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```
50%      0.380863  -0.228039  -1.191943  -1.004091
75%      0.658444   0.057974  -0.034326   0.461706
max      1.212112   0.577046   1.643563   1.071804

[8 rows x 4 columns]
```

- *Add* `reorder_levels` method to Series and DataFrame (GH534)
- *Add* dict-like `get` function to DataFrame and Panel (GH521)
- *Add* `DataFrame.iterrows` method for efficiently iterating through the rows of a DataFrame
- Add `DataFrame.to_panel` with code adapted from `LongPanel.to_long`
- *Add* `reindex_axis` method added to DataFrame
- *Add* `level` option to binary arithmetic functions on `DataFrame` and `Series`
- *Add* `level` option to the `reindex` and `align` methods on Series and DataFrame for broadcasting values across a level (GH542, GH552, others)
- Add attribute-based item access to `Panel` and add IPython completion (GH563)
- *Add* `logy` option to `Series.plot` for log-scaling on the Y axis
- *Add* `index` and `header` options to `DataFrame.to_string`
- *Can* pass multiple DataFrames to `DataFrame.join` to join on index (GH115)
- *Can* pass multiple Panels to `Panel.join` (GH115)
- *Added* `justify` argument to `DataFrame.to_string` to allow different alignment of column headers
- *Add* `sort` option to GroupBy to allow disabling sorting of the group keys for potential speedups (GH595)
- *Can* pass MaskedArray to Series constructor (GH563)
- Add Panel item access via attributes and IPython completion (GH554)
- Implement `DataFrame.lookup`, fancy-indexing analogue for retrieving values given a sequence of row and column labels (GH338)
- Can pass a *list of functions* to aggregate with groupby on a DataFrame, yielding an aggregated result with hierarchical columns (GH166)
- Can call `cummin` and `cummax` on Series and DataFrame to get cumulative minimum and maximum, respectively (GH647)
- `value_range` added as utility function to get min and max of a dataframe (GH288)
- Added `encoding` argument to `read_csv`, `read_table`, `to_csv` and `from_csv` for non-ascii text (GH717)
- *Added* `abs` method to pandas objects
- *Added* `crosstab` function for easily computing frequency tables
- *Added* `isin` method to index objects
- *Added* `level` argument to `xs` method of DataFrame.

API changes to integer indexing

One of the potentially riskiest API changes in 0.7.0, but also one of the most important, was a complete review of how **integer indexes** are handled with regard to label-based indexing. Here is an example:

```
In [3]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(10), index=range(0, 20, 2))

In [4]: s
Out[4]:
0    -1.294524
2     0.413738
4     0.276662
6    -0.472035
8    -0.013960
10   -0.362543
12   -0.006154
14   -0.923061
16    0.895717
18    0.805244
Length: 10, dtype: float64

In [5]: s[0]
Out[5]: -1.2945235902555294

In [6]: s[2]
Out[6]: 0.41373810535784006

In [7]: s[4]
Out[7]: 0.2766617129497566
```

This is all exactly identical to the behavior before. However, if you ask for a key **not** contained in the Series, in versions 0.6.1 and prior, Series would *fall back* on a location-based lookup. This now raises a `KeyError`:

```
In [2]: s[1]
KeyError: 1
```

This change also has the same impact on DataFrame:

```
In [3]: df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(8, 4), index=range(0, 16, 2))

In [4]: df
    0        1       2       3
0   0.88427  0.3363 -0.1787  0.03162
2   0.14451 -0.1415  0.2504  0.58374
4  -1.44779 -0.9186 -1.4996  0.27163
6  -0.26598 -2.4184 -0.2658  0.11503
8  -0.58776  0.3144 -0.8566  0.61941
10  0.10940 -0.7175 -1.0108  0.47990
12 -1.16919 -0.3087 -0.6049 -0.43544
14 -0.07337  0.3410  0.0424 -0.16037

In [5]: df.ix[3]
KeyError: 3
```

In order to support purely integer-based indexing, the following methods have been added:

Method	Description
`Series.iget_value(i)`	Retrieve value stored at location `i`
`Series.iget(i)`	Alias for `iget_value`
`DataFrame.irow(i)`	Retrieve the `i`-th row
`DataFrame.icol(j)`	Retrieve the `j`-th column
`DataFrame.iget_value(i, j)`	Retrieve the value at row `i` and column `j`

API tweaks regarding label-based slicing

Label-based slicing using `ix` now requires that the index be sorted (monotonic) **unless** both the start and endpoint are contained in the index:

```
In [1]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6), index=list('gmkaec'))

In [2]: s
Out[2]:
g   -1.182230
m   -0.276183
k   -0.243550
a    1.628992
e    0.073308
c   -0.539890
dtype: float64
```

Then this is OK:

```
In [3]: s.ix['k':'e']
Out[3]:
k   -0.243550
a    1.628992
e    0.073308
dtype: float64
```

But this is not:

```
In [12]: s.ix['b':'h']
KeyError 'b'
```

If the index had been sorted, the "range selection" would have been possible:

```
In [4]: s2 = s.sort_index()

In [5]: s2
Out[5]:
a    1.628992
c   -0.539890
e    0.073308
g   -1.182230
k   -0.243550
m   -0.276183
dtype: float64

In [6]: s2.ix['b':'h']
Out[6]:
c   -0.539890
```

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```
e    0.073308
g   -1.182230
dtype: float64
```

Changes to Series `[]` operator

As as notational convenience, you can pass a sequence of labels or a label slice to a Series when getting and setting values via `[]` (i.e. the `__getitem__` and `__setitem__` methods). The behavior will be the same as passing similar input to `ix` **except in the case of integer indexing**:

```
In [8]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6), index=list('acegkm'))

In [9]: s
Out[9]:
a   -1.206412
c    2.565646
e    1.431256
g    1.340309
k   -1.170299
m   -0.226169
Length: 6, dtype: float64

In [10]: s[['m', 'a', 'c', 'e']]
Out[10]:
m   -0.226169
a   -1.206412
c    2.565646
e    1.431256
Length: 4, dtype: float64

In [11]: s['b':'l']
Out[11]:
c    2.565646
e    1.431256
g    1.340309
k   -1.170299
Length: 4, dtype: float64

In [12]: s['c':'k']
Out[12]:
c    2.565646
e    1.431256
g    1.340309
k   -1.170299
Length: 4, dtype: float64
```

In the case of integer indexes, the behavior will be exactly as before (shadowing `ndarray`):

```
In [13]: s = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6), index=range(0, 12, 2))

In [14]: s[[4, 0, 2]]
Out[14]:
4    0.132003
0    0.410835
2    0.813850
```

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```
Length: 3, dtype: float64

In [15]: s[1:5]
Out[15]:
2    0.813850
4    0.132003
6   -0.827317
8   -0.076467
Length: 4, dtype: float64
```

If you wish to do indexing with sequences and slicing on an integer index with label semantics, use `ix`.

Other API changes

- The deprecated `LongPanel` class has been completely removed
- If `Series.sort` is called on a column of a DataFrame, an exception will now be raised. Before it was possible to accidentally mutate a DataFrame's column by doing `df[col].sort()` instead of the side-effect free method `df[col].order()` (GH316)
- Miscellaneous renames and deprecations which will (harmlessly) raise `FutureWarning`
- `drop` added as an optional parameter to `DataFrame.reset_index` (GH699)

Performance improvements

- *Cythonized GroupBy aggregations* no longer presort the data, thus achieving a significant speedup (GH93). GroupBy aggregations with Python functions significantly sped up by clever manipulation of the ndarray data type in Cython (GH496).
- Better error message in DataFrame constructor when passed column labels don't match data (GH497)
- Substantially improve performance of multi-GroupBy aggregation when a Python function is passed, reuse ndarray object in Cython (GH496)
- Can store objects indexed by tuples and floats in HDFStore (GH492)
- Don't print length by default in Series.to_string, add *length* option (GH489)
- Improve Cython code for multi-groupby to aggregate without having to sort the data (GH93)
- Improve MultiIndex reindexing speed by storing tuples in the MultiIndex, test for backwards unpickling compatibility
- Improve column reindexing performance by using specialized Cython take function
- Further performance tweaking of Series.__getitem__ for standard use cases
- Avoid Index dict creation in some cases (i.e. when getting slices, etc.), regression from prior versions
- Friendlier error message in setup.py if NumPy not installed
- Use common set of NA-handling operations (sum, mean, etc.) in Panel class also (GH536)
- Default name assignment when calling `reset_index` on DataFrame with a regular (non-hierarchical) index (GH476)
- Use Cythonized groupers when possible in Series/DataFrame stat ops with `level` parameter passed (GH545)
- Ported skiplist data structure to C to speed up `rolling_median` by about 5-10x in most typical use cases (GH374)

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5.21 Version 0.6

5.21.1 v.0.6.1 (December 13, 2011)

New features

- Can *append single rows* (as Series) to a DataFrame
- Add Spearman and Kendall rank *correlation* options to Series.corr and DataFrame.corr (GH428)
- *Added* `get_value` and `set_value` methods to Series, DataFrame, and Panel for very low-overhead access (>2x faster in many cases) to scalar elements (GH437, GH438). `set_value` is capable of producing an enlarged object.
- Add PyQt table widget to sandbox (GH435)
- DataFrame.align can *accept Series arguments* and an *axis option* (GH461)
- Implement new *SparseArray* and *SparseList* data structures. SparseSeries now derives from SparseArray (GH463)
- *Better console printing options* (GH453)

- Implement fast *data ranking* for Series and DataFrame, fast versions of scipy.stats.rankdata (GH428)
- Implement *DataFrame.from_items* alternate constructor (GH444)
- DataFrame.convert_objects method for *inferring better dtypes* for object columns (GH302)
- Add *rolling_corr_pairwise* function for computing Panel of correlation matrices (GH189)
- Add *margins* option to *pivot_table* for computing subgroup aggregates (GH114)
- Add `Series.from_csv` function (GH482)
- *Can pass* DataFrame/DataFrame and DataFrame/Series to rolling_corr/rolling_cov (GH #462)
- MultiIndex.get_level_values can *accept the level name*

Performance improvements

- Improve memory usage of *DataFrame.describe* (do not copy data unnecessarily) (PR #425)
- Optimize scalar value lookups in the general case by 25% or more in Series and DataFrame
- Fix performance regression in cross-sectional count in DataFrame, affecting DataFrame.dropna speed
- Column deletion in DataFrame copies no data (computes views on blocks) (GH #158)

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5.21.2 v.0.6.0 (November 25, 2011)

New features

- *Added* `melt` function to `pandas.core.reshape`
- *Added* `level` parameter to group by level in Series and DataFrame descriptive statistics (GH313)
- *Added* `head` and `tail` methods to Series, analogous to to DataFrame (GH296)
- *Added* `Series.isin` function which checks if each value is contained in a passed sequence (GH289)
- *Added* `float_format` option to `Series.to_string`
- *Added* `skip_footer` (GH291) and `converters` (GH343) options to `read_csv` and `read_table`
- *Added* `drop_duplicates` and `duplicated` functions for removing duplicate DataFrame rows and checking for duplicate rows, respectively (GH319)

- *Implemented* operators '&', '|', '^', '-' on DataFrame (GH347)
- *Added* `Series.mad`, mean absolute deviation
- *Added* `QuarterEnd` DateOffset (GH321)
- *Added* `dot` to DataFrame (GH65)
- Added `orient` option to `Panel.from_dict` (GH359, GH301)
- *Added* `orient` option to `DataFrame.from_dict`
- *Added* passing list of tuples or list of lists to `DataFrame.from_records` (GH357)
- *Added* multiple levels to groupby (GH103)
- *Allow* multiple columns in `by` argument of `DataFrame.sort_index` (GH92, GH362)
- *Added* fast `get_value` and `put_value` methods to DataFrame (GH360)
- *Added* `cov` instance methods to Series and DataFrame (GH194, GH362)
- *Added* `kind='bar'` option to `DataFrame.plot` (GH348)
- *Added* `idxmin` and `idxmax` to Series and DataFrame (GH286)
- *Added* `read_clipboard` function to parse DataFrame from clipboard (GH300)
- *Added* `nunique` function to Series for counting unique elements (GH297)
- *Made* DataFrame constructor use Series name if no columns passed (GH373)
- *Support* regular expressions in read_table/read_csv (GH364)
- *Added* `DataFrame.to_html` for writing DataFrame to HTML (GH387)
- *Added* support for MaskedArray data in DataFrame, masked values converted to NaN (GH396)
- *Added* `DataFrame.boxplot` function (GH368)
- *Can* pass extra args, kwds to DataFrame.apply (GH376)
- *Implement* `DataFrame.join` with vector `on` argument (GH312)
- *Added* `legend` boolean flag to `DataFrame.plot` (GH324)
- *Can* pass multiple levels to `stack` and `unstack` (GH370)
- *Can* pass multiple values columns to `pivot_table` (GH381)
- *Use* Series name in GroupBy for result index (GH363)
- *Added* `raw` option to `DataFrame.apply` for performance if only need ndarray (GH309)
- Added proper, tested weighted least squares to standard and panel OLS (GH303)

Performance enhancements

- VBENCH Cythonized `cache_readonly`, resulting in substantial micro-performance enhancements throughout the code base (GH361)
- VBENCH Special Cython matrix iterator for applying arbitrary reduction operations with 3-5x better performance than *np.apply_along_axis* (GH309)
- VBENCH Improved performance of `MultiIndex.from_tuples`
- VBENCH Special Cython matrix iterator for applying arbitrary reduction operations
- VBENCH + DOCUMENT Add `raw` option to `DataFrame.apply` for getting better performance when

- VBENCH Faster cythonized count by level in Series and DataFrame (GH341)
- VBENCH? Significant GroupBy performance enhancement with multiple keys with many "empty" combinations
- VBENCH New Cython vectorized function `map_infer` speeds up `Series.apply` and `Series.map` significantly when passed elementwise Python function, motivated by (GH355)
- VBENCH Significantly improved performance of `Series.order`, which also makes np.unique called on a Series faster (GH327)
- VBENCH Vastly improved performance of GroupBy on axes with a MultiIndex (GH299)

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5.22 Version 0.5

5.22.1 v.0.5.0 (October 24, 2011)

New features

- *Added* `DataFrame.align` method with standard join options
- *Added* `parse_dates` option to `read_csv` and `read_table` methods to optionally try to parse dates in the index columns
- *Added* `nrows`, `chunksize`, and `iterator` arguments to `read_csv` and `read_table`. The last two return a new `TextParser` class capable of lazily iterating through chunks of a flat file (GH242)
- *Added* ability to join on multiple columns in `DataFrame.join` (GH214)
- Added private `_get_duplicates` function to `Index` for identifying duplicate values more easily (ENH5c)
- *Added* column attribute access to DataFrame.
- *Added* Python tab completion hook for DataFrame columns. (GH233, GH230)
- *Implemented* `Series.describe` for Series containing objects (GH241)
- *Added* inner join option to `DataFrame.join` when joining on key(s) (GH248)
- *Implemented* selecting DataFrame columns by passing a list to `__getitem__` (GH253)

- *Implemented* & and | to intersect / union Index objects, respectively (GH261)
- *Added* `pivot_table` convenience function to pandas namespace (GH234)
- *Implemented* `Panel.rename_axis` function (GH243)
- DataFrame will show index level names in console output (GH334)
- *Implemented* `Panel.take`
- *Added* `set_eng_float_format` for alternate DataFrame floating point string formatting (ENH61)
- *Added* convenience `set_index` function for creating a DataFrame index from its existing columns
- *Implemented* `groupby` hierarchical index level name (GH223)
- *Added* support for different delimiters in `DataFrame.to_csv` (GH244)
- TODO: DOCS ABOUT TAKE METHODS

Performance enhancements

- VBENCH Major performance improvements in file parsing functions `read_csv` and `read_table`
- VBENCH Added Cython function for converting tuples to ndarray very fast. Speeds up many MultiIndex-related operations
- VBENCH Refactored merging / joining code into a tidy class and disabled unnecessary computations in the float/object case, thus getting about 10% better performance (GH211)
- VBENCH Improved speed of `DataFrame.xs` on mixed-type DataFrame objects by about 5x, regression from 0.3.0 (GH215)
- VBENCH With new `DataFrame.align` method, speeding up binary operations between differently-indexed DataFrame objects by 10-25%.
- VBENCH Significantly sped up conversion of nested dict into DataFrame (GH212)
- VBENCH Significantly speed up DataFrame `__repr__` and `count` on large mixed-type DataFrame objects

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5.23 Version 0.4

5.23.1 v.0.4.1 through v0.4.3 (September 25 - October 9, 2011)

New features

- Added Python 3 support using 2to3 (GH200)
- *Added* `name` attribute to `Series`, now prints as part of `Series.__repr__`
- *Added* instance methods `isnull` and `notnull` to Series (GH209, GH203)
- *Added* `Series.align` method for aligning two series with choice of join method (ENH56)
- *Added* method `get_level_values` to `MultiIndex` (GH188)
- Set values in mixed-type `DataFrame` objects via `.ix` indexing attribute (GH135)
- Added new `DataFrame` *methods* `get_dtype_counts` and property `dtypes` (ENHdc)
- Added *ignore_index* option to `DataFrame.append` to stack DataFrames (ENH1b)
- `read_csv` tries to *sniff* delimiters using `csv.Sniffer` (GH146)
- `read_csv` can *read* multiple columns into a `MultiIndex`; DataFrame's `to_csv` method writes out a corresponding `MultiIndex` (GH151)
- `DataFrame.rename` has a new `copy` parameter to *rename* a DataFrame in place (ENHed)
- *Enable* unstacking by name (GH142)
- *Enable* `sortlevel` to work by level (GH141)

Performance enhancements

- Altered binary operations on differently-indexed SparseSeries objects to use the integer-based (dense) alignment logic which is faster with a larger number of blocks (GH205)
- Wrote faster Cython data alignment / merging routines resulting in substantial speed increases
- Improved performance of `isnull` and `notnull`, a regression from v0.3.0 (GH187)
- Refactored code related to `DataFrame.join` so that intermediate aligned copies of the data in each `DataFrame` argument do not need to be created. Substantial performance increases result (GH176)
- Substantially improved performance of generic `Index.intersection` and `Index.union`
- Implemented `BlockManager.take` resulting in significantly faster `take` performance on mixed-type `DataFrame` objects (GH104)
- Improved performance of `Series.sort_index`
- Significant groupby performance enhancement: removed unnecessary integrity checks in DataFrame internals that were slowing down slicing operations to retrieve groups
- Optimized `_ensure_index` function resulting in performance savings in type-checking Index objects
- Wrote fast time series merging / joining methods in Cython. Will be integrated later into DataFrame.join and related functions

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