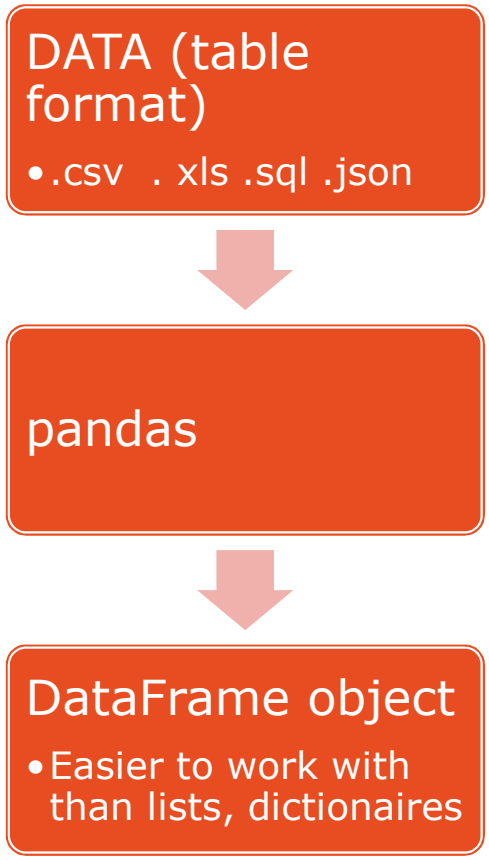
Pandas

Getting started

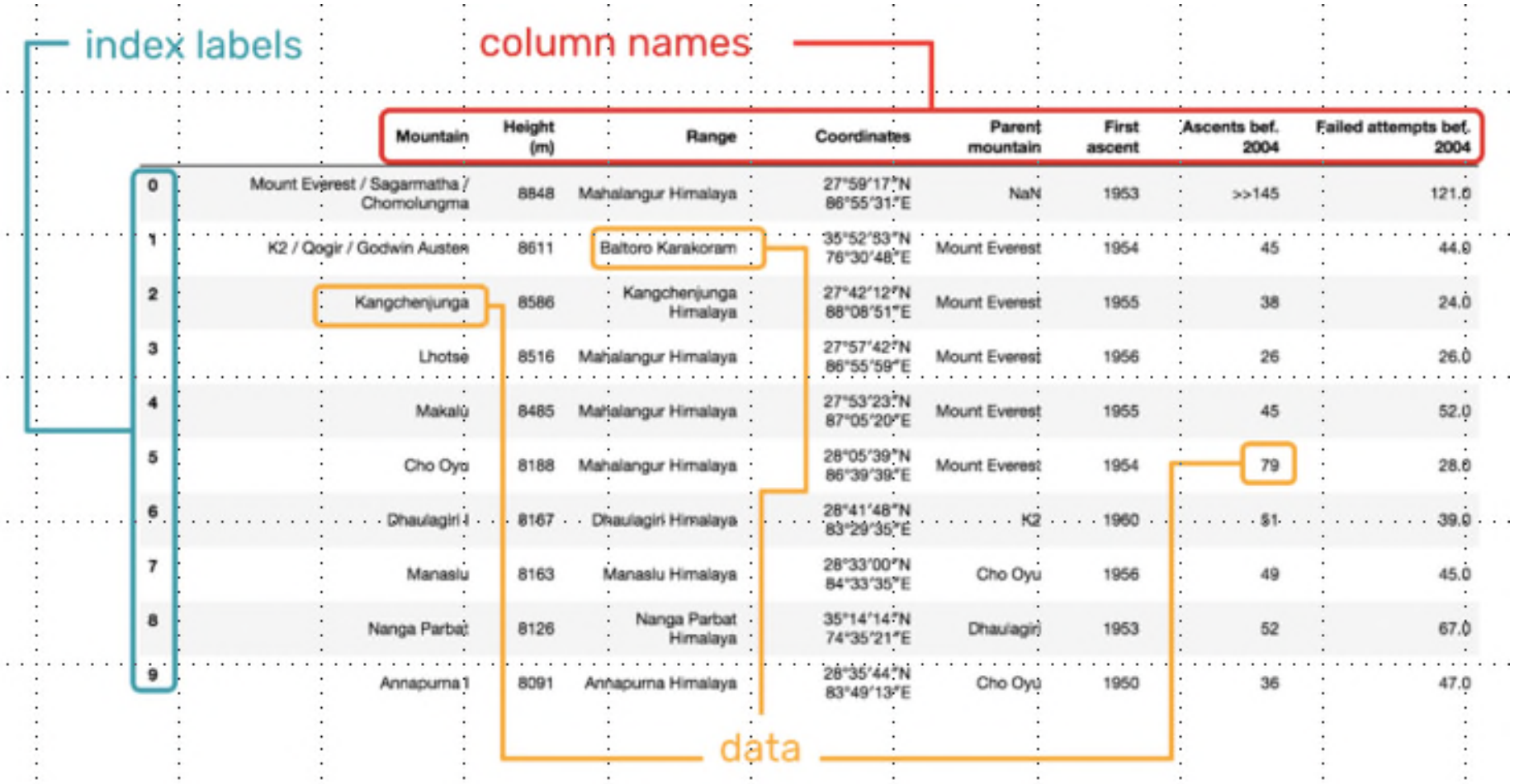
What is pandas?

- Name is derived from “panel data”
- Open source, originally written by Wes Mackinney
- Software of choice across several domains (neuroscience, finance, economics, statistics, web analytics, …)
- Provides additional functionality of high-level spreadsheets and databases
- Built on top of NumPy

DataFrame object as Main goal



Components of a DataFrame



	Mountain	Height (m)	Range	Coordinates	Parent mountain	First ascent	Ascents bef. 2004	Failed attempts bef. 2004
0	Mount Everest / Sagarmatha / Chomolungma	8848	Mahalangur Himalaya	27°59′17″N 86°55′31″E	NaN	1953	>>145	121.0
1	K2 / Qogir / Godwin Austen	8611	Baltoro Karakoram	35°52′53″N 76°30′48″E	Mount Everest	1954	45	44.0
2	Kangchenjunga	8586	Kangchenjunga Himalaya	27°42′12″N 88°08′51″E	Mount Everest	1955	38	24.0
3	Lhotse	8516	Mahalangur Himalaya	27°57′42″N 86°55′59″E	Mount Everest	1956	26	26.0
4	Makalu	8485	Mahalangur Himalaya	27°53′23″N 87°05′20″E	Mount Everest	1955	45	52.0
5	Cho Oyu	8188	Mahalangur Himalaya	28°05′39″N 86°39′39″E	Mount Everest	1954	79	28.0
6	Dhaulagiri I	8167	Dhaulagiri Himalaya	28°41′48″N 83°29′35″E	K2	1960	51	39.0
7	Manaslu	8163	Manaslu Himalaya	28°33′00″N 84°33′35″E	Cho Oyu	1956	49	45.0
8	Nanga Parbat	8126	Nanga Parbat Himalaya	35°14′14″N 74°35′21″E	Dhaulagiri	1953	52	67.0
9	Annapurna I	8091	Annapurna Himalaya	28°35′44″N 83°49′13″E	Cho Oyu	1950	36	47.0

In addition to DataFrame object

- Tools for reading and writing data
- Data alignment and integrated handling of missing data
- Ability to perform arithmetic operations
- Easy reshaping and pivoting of datasets
- User-friendly operations for merging and joining data
- Ability to handle time series

Pandas main strenghts

- User-friendly
- Efficient – highly optimized for performance