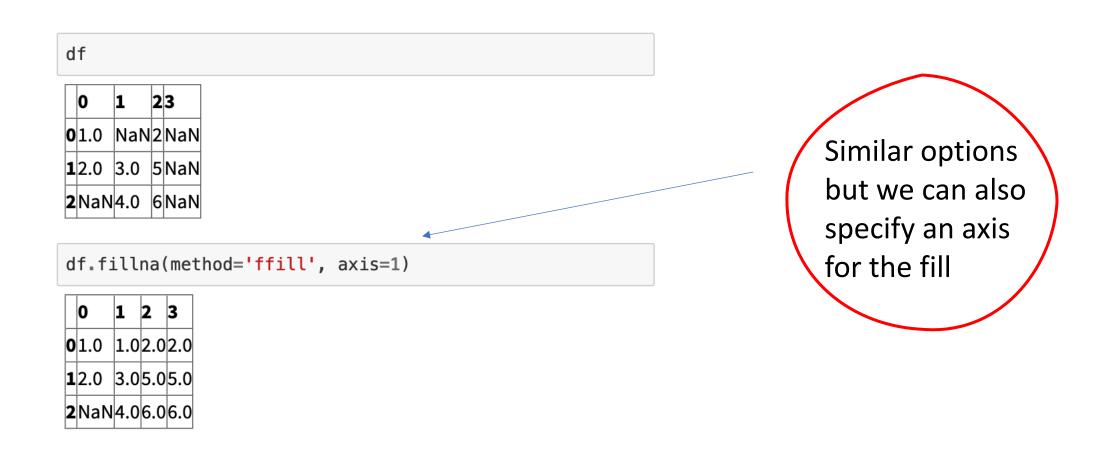
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```
# forward-fill
data.fillna(method='ffill')
                                                           We forward-fill
    1.0
                                                           to propagate the
    1.0
                                                           previous value
    2.0
    2.0
                                                           forward
    3.0
dtype: float64
# back-fill
data.fillna(method='bfill')
                                                             We back-fill to
    1.0
                                                             propagate the
    2.0
                                                              next values
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    3.0
                                                              backward
    3.0
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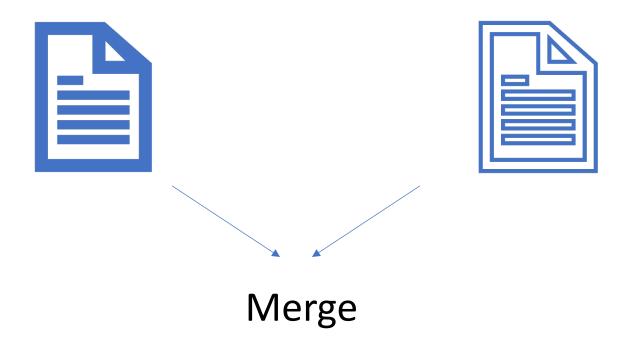
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How do we merge datasets? Examples

Patient records from 2018

Patient records from 2019



Concatenations: reminder from NumPy

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [4, 5, 6]
z = [7, 8, 9]
np.concatenate([x, y, z]) 
List or tuple of arrays to concatenate
array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

Similar options to NumPy
Can concatenate a DataFrame OR Series

Simple case: we concatenate two Series in a similar way as we would concatenate two arrays

```
ser1 = pd.Series(['A', 'B', 'C'], index=[1, 2, 3])
ser2 = pd.Series(['D', 'E', 'F'], index=[4, 5, 6])
pd.concat([ser1, ser2])

1     A
2     B
3     C
4     D
5     E
6     F
dtype: object
```

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Function that creates a dataframe

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The output has repeated indices!

Undesirable outcome...

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Pandas preserves indices even if the result has duplicate indices:

```
try:
    pd.concat([x, y], verify_integrity=True)
except ValueError as e:
    print("ValueError:", e)
```

ValueError: Indexes have overlapping values: [0, 1]

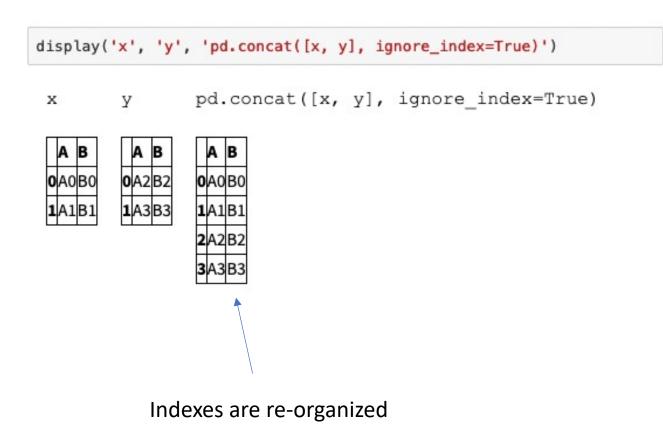
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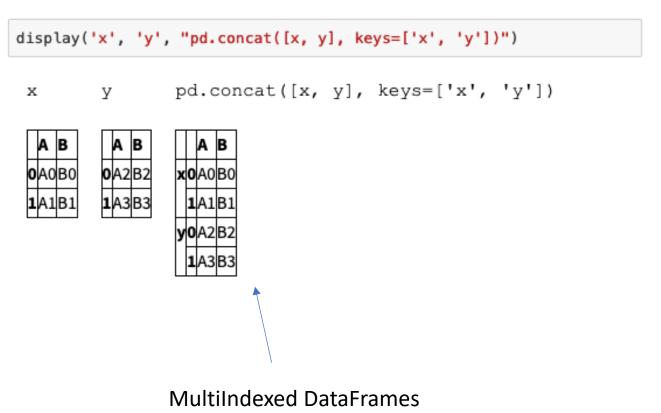
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Or we can fix it with the flag ignore_index

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We can also use keys to create an hierarchy of indexes, preserving the labels of the data sources:



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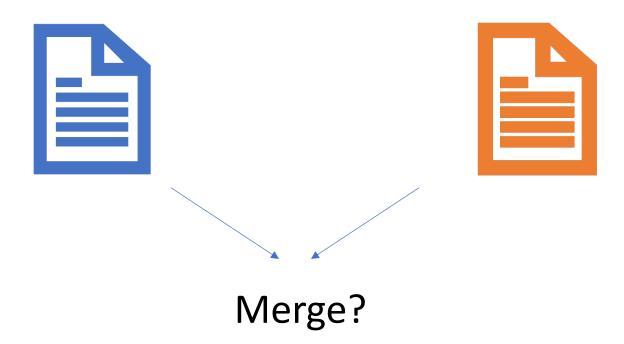
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Or we can add hierarchical indexes

What if we now want to merge data from 2 different hospitals, that do not share all information?

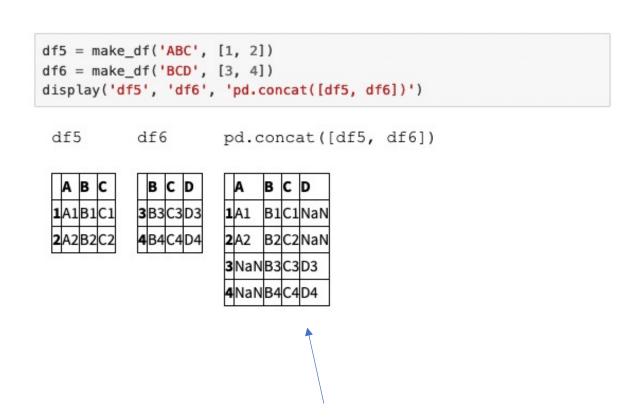
Patient records from Hospital A

Patient records from Hospital B



Example:

Example:



Default: several missing values

We have other options for "join" while concatenating the two sets:

join = 'inner' will keep
the intersection of columns

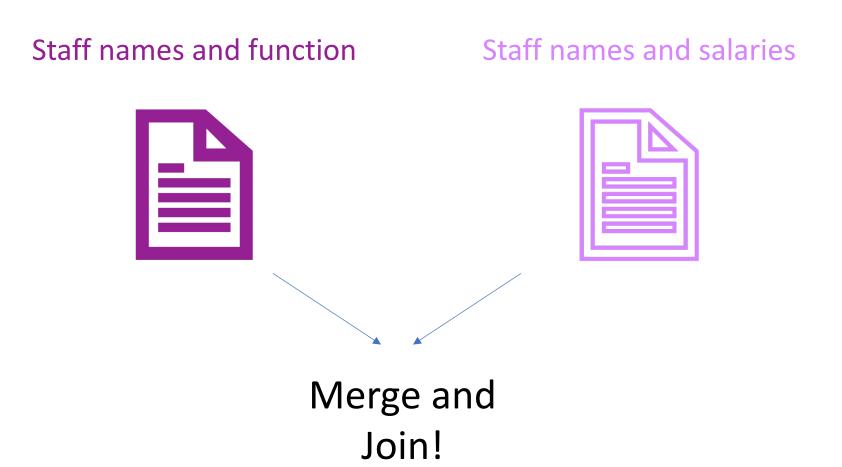
Appending in pandas

Appending is similar to concatenate Instead of pd.concat([df1, df2]) you can also call df1.append(df2):

It does not modify the original object (unlike lists); it creates a new object with the combined data (not very efficient)

What happens when different parts of our data are stored in different DataFrames?

Now, we want to combine two datasets, e.g. one with names and function; another with names and salaries



One – to – One joins

Similar to a column-wise concatenation

df1 df2

	employee	group
0	Bob	Accounting
1	Jake	Engineering
2	Lisa	Engineering
3	Sue	HR

1	employee	hire_date
0	Lisa	2004
1	Bob	2008
2	Jake	2012
3	Sue	2014

Two DataFrames: have different information on the same employees

df3 = pd.merge(df1, df2	2)					
df3						

	employee	group	hire_date
0	Bob	Accounting	2008
1	Jake	Engineering	2012
2	Lisa	Engineering	2004
3	Sue	HR	2014

We merge them to combine this info into one single DataFrame

Column 'Employee' exists in both DataFrames and is used to join them

Many – to – One joins

One of the two key columns contain duplicate entries

df3 df4

	employee	group	hire_date
0	Bob	Accounting	2008
1	Jake	Engineering	2012
2	Lisa	Engineering	2004
3	Sue	HR	2014

W 0 1	group	supervisor
0	Accounting	Carly
(Engineering	Guido
2	HR	Steve

One of the key columns where the merge is based on has duplicate entries

pd.merge(df3, df4)

	employee	group	hire_date	supervisor
0	Bob	Accounting	2008	Carly
1	Jake	Engineering	2012	Guido
2	Lisa	Engineering	2004	Guido
3	Sue	HR	2014	Steve

The result will have an additional column with "Supervisor" and will repeat the duplicate information

Many – to – Many joins

The key column in both the left and right array contains duplicates

df1	df5

skills	group		group	employee	
math	Accounting	0	Accounting	Bob	0
spreadsheets	Accounting	1	Engineering	Jake	1
coding	Engineering	2	Engineering	Lisa	2
linux	Engineering	3	HR	Sue	3
spreadsheets	HR	4			
organization	HR	5			

Both of the key columns contain duplicates!

Can you find the duplicate?

What will happen?

Many – to – Many joins

- 1	-	4
\sim		-1
u	-	_

	employee	group
0	Bob	Accounting
1	Jake	Engineering
2	Lisa	Engineering

d	f	5	
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skills	group	
math	Accounting	0
spreadsheets	Accounting	1
coding	Engineering	2
linux	Engineering	3
spreadsheets	HR	4
organization	HR	5

pd.merge	(df1,	dfF)
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skills	group	employer	
math	Accounting	Bob	0
spreadsheets	Accounting	Bob	1
coding	Engineering	Jake	2
linux	Engineering	Jake	3
coding	Engineering	Lisa	4
linux	Engineering	Lisa	5
spreadsheets	HR	Sue	6
organization	HR	Sue	7

Both of the key columns contain duplicates!

Every combination of duplicate columns is repeated in the output of "merge":

Can we specify the Merge Key?

We can explicitly define which column we want to merge on with the "on" parameter



df1 df2

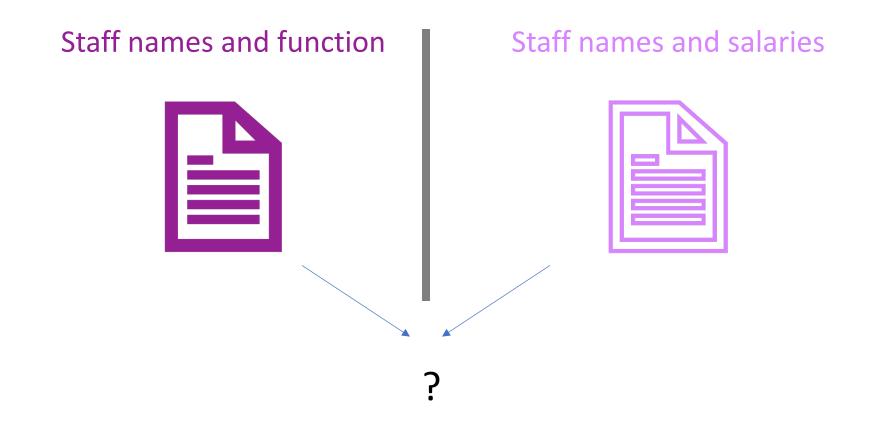
Section 1	employee	group	
0	Bob	Accounting	
1	Jake	Engineering	
2	Lisa	Engineering	
3	Sue	HR	

	employee	hire_date
0	Lisa	2004
1	Bob	2008
2	Jake	2012
3	Sue	2014

pd.merge(df1, df2, on='employee')

	employee	group	hire_date
0	Bob	Accounting	2008
1	Jake	Engineering	2012
2	Lisa	Engineering	2004
3	Sue	HR	2014

What happens when different parts of our data are stored in different DataFrames?



Example: we want to combine two datasets, e.g. one with names and function; another with names and salaries

Our two services did not discuss with each other and now the keys are different. What happens?

Can we specify the Merge Key when keys do not match?

We may want to merge datasets with different column names For example "name" or "employee"

df1 df3

Γ	employee	group
0	Bob	Accounting
1	Jake	Engineering
2	Lisa	Engineering
3	Sue	HR

27.75	name	salary
0	Bob	70000
1	Jake	80000
2	Lisa	120000
3	Sue	90000

pd.merge(df1, df3, left on="employee",
right_on="name")

	employee	group	name	salary
0	Bob	Accounting	Bob	70000
1	Jake	Engineering	Jake	80000
2	Lisa	Engineering	Lisa	120000
3	Sue	HR	Sue	90000

"left_on"
"right_on"

Specify the two column names that we want to use for merging

Can we specify the Merge Key when keys do not match?

We may want to merge datasets with different column names For example "name" or "employee"

We can also drop redundant columns:

```
pd.merge(df1, df3, left_on="employee",
right_on="name").drop('name', axis=1)
```

	employee	group	salary
0	Bob	Accounting	70000
1	Jake	Engineering	80000
2	Lisa	Engineering	120000
3	Sue	HR	90000

Merging on an index

Rather than merging on a column, we can also merge on an index.

pd.merge(df1, df3, left_on="employee", right_on="name").drop('name', axis=1)

df1a

df2a

	group
employee	
Bob	Accounting
Jake	Engineerin
Lisa	Engineerin
Sue	HR

	hire_date
employee	
Lisa	2004
Bob	2008
Jake	2012
Sue	2014

pd.merge(df1a, df2a, left_index=True, right_index=True)

	group	hire_date
employee		
Lisa	Engineering	2004
Bob	Accounting	2008
Jake	Engineering	2012
Sue	HR	2014

Merging on an index

Rather than merging on a column, we can also merge on an index. The .join() method will perform a merge that by default joins indexes:

```
display('df1a', 'df2a', 'df1a.join(df2a)')
```

df1a

df2a

		group
em	ployee	
Bob)	Accounting
Jak	e	Engineering
Lisa	1	Engineering
Sue	1	HR

	hire_date	
employee		
Lisa	2004	
Bob	2008	
Jake	2012	
Sue	2014	

dfla.join(df2a)

	group	hire_date
employee		
Bob	Accounting	2008
Jake	Engineering	2012
Lisa	Engineering	2004
Sue	HR	2014

Today

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