

# Formatting Plots

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## About data

In this notebook, we will be working with Facebook's stock price throughout 2018 (obtained using the `stock_analysis` [package](#) )

## Setup

```
In [4]: %matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sn

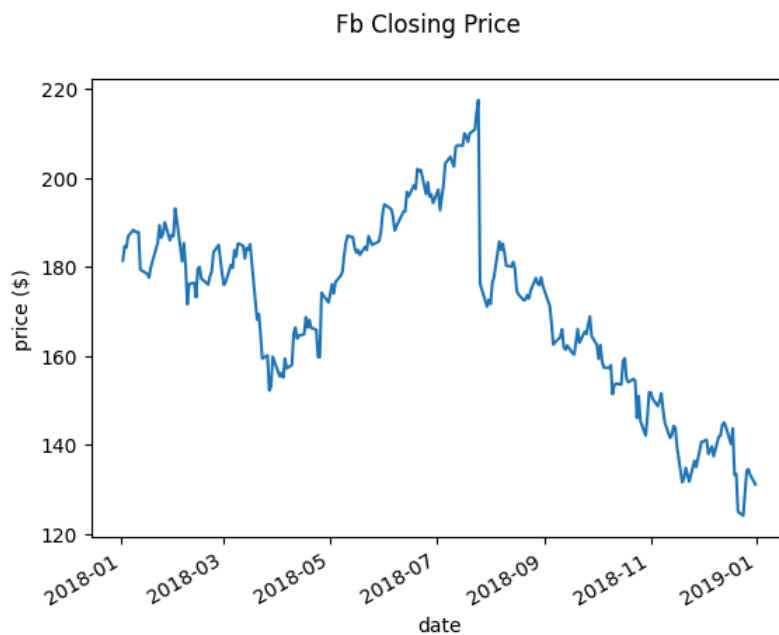
fb = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/Module 9: Data Visualization using Pandas, Matplotlib and Seaborn/fb_stock_prices_2018.csv',
                 index_col = 'date', parse_dates = True)
```

## Titles and Axis Labels

- `plt.suptitle()` adds a title to plots and subplots
- `plt.title()` adds a title to a single plot. Note if you use subplots, it will only put the title on the last subplot, so you will need to use `plt.suptitle()`
- `plt.xlabel()` labels the x-axis
- `plt.ylabel()` labels the y-axis

```
In [5]: fb.close.plot()
plt.suptitle('Fb Closing Price')
plt.xlabel('date')
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[5]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')

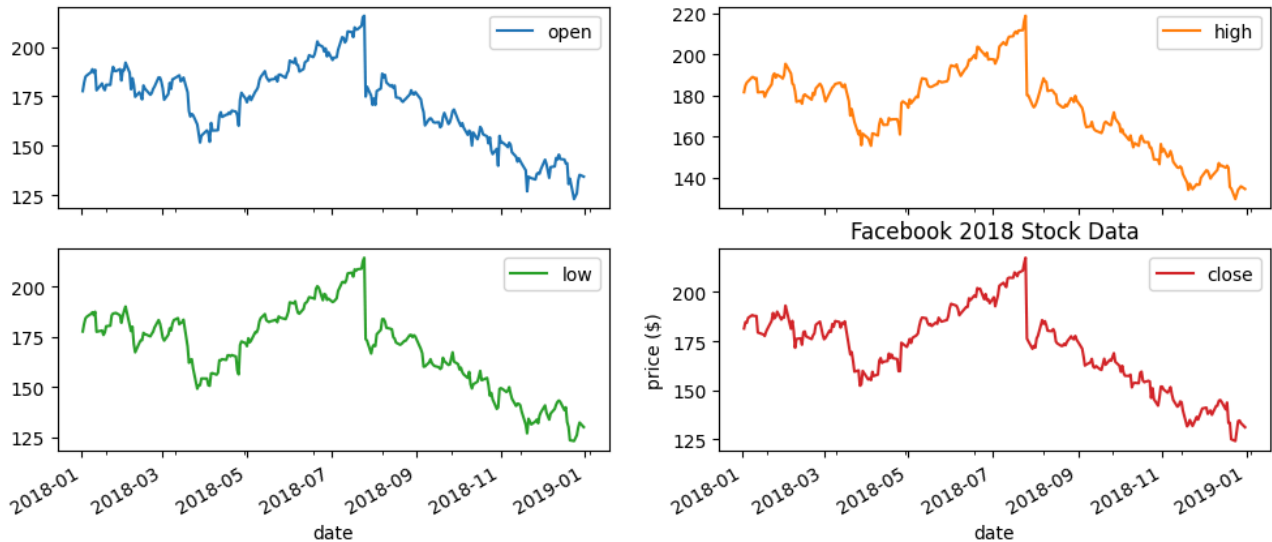


## plt.suptitle() vs. plt.title()

Check out what happens when we call `plt.title()` with subplots:

```
In [6]: fb.iloc[:,4].plot(subplots=True, layout=(2, 2), figsize=(12, 5))
plt.title('Facebook 2018 Stock Data')
plt.xlabel('date')
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[6]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')

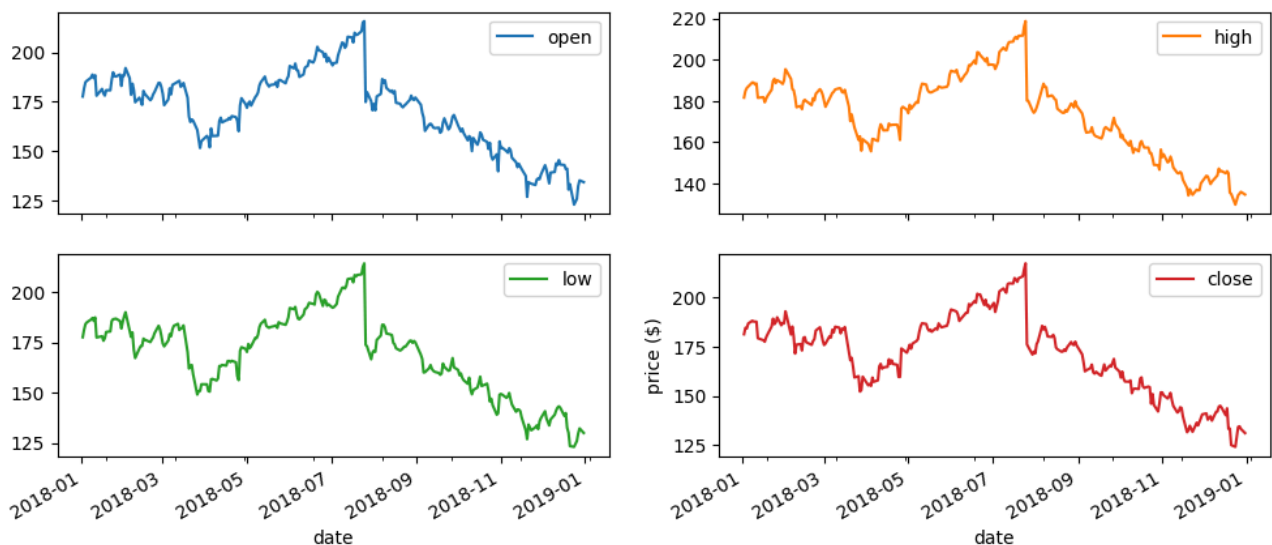


Simply getting into the habit of using `plt.suptitle()` instead of `plt.title()` will save you this confusion:

```
In [7]: fb.iloc[:,4].plot(subplots=True, layout=(2, 2), figsize=(12, 5))
plt.suptitle('Facebook 2018 Stock Data')
plt.xlabel('date')
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[7]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')

Facebook 2018 Stock Data

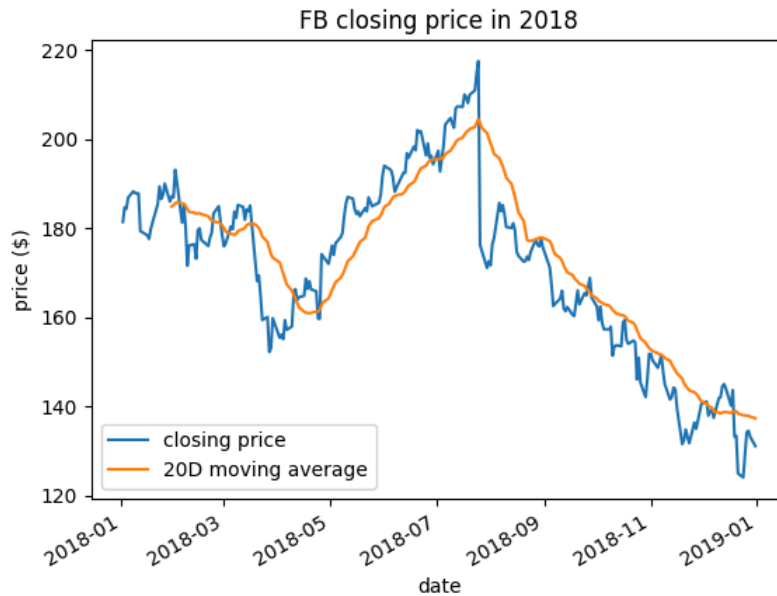


## Legends

`plt.legend()` adds a legend to the plot. We can specify where to place it with the `loc` parameter:

```
In [8]: fb.assign(
        ma=lambda x: x.close.rolling(20).mean()
    ).plot(
        y=['close', 'ma'],
        title='FB closing price in 2018',
        label=['closing price', '20D moving average']
    )
plt.legend(loc='lower left')
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[8]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')



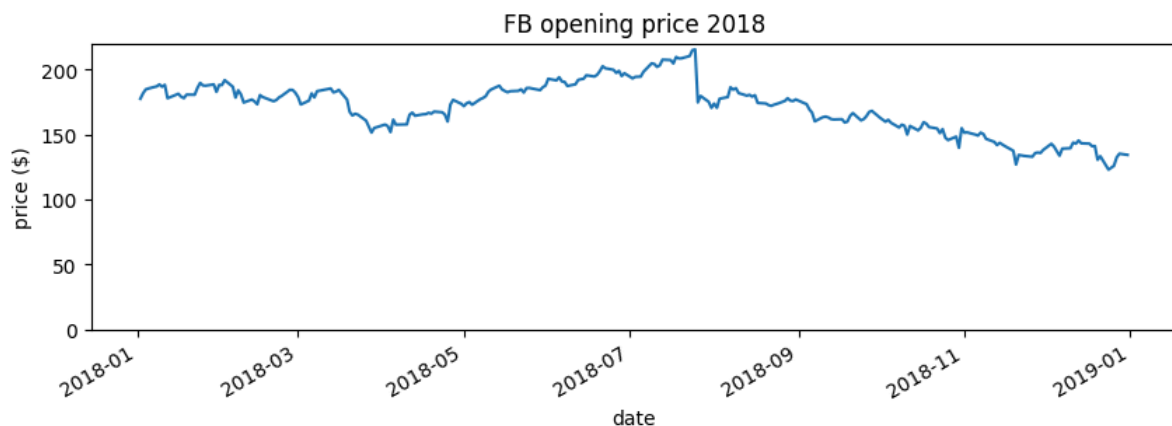
## Formatting Axes

### Specifying axis limits

`plt.xlim()` and `plt.ylim()` can be used to specify the minimum and maximum values for the axis. Passing `None` will have matplotlib determine the limit.

```
In [9]: fb.open.plot(figsize=(10, 3), title='FB opening price 2018')
plt.ylim(0, None)
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[9]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')



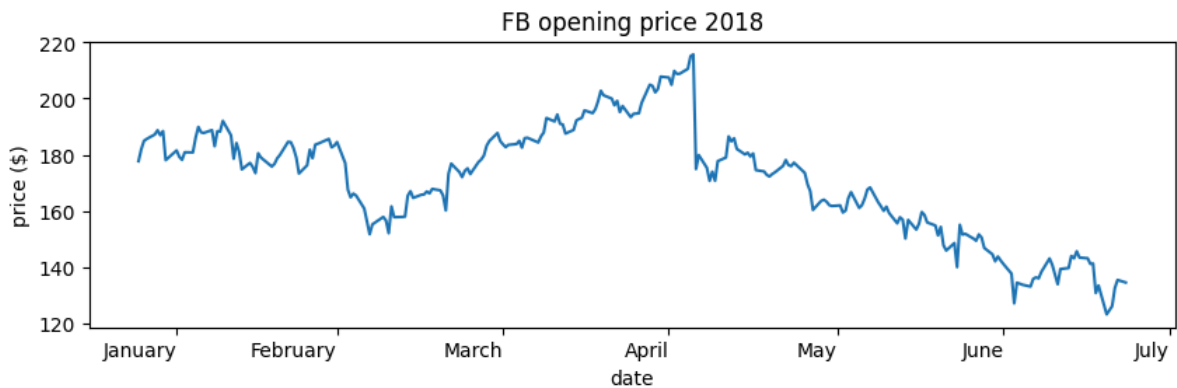
## Formatting the Axis Ticks

We can use `plt.xticks()` and `plt.yticks()` to provide tick labels and specify, which ticks to show. Here, we show every other month:

```
In [41]: import calendar

fb.open.plot(figsize=(10, 3), rot=0, title='FB opening price 2018')
locs, labels = plt.xticks()
plt.xticks(locs + 15, calendar.month_name[1:-5])
plt.ylabel('price ($)')
```

Out[41]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price (\$)')



## Using ticker

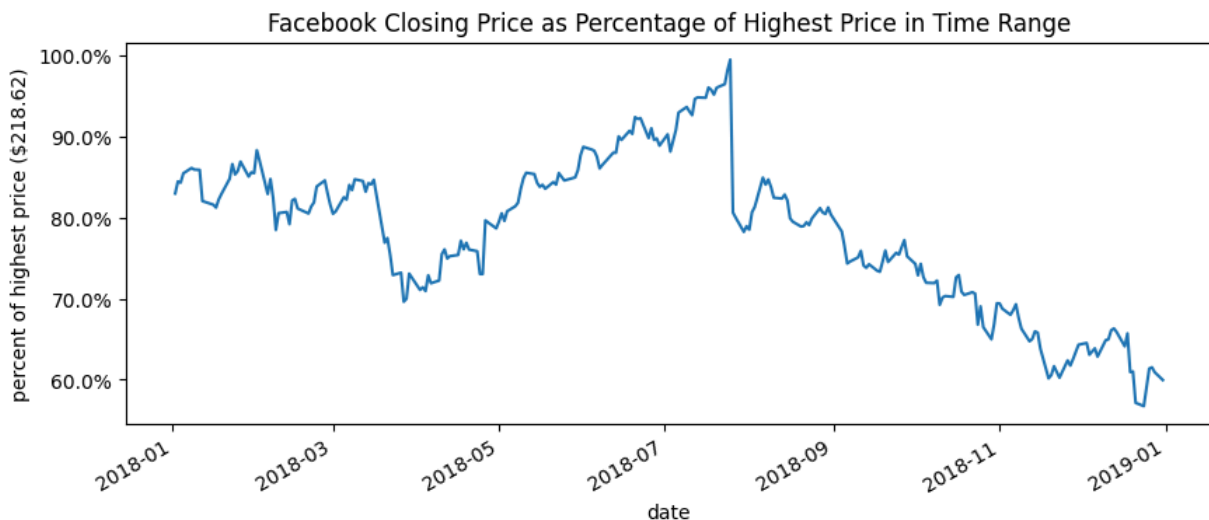
### PercentFormatter

We can use `ticker.PercentFormatter` and specify the denominator (`xmax`) to use when calculating the percentages. This gets passed to the `set_major_formatter()` method of the `xaxis` or `yaxis` on the `Axes`.

```
In [42]: import matplotlib.ticker as ticker

ax = fb.close.plot(
    figsize=(10, 4),
    title='Facebook Closing Price as Percentage of Highest Price in Time Range'
)
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(
    ticker.PercentFormatter(xmax=fb.high.max())
)
ax.set_yticks([
    fb.high.max()*pct for pct in np.linspace(0.6, 1, num=5)
]) # show round percentages only (60%, 80%, etc.)
ax.set_ylabel(f'percent of highest price (${fb.high.max()})')
```

Out[42]: Text(0, 0.5, 'percent of highest price (\$218.62)')

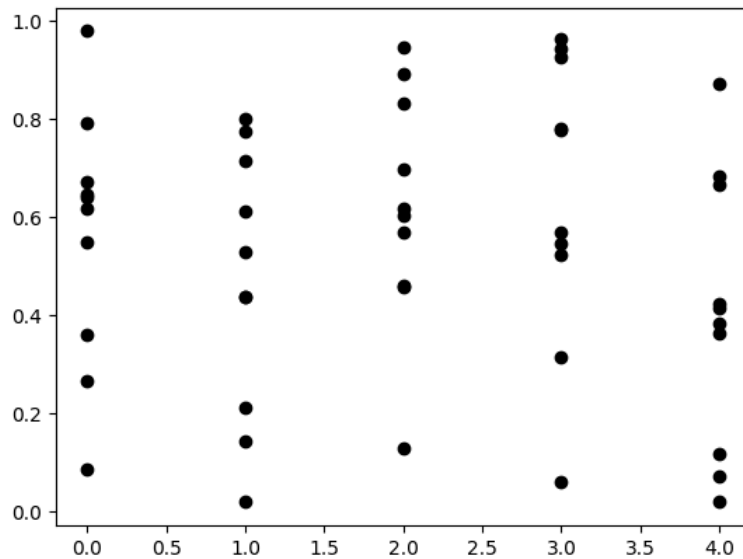


### MultipleLocator

Say we have the following data. The points only take on integer values for `x`.

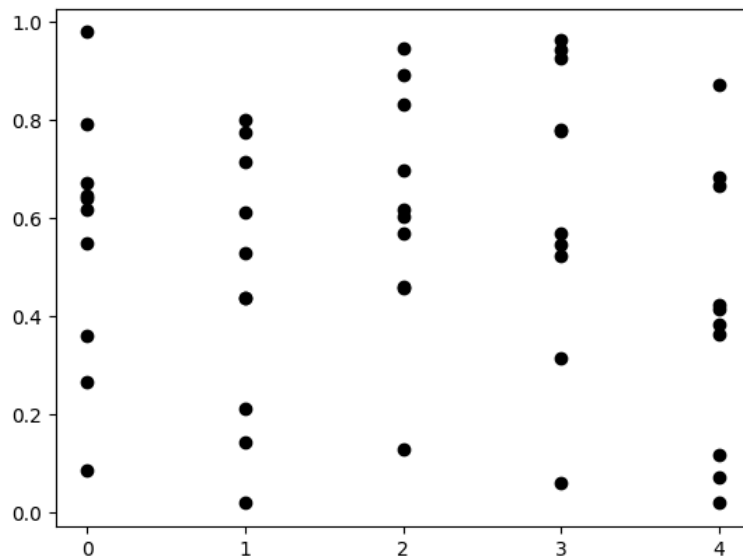
```
In [43]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1)
np.random.seed(0)
ax.plot(np.tile(np.arange(0, 5), 10), np.random.rand(50), 'ko')
```

Out[43]: [`<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7c11905e08b0>`]



If we don't want to show decimal values on the x-axis, we can use the `MultipleLocator`. This will give ticks for all multiples of a number specified with the `base` parameter. To get integer values, we use `base=1`:

```
In [44]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1)
np.random.seed(0)
ax.plot(np.tile(np.arange(0, 5), 10), np.random.rand(50), 'ko')
ax.get_xaxis().set_major_locator(
    ticker.MultipleLocator(base=1)
)
```



In [ ]: