

# Pandas Cheat Sheet for Data Science in Python

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The [Pandas](#) library is one of the most preferred tools for data scientists to do data manipulation and analysis, next to [matplotlib](#) for data visualization and [NumPy](#), the fundamental library for scientific computing in Python on which Pandas was built.

The fast, flexible, and expressive Pandas data structures are designed to make real-world data analysis easier. However, it might not be immediately the case for those who are just getting started with it. Exactly because there are so many options in this package that the options are overwhelming.

That's where this Pandas cheat sheet might come in handy.

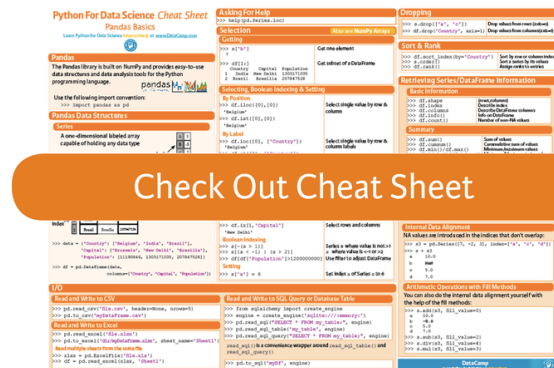
It's a quick guide through the basics of Pandas that you will need to get started on wrangling your data.

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The Pandas cheat sheet will guide you through the basics of the Pandas library, going from the data structures to I/O, selection, dropping indices or columns, sorting and ranking, retrieving basic information of the data structures you're working with to applying functions and data alignment.

In short, everything that you need to kickstart your data science learning with Python!

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## Python For Data Science Cheat Sheet: Pandas Basics

Use the following import convention:

```
>>> import pandas as pd
```

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## Series

A one-dimensional labeled array capable of holding any data type

```
>>> s = pd.Series([3, -5, 7, 4], index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
```

A	3
B	5
C	7
D	4

## DataFrame

A two-dimensional labeled data structure with columns of potentially different types

```
>>> data = {'Country': ['Belgium', 'India', 'Brazil'],  
            'Capital': ['Brussels', 'New Delhi', 'Brasilia'],  
            'Population': [11190846, 1303171035, 207847528]}
```

```
>>> df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['Country', 'Capital', 'Population'])
```

	Country	Capital	Population
1	Belgium	Brussels	11190846
2	India	New Delhi	1303171035
3	Brazil	Brasilia	207847528

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## Asking For Help

```
>>> help(pd.Series.loc)
```

## I/O

### Read and Write to CSV

```
>>> pd.read_csv('file.csv', header=None, nrows=5)
>>> pd.to_csv('myDataFrame.csv')
```

### Read multiple sheets from the same file

```
>>> xlsx = pd.ExcelFile('file.xls')
>>> df = pd.read_excel(xlsx, 'Sheet1')
```

### Read and Write to Excel

```
>>> pd.read_excel('file.xlsx')
>>> pd.to_excel('dir/myDataFrame.xlsx', sheet_name='Sheet1')
```

### Read and Write to SQL Query or Database Table

(read\_sql()) is a convenience wrapper around read\_sql\_table() and read\_sql\_query()

```
>>> from sqlalchemy import create_engine
>>> engine = create_engine('sqlite:///memory:')
>>> pd.read_sql(SELECT * FROM my_table;, engine)
```

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```
>>> pd.to_sql('myDf', engine)
```

## Selection

### Getting

#### Get one element

```
>>> s['b']  
-5
```

#### Get subset of a DataFrame

```
>>> df[1:]  
Country    Capital  Population  
1  India    New Delhi  1303171035  
2  Brazil   Brasilia  207847528
```

## Selecting', Boolean Indexing and Setting

### By Position

#### Select single value by row and and column

```
>>> df.iloc([0], [0])  
'Belgium'  
>>> df.iat([0], [0])  
'Belgium'
```

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```
>>> df.loc([0], ['Country'])
'Belgium'
>>> df.at([0], ['Country'])
'Belgium'
```

## By Label/Position

Select single row of subset of rows

```
>>> df.ix[2]
Country      Brazil
Capital      Brasilia
Population   207847528
```

Select a single column of subset of columns

```
>>> df.ix[:, 'Capital']
0      Brussels
1    New Delhi
2      Brasilia
```

Select rows and columns

```
>>> df.ix[1, 'Capital']
'New Delhi'
```

## Boolean Indexing

Series s where value is not >1

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s where value is <-1 or >2

```
>>> s[(s < -1) | (s > 2)]
```

Use filter to adjust DataFrame

```
>>> df[df['Population']>1200000000]
```

Setting

Set index a of Series s to 6

```
>>> s['a'] = 6
```

**Dropping**

Drop values from rows (axis=0)

```
>>> s.drop(['a', 'c'])
```

Drop values from columns(axis=1)

```
>>> df.drop('Country', axis=1)
```

Sort and Rank

Sort by labels along an axis

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## Sort by the values along an axis

```
>>> df.sort_values(by='Country')
```

## Assign ranks to entries

```
>>> df.rank()
```

## Retrieving Series/DataFrame Information

### Basic Information

(rows, columns)

```
>>> df.shape
```

### Describe index

```
>>> df.index
```

### Describe DataFrame columns

```
>>> df.columns
```

### Info on DataFrame

```
>>> df.info()
```

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```
>>> df.count()
```

## Summary

### Sum of values

```
>>> df.sum()
```

### Cumulative sum of values

```
>>> df.cumsum()
```

### Minimum/maximum values

```
>>> df.min()/df.max()
```

### Minimum/Maximum index value

```
>>> df.idxmin()/df.idxmax()
```

## Summary statistics

```
>>> df.describe()
```

### Mean of values

```
>>> df.mean()
```

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```
>>> df.median()
```

## Applying Functions

```
>>> f = lambda x: x*2
```

### Apply function

```
>>> df.apply(f)
```

### Apply function element-wise

```
>>> df.applymap(f)
```

## Internal Data Alignment

NA values are introduced in the indices that don't overlap:

```
>>> s3 = pd.Series([7, -2, 3], index=['a', 'c', 'd'])
>>> s + s3
a    10.0
b     NaN
c     5.0
d     7.0
```

## Arithmetic Operations with Fill Methods

You can also do the internal data alignment yourself with the help of the fill methods:

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```
c    5.0
d    7.0
>>> s.sub(s3, fill_value=2)
>>> s.div(s3, fill_value=4)
>>> s.mul(s3, fill_value=3)
```

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## Comments



**mariakatosvich**

Nice cheatsheet! make use of DataCamp's Pandas Cheat Sheet when you're considering loading files as Pandas DataFrames. If you have the data in an array, you can inspect it by making use of the following array attributes: shape, ndim, dtype, etc:

Thanks

<http://driverwhiz.com/device-drivers>

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**jvandenbossche**

Nice cheatsheet! Just wanted to point out of few small errors:

- `df.idmin()/df.idmax()` -> `df.idxmin()/df.idxmax()` ('x' is missing)

For the "sort & rank" section, there have been recently some deprecations / changes in the API:

- `s.order()` -> deprecated, better to use `s.sort_values()`

- `df.sort_index(by='Country')` -> 'by' is deprecated, better to use `df.sort_index()` (for sorting index), or `df.sort_values(by='Country')` for sorting a column

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**karlijn**

Hi there, thank you very much for your feedback! I made the necessary changes and uploaded a new version of the cheat sheet, so you should be able to see the changes when you click on the picture above. Thank you once again!

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**davidsantucci**

Tnks! That's awesome! :)

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**karlijn**

Thanks, David! I'm glad you like it :)

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