

pandas.DataFrame.xs

`DataFrame.xs(key, axis=0, level=None, drop_level=True)`

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Returns a cross-section (row(s) or column(s)) from the Series/DataFrame. Defaults to cross-section on the rows (axis=0).

key : object

Some label contained in the index, or partially in a MultiIndex

axis : int, default 0

Axis to retrieve cross-section on

Parameters: **level** : object, defaults to first n levels (n=1 or len(key))

In case of a key partially contained in a MultiIndex, indicate which levels are used. Levels can be referred by label or position.

drop_level : boolean, default True

If False, returns object with same levels as self.

Returns: **xs** : Series or DataFrame

Notes

xs is only for getting, not setting values.

MultiIndex Slicers is a generic way to get/set values on any level or levels. It is a superset of xs functionality, see [MultiIndex Slicers](#)

Examples

```
>>> df
   A  B  C
a  4  5  2
b  4  0  9
c  9  7  3
>>> df.xs('a')
A    4
B    5
C    2
Name: a
>>> df.xs('C', axis=1)
a    2
b    9
c    3
Name: C
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>>> df
      first second third      A  B  C  D
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bar  one  1  4  1  8  9
     two  1  7  5  5  0
baz   one  1  6  6  8  0
     three 2  5  3  5  3
>>> df.xs(('baz', 'three'))
      A  B  C  D
third
2      5  3  5  3
>>> df.xs('one', level=1)
      A  B  C  D
first third
bar    1  4  1  8  9
baz    1  6  6  8  0
>>> df.xs(('baz', 2), level=[0, 'third'])
      A  B  C  D
second
three  5  3  5  3
```