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# COMP20008

## Workshop 1

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Elements of Data Processing  
Zijie Xu





# Agenda

- Self-introduction
- First subject in Data Science
- Jupyter Notebook
- Pandas
  - Series
  - DataFrame
  - Group by



# Introduction

- My name: Zijie Xu (also call me Jerry)
- Just completed Master of Computer Science
  - Research topic: Explainable ML for enzyme function prediction
- My (current) favourite emoji is: 🤪
- A fact about myself...
- Your turn!



# Contact

## Lectures

- 2 x 1-hr lectures on Friday
- Lecturers: James Bailey and Eduard Hovy

## Workshops

- 1.5hr workshop
- Attendance strongly recommended (Bonus mark up for grabs!)



# Assessment

## Assignment 1

- Individual
- Release in about week 3?

## Assignment 2

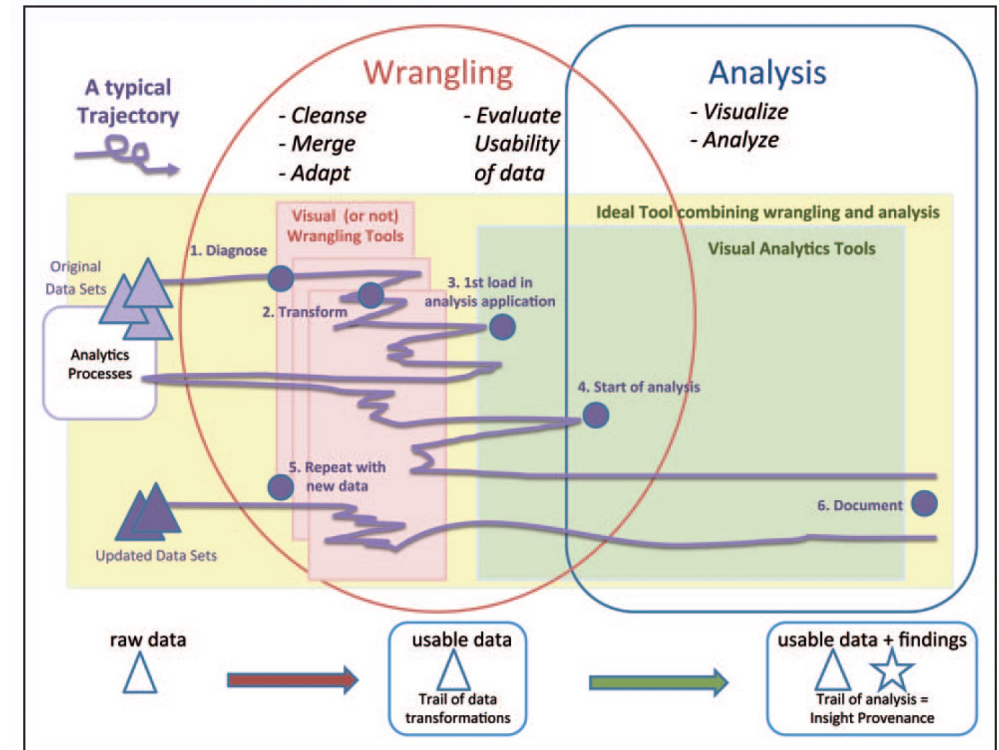
- Group project
- **Team forming session today!!**
- All group members must be in same workshop

## Final exam

- 2hr in-person exam

# First subject in Data Science

- “Foundations of Data Science”
- Prerequisite to COMP30027  
Machine Learning
- Learn about the pipeline of data science



Research directions in Data Wrangling:  
visualisations and transformations for credible data. S. Kandel et al, Information Visualisation 10(4), 2011.

# Jupyter Notebook

- Great tool for displaying code projects along with text and visualisations (hence “notebook”)
  - De facto industry standard
  - A server-client app with a backend computing kernel + frontend website for editing
- A notebook consists of
  - Markdown cells: text, figures, HTML etc.
  - Code cells: runnable python code blocks





# Pandas

- A software package for data analysis and manipulation in python
  - Open-sourced since 2009
  - Also de facto industry standard (for now)
  - Key benefits: fast, flexible & memory-efficient

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import pandas as pd
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# Series and DataFrame

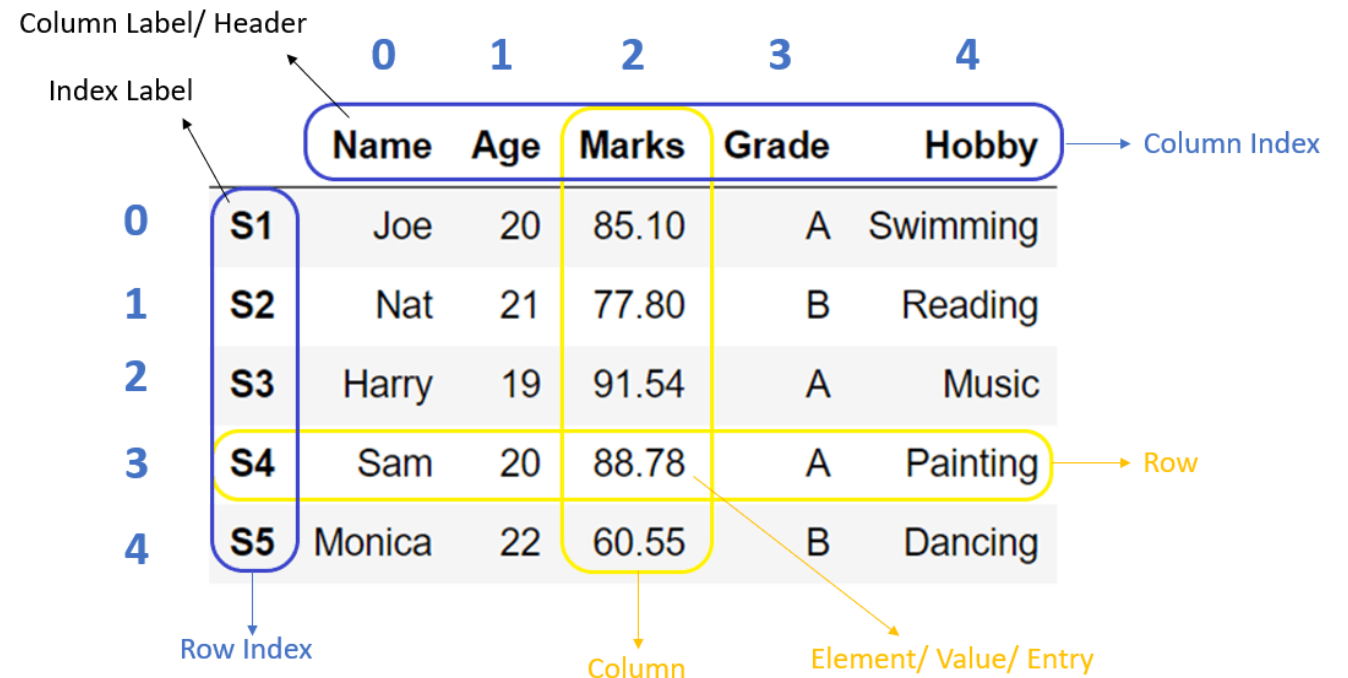
## pd.Series

- A column of data

## pd.DataFrame

- A spreadsheet
- Multiple columns of data

Check API documentation



The diagram illustrates a pandas DataFrame with the following structure:

	Column Label/ Header	0	1	2	3	4
Index Label		Name	Age	Marks	Grade	Hobby
0	S1	Joe	20	85.10	A	Swimming
1	S2	Nat	21	77.80	B	Reading
2	S3	Harry	19	91.54	A	Music
3	S4	Sam	20	88.78	A	Painting
4	S5	Monica	22	60.55	B	Dancing

Annotations in the diagram:

- Column Index:** Points to the header row (Name, Age, Marks, Grade, Hobby).
- Row Index:** Points to the index column (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5).
- Column:** Points to the 'Marks' column.
- Row:** Points to the 'S4' row.
- Element/ Value/ Entry:** Points to the value '88.78' in the 'Marks' column of the 'S4' row.



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# Thank you

More Resources: Canvas