

Data Management in Python – Checking & Modifying Data

Data Snapshot

basic_salary data consist salary of each employee with it's Location & Grade.

Variables

Observations						
	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070
	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630
	Rajesh	Kolte	GR1	MUMBAI	18250	14960
	Columns	Description	Type	Measurement	Possible values	
	First_Name	First Name	character	-	-	
	Last_Name	Last Name	character	-	-	
	Grade	Grade	character	GR1, GR2	2	
	Location	Location	character	DELHI, MUMBAI	2	
	ba	Basic Allowance	numeric	Rs.	positive values	
	ms	Management Supplements	numeric	Rs.	positive values	

Dimension of Data and Names of the Columns

Use the following commands to know how many rows and columns are there in our data and the names of the columns it contains:

Retrieve the dimension of data

```
salary_data_org.shape  
(12, 6)
```

- ❑ *shape* gives row and column dimension of the data. This data contains 12 rows and 6 columns.
- ❑ Alternatively, *data.shape[0]* and *data.shape[1]* can be used separately to know no. of rows and columns respectively.

Get the Names of the columns

```
list(salary_data_org)  
['First_Name', 'Last_Name', 'Grade', 'Location', 'ba', 'ms']
```

- ❑ *list()* gives column names.
- ❑ You can also use *salary_data.columns* instead to get the column names

Internal Structure of Data

When Python reads data, it treats different variable types in different ways. `info()` compactly displays a dataframe's internal structure:

```
salary_data_org.info()
```

Output

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 12 entries, 0 to 11  
Data columns (total 6 columns):  
First_Name    12 non-null object  
Last_Name     12 non-null object  
Grade         12 non-null object  
Location      12 non-null object  
ba            12 non-null int64  
ms            11 non-null float64  
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(4)  
memory usage: 656.0+ bytes
```

Character variables are entered into a dataframe as object in Python

This gives us the following information:

- Type of the variable.
- Memory usage of the data

Check Levels of a Categorical Variable

Our data has 4 object variables. A variable of data type 'object' is a categorical variable but in Python it has to be explicitly converted to the data type 'category' to be treated as one. Let's convert the variable Location to 'category' and check the number of levels it has using the `column.cat.categories` method:

```
salary_data_org['Location']=salary_data_org['Location'].astype('category')
salary_data_org['Location'].cat.categories
Index(['DELHI', 'MUMBAI'], dtype='object')
```

Check the Size of an Object

Suppose we want to know how much memory space is used to store salary_data object, we can use `memory_usage()` function to get an estimate in bytes.

```
salary_data_org.memory_usage()
```

Index	80
First_Name	96
Last_Name	96
Grade	96
Location	108
ba	96
ms	96
dtype: int64	

Number of Missing Observations

Our data might contain some missing values or observations. In Python, missing data are usually recorded as NaN. We can check the number of missing observations like this:

```
salary_data_org.isnull().sum()
```

```
First_Name    0  
Last_Name     0  
Grade         0  
Location      0  
ba            0  
ms            1  
dtype: int64
```

- ❑ *isnull()* returns a Boolean dataframe that returns *TRUE* for each null value'
- ❑ *sum()* displays the sum of missing observations.

First n Rows of Data

To check how your data looks, without revealing the entire data set, which could have millions of rows and thousands of columns, we can use `head()` to obtain first n observations.

```
salary_data_org.head()
```

Output

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
0	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070.0
1	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630.0
2	Rajesh	Kolte	GR1	MUMBAI	19250	14960.0
3	Ameet	Mishra	GR2	DELHI	14780	9300.0
4	Neha	Rao	GR1	MUMBAI	19235	15200.0



By default, `head()` displays the first 5 rows

First n Rows of Data

The no. of rows to be displayed can be customised to n

```
salary_data_org.head(n=2)
```

Output

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
0	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070.0
1	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630.0

Last n Rows of Data

Now we will see the last n rows of our data using `tail()`. By default, it displays last 5 rows.

```
salary_data_org.tail()
```

Output

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
7	John	Patil	GR2	MUMBAI	13500	10760.0
8	Sneha	Joshi	GR1	DELHI	20660	NaN
9	Gaurav	Singh	GR2	DELHI	13760	13220.0
10	Adela	Thomas	GR2	DELHI	13660	6840.0
11	Anup	Save	GR2	MUMBAI	11960	7880.0

The no. of rows to be displayed can be customised to n

```
salary_data_org.tail(n=2)
```

Output

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba	ms
10	Adela	Thomas	GR2	DELHI	13660	6840.0
11	Anup	Save	GR2	MUMBAI	11960	7880.0

Summarising Data

We can also inspect our data using `describe()`. This function gives summary of objects including datasets, variables, linear models, etc

Variables are summarised based on their type

```
salary_data_org.describe(include='all')
```

***describe()** is essentially applied to each column and it summarises all the columns.*

*It only provides summary of numeric variables until explicitly programmed to include factor variables using **include = 'all'**.*

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	ba
	ms				
count	12	12	12	12	
	12.0	11.0			
unique	12	12	2	2	
	NaN	NaN			
top	Rajesh	Kolte	GR2	MUMBAI	
	NaN	NaN			
freq	1	1	7	7	
	NaN	NaN			
mean	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
	16154.58	11004.54			
std	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
	3739.37	3711.18			

Change Variable Names – rename()

Our data is saved as an object named salary_data.

Suppose we want to change the name of some variable (column) and its values.

Let's rename the 'ba' variable to 'basic_allowance' -

```
salary_data = salary_data_org.rename(columns={'ba':'basic_allowance'})  
list(salary_data)
```

```
['First_Name', 'Last_Name', 'Grade', 'Location', 'basic_allowance',  
'ms']
```

- ❑ ***rename()** uses name of the data object and assign {'old name':'new name'}.*
- ❑ *The result needs to be saved in an object because **rename()** doesn't modify the object directly.*
- ❑ *You can rename multiple column names like this:*
- ❑ ***salary_data=salary_data.rename(columns= {'ba':'basic_allowance',
'ms':'management_supplements'})***

Derive a New Variable

Add a new variable to salary_data containing values as 5% of ba. We will use the **assign()** function to accomplish this:

```
salary_data=salary_data.assign(newvariable=salary_data['basic_allowance']  
*0.05)  
salary_data.head(n=3)
```

Output

	First_Name	Last_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms
newvariable						
0	Alan	Brown	GR1	DELHI	17990	16070.0
		899.5				
1	Agatha	Williams	GR2	MUMBAI	12390	6630.0
		619.5				
2	Rajesh	Kolte	GR1	MUMBAI	19250	14960.0
					962.5	

Remove Columns from a Data Frame

Remove the column Last_Name from salary_data.

```
salary_data.drop('Last_Name',axis=1,inplace=True)
salary_data.head()
```

Output

	First_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms	newvariable	Category
0	Alan	GR1	2	17990	16070.0	899.50	medium
1	Agatha	GR2	1	12390	6630.0	619.50	low
2	Rajesh	GR1	1	19250	14960.0	962.50	high
3	Ameet	GR2	2	14780	9300.0	739.00	medium
4	Neha	GR1	1	19235	15200.0	961.75	high

Remove Rows from a Data Frame

We can remove unwanted rows from our data by using their index nos.

Suppose we want to remove rows 2, 3 and 4 (i.e index 1,2 and 3)from salary_data then we will write the following command:

```
salary_data.drop(salary_data.index[1:4], axis=0, inplace=True)
salary_data.head(n=4)
```

Output

	First_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms	newvariable	Category
0	Alan	GR1	2	17990	16070.0	899.50	medium
4	Neha	GR1	1	19235	15200.0	961.75	high
5	Sagar	GR2	1	13390	6700.0	669.50	low
6	Aaron	GR1	1	23280	13490.0	1164.00	high

Remove Rows from a Data Frame

Remove only rows which has Location as 'MUMBAI' i.e. 1

```
salary_data.drop(salary_data[salary_data.Location==1].index,  
inplace=True)  
salary_data
```

Output

	First_Name	Grade	Location	basic_allowance	ms	newvariable	Category
0	Alan	GR1	2	17990	16070.0	899.5	medium
8	Sneha	GR1	2	20660	NaN	1033.0	high
9	Gaurav	GR2	2	13760	13220.0	688.0	low
10	Adela	GR2	2	13660	6840.0	683.0	low