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Read in the data

Let's set up our environment first.

If you want to follow along, you can download the Excel file.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```

Read in our sales funnel data into our DataFrame

```
df = pd.read_excel("../in/sales-funnel.xlsx")
df.head()
```

	Account	Name	Rep	Manager	Product	Quantity	Price	Status
0	714466	Trantow-Barrows	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	CPU	1	30000	presented
1	714466	Trantow-Barrows	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	Software	1	10000	presented
2	714466	Trantow-Barrows	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	Maintenance	2	5000	pending
3	737550	Fritsch, Russel and Anderson	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	CPU	1	35000	declined
4	146832	Kiehn-Spinka	Daniel Hilton	Debra Henley	CPU	2	65000	won

For convenience sake, let's define the status column as a category and set the order we want to view.

This isn't strictly required but helps us keep the order we want as we work through analyzing the data.

```
df["Status"] = df["Status"].astype("category")
df["Status"].cat.set_categories(["won","pending","presented","declined"],inplace=True)
```

Pivot the data

As we build up the pivot table, I think it's easiest to take it one step at a time. Add items and check each step to verify you are getting the results you expect. Don't be afraid to play with the order and the variables to see what presentation makes the most sense for your needs.

The simplest pivot table must have a dataframe and an index . In this case, let's use the Name as our index name.index.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Name"])
```

	Account	Price	Quantity
Name			
Barton LLC	740150	35000	1.000000
Fritsch, Russel and Anderson	737550	35000	1.000000
Herman LLC	141962	65000	2.000000
Jerde-Hilpert	412290	5000	2.000000
Kassulke, Ondricka and Metz	307599	7000	3.000000
Keeling LLC	688981	100000	5.000000
Kiehn-Spinka	146832	65000	2.000000
Koepp Ltd	729833	35000	2.000000
Kulas Inc	218895	25000	1.500000
Purdy-Kunde	163416	30000	1.000000
Stokes LLC	239344	7500	1.000000
Trantow-Barrows	714466	15000	1.333333

You can have multiple indexes as well. In fact, most of the pivot_table args can take multiple values via a list.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Name","Rep","Manager"])
```

			Account	Price	Quantity
Name	Rep	Manager			
Barton LLC	John Smith	Debra Henley	740150	35000	1.000000
Fritsch, Russel and Anderson	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	737550	35000	1.000000
Herman LLC	Cedric Moss	Fred Anderson	141962	65000	2.000000
Jerde-Hilpert	John Smith	Debra Henley	412290	5000	2.000000
Kassulke, Ondricka and Metz	Wendy Yule	Fred Anderson	307599	7000	3.000000
Keeling LLC	Wendy Yule	Fred Anderson	688981	100000	5.000000
Kiehn-Spinka	Daniel Hilton	Debra Henley	146832	65000	2.000000
Koepp Ltd	Wendy Yule	Fred Anderson	729833	35000	2.000000
Kulas Inc	Daniel Hilton	Debra Henley	218895	25000	1.500000
Purdy-Kunde	Cedric Moss	Fred Anderson	163416	30000	1.000000
Stokes LLC	Cedric Moss	Fred Anderson	239344	7500	1.000000
Trantow-Barrows	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	714466	15000	1.333333

This is interesting but not particularly useful. What we probably want to do is look at this by Manager and Rep. It's easy enough to do by changing the index.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"])
```

		Account	Price	Quantity
Manager	Rep			
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	720237.0	20000.000000	1.250000
	Daniel Hilton	194874.0	38333.333333	1.666667
	John Smith	576220.0	20000.000000	1.500000
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	196016.5	27500.000000	1.250000
	Wendy Yule	614061.5	44250.000000	3.000000

You can see that the pivot table is smart enough to start aggregating the data and summarizing it by grouping the reps with their managers. Now we start to get a glimpse of what a pivot table can do for us.

For this purpose, the Account and Quantity columns aren't really useful. Let's remove it by explicitly defining the columns we care about using the values field.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price"])
```

		Price
Manager	Rep	
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	20000
	Daniel Hilton	38333
	John Smith	20000
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	27500
	Wendy Yule	44250

The price column automatically averages the data but we can do a count or a sum. Adding them is simple using aggfunc and np.sum.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price"],aggfunc=np.sum)
```

		Price
Manager	Rep	
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	80000
	Daniel Hilton	115000
	John Smith	40000
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	110000
	Wendy Yule	177000

aggfunc can take a list of functions. Let's try a mean using the numpy mean function and len to get a count.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price"],aggfunc=[np.mean,len])
```

		mean	len
		Price	Price
Manager	Rep		
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	20000	4
	Daniel Hilton	38333	3
	John Smith	20000	2
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	27500	4
	Wendy Yule	44250	4

If we want to see sales broken down by the products, the columns variable allows us to define one or more columns.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price"], columns=
["Product"],aggfunc=[np.sum])
```

		sum	sum						
		Price	Price						
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software				
Manager	Rep								
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	65000	5000	NaN	10000				
	Daniel Hilton	105000	NaN	NaN	10000				
	John Smith	35000	5000	NaN	NaN				
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	95000	5000	NaN	10000				
	Wendy Yule	165000	7000	5000	NaN				

The NaN's are a bit distracting. If we want to remove them, we could use fill_value to set them to 0.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price"], columns=
["Product"],aggfunc=[np.sum],fill_value=0)
```

		sum	sum Price					
		Price						
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software			
Manager	Rep							
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	65000	5000	0	10000			
	Daniel Hilton	105000	0	0	10000			
	John Smith	35000	5000	0	0			
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	95000	5000	0	10000			
	Wendy Yule	165000	7000	5000	0			

I think it would be useful to add the quantity as well. Add Quantity to the values list.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep"],values=["Price","Quantity"], columns=
["Product"],aggfunc=[np.sum],fill_value=0)
```

		sum	sum								
		Price	Price			Quantity					
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software		
Manager	Rep										
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	65000	5000	0	10000	2	2	0	1		
	Daniel Hilton	105000	0	0	10000	4	0	0	1		
	John Smith	35000	5000	0	0	1	2	0	0		
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	95000	5000	0	10000	3	1	0	1		
	Wendy Yule	165000	7000	5000	0	7	3	2	0		

What's interesting is that you can move items to the index to get a different visual representation. Remove Product from the columns and add to the index.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep","Product"], values=
["Price","Quantity"],aggfunc=[np.sum],fill_value=0)
```

			sum	
			Price	Quantity
Manager	Rep	Product		
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	CPU	65000	2
		Maintenance	5000	2
		Software	10000	1
	Daniel Hilton John Smith	CPU	105000	4
		Software	10000	1
		CPU	35000	1
		Maintenance	5000	2
red Anderson	Cedric Moss	CPU	95000	3
		Maintenance	5000	1
		Software	10000	1
	Wendy Yule	СРИ	165000	7
		Maintenance	7000	3
		Monitor	5000	2

For this data set, this representation makes more sense. Now, what if I want to see some totals? margins=True does that for us.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Rep","Product"], values=["Price","Quantity"],
aggfunc=[np.sum,np.mean],fill_value=0,margins=True)
```

			sum		mean	
			Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity
Manager	Rep	Product				
Debra Henley	Craig Booker	СРИ	65000	2	32500.000000	1.000000
		Maintenance	5000	2	5000.000000	2.000000
		Software	10000	1	10000.000000	1.000000
	Daniel Hilton	CPU	105000	4	52500.000000	2.000000
		Software	10000	1	10000.000000	1.000000
	John Smith	CPU	35000	1	35000.000000	1.000000
		Maintenance	5000	2	5000.000000	2.000000
Fred Anderson	Cedric Moss	CPU	95000	3	47500.000000	1.500000
		Maintenance	5000	1	5000.000000	1.000000
		Software	10000	1	10000.000000	1.000000
	Wendy Yule	CPU	165000	7	82500.000000	3.500000
		Maintenance	7000	3	7000.000000	3.000000
		Monitor	5000	2	5000.000000	2.000000
All			522000	30	30705.882353	1.764706

Let's move the analysis up a level and look at our pipeline at the manager level. Notice how the status is ordered based on our earlier category definition.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Status"],values=["Price"], aggfunc=
[np.sum],fill_value=0,margins=True)
```

		sum
		Price
Manager	Status	
Debra Henley	declined	70000
	pending	50000
	presented	50000
	won	65000
Fred Anderson	declined	65000
	pending	5000
	presented	45000
	won	172000
All		522000

A really handy feature is the ability to pass a dictionary to the aggfunc so you can perform different functions on each of the values you select. This has a side-effect of making the labels a little cleaner.

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Status"],columns=["Product"],values=
["Quantity","Price"], aggfunc={"Quantity":len,"Price":np.sum},fill_value=0)
```

		Price				Quantity					
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software		
Manager Debra Henley	Status										
Debra Henley	declined	70000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		
	pending	40000	10000	0	0	1	2	0	0		
	presented	30000	0	0	20000	1	0	0	2		
	won	65000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Fred Anderson	declined	65000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
	pending	0	5000	0	0	0	1	0	0		
	presented	30000	0	5000	10000	1	0	1	1		
	won	165000	7000	0	0	2	1	0	0		

You can provide a list of aggfunctions to apply to each value too:

```
pd.pivot_table(df,index=["Manager","Status"],columns=["Product"],values=
["Quantity","Price"], aggfunc={"Quantity":len,"Price":[np.sum,np.mean]},fill_value=0)
```

		Price								Quan	tity
		mean							len		
		CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenar
Manager											
Debra	declined	35000	0	0	0	70000	0	0	0	2	0
Henley	pending	40000	5000	0	0	40000	10000	0	0	1	2
	presented	30000	0	0	10000	30000	0	0	20000	1	0
	won	65000	0	0	0	65000	0	0	0	1	0
Fred	declined	65000	0	0	0	65000	0	0	0	1	0
Anderson	pending	0	5000	0	0	0	5000	0	0	0	1
	presented	30000	0	5000	10000	30000	0	5000	10000	1	0
	won	82500	7000	0	0	165000	7000	0	0	2	1

It can look daunting to try to pull this all together at one time but as soon as you start playing with the data and slowly add the items, you can get a feel for how it works. My general rule of thumb is that once you use multiple grouby you should evaluate whether a pivot table is a useful approach.

Advanced Pivot Table Filtering

Once you have generated your data, it is in a DataFrame so you can filter on it using your standard DataFrame functions.

If you want to look at just one manager:

```
table.query('Manager == ["Debra Henley"]')
```

		Price	Quan	Quantity							
		mean						len			
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance
Manager	Status										
Debra	declined	35000	0	0	0	70000	0	0	0	2	0
Henley	pending	40000	5000	0	0	40000	10000	0	0	1	2
	presented	30000	0	0	10000	30000	0	0	20000	1	0
	won	65000	0	0	0	65000	0	0	0	1	0

We can look at all of our pending and won deals.

```
table.query('Status == ["pending","won"]')
```

		Price	Price									
		mean						len				
	Product	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	Monitor	Software	CPU	Maintenance	
Manager	Status											
Debra	pending	40000	5000	0	0	40000	10000	0	0	1	2	
Henley	won	65000	0	0	0	65000	0	0	0	1	0	
Fred Anderson	pending	0	5000	0	0	0	5000	0	0	0	1	
	won	82500	7000	0	0	165000	7000	0	0	2	1	

This a poweful feature of the pivot_table so do not forget that you have the full power of pandas once you get your data into the pivot_table format you need.

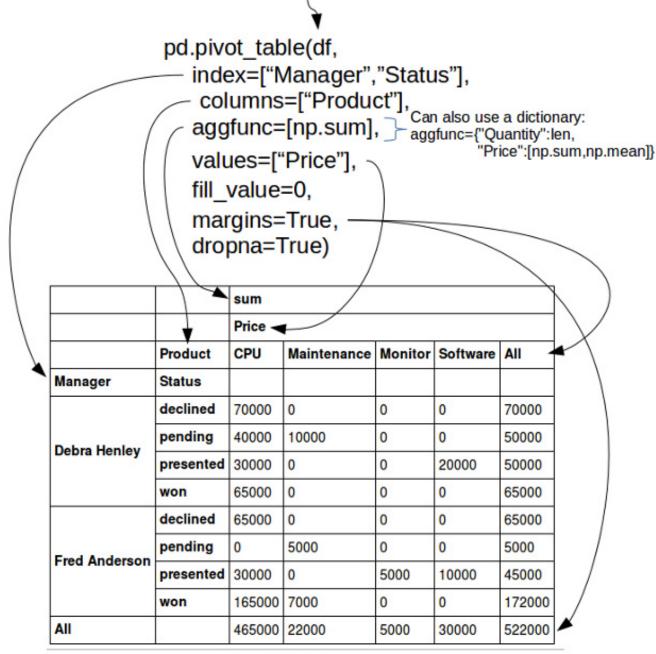
The full <u>notebook</u> is available if you would like to save it as a reference.

Cheat Sheet

n order to try to summarize all of this, I have created a cheat sheet that I hope will help you remember how to use the pandas pivot_table . Take a look and let me know what you think.

pandas pivot_table explained

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3	737550	Fritsch, Russel and Anderson	Craig Booker	Debra Henley	CPU	1	35000	declined
4	146832	Kiehn-Spinka	Daniel Hilton	Debra Henley	CPU	2	65000	won



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Thanks and good luck with creating your own pivot tables.