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## pandas.read\_excel

**pandas.read\_excel**(*io*, *sheet\_name=0*, *header=0*, *names=None*, *index\_col=None*, *usecols=None*, *squeeze=False*, *dtype=None*, *engine=None*, *converters=None*, *true\_values=None*, *false\_values=None*, *skiprows=None*, *nrows=None*, *na\_values=None*, *keep\_default\_na=True*, *na\_filter=True*, *verbose=False*, *parse\_dates=False*, *date\_parser=None*, *thousands=None*, *comment=None*, *skipfooter=0*, *convert\_float=True*, *mangle\_dupe\_cols=True*, *storage\_options=None*) [\[source\]](#)

Read an Excel file into a pandas DataFrame.

Supports *xls*, *xlsx*, *xlsm*, *xlsb*, *odf*, *ods* and *odt* file extensions read from a local filesystem or URL. Supports an option to read a single sheet or a list of sheets.

**Parameters:** **io** : *str, bytes, ExcelFile, xlrd.Book, path object, or file-like object*

Any valid string path is acceptable. The string could be a URL. Valid URL schemes include http, ftp, s3, and file. For file URLs, a host is expected. A local file could be: `file://localhost/path/to/table.xlsx`.

If you want to pass in a path object, pandas accepts any `os.PathLike`.

By file-like object, we refer to objects with a `read()` method, such as a file handle (e.g. via builtin `open` function) or `StringIO`.

**sheet\_name** : *str, int, list, or None, default 0*

Strings are used for sheet names. Integers are used in zero-indexed sheet positions. Lists of strings/integers are used to request multiple sheets. Specify `None` to get all sheets.

Available cases:

- Defaults to `0`: 1st sheet as a *DataFrame*
- `1`: 2nd sheet as a *DataFrame*
- `"Sheet1"`: Load sheet with name "Sheet1"
- `[0, 1, "Sheet5"]`: Load first, second and sheet named "Sheet5" as a dict of *DataFrame*
- `None`: All sheets.

**header** : *int, list of int, default 0*

Row (0-indexed) to use for the column labels of the parsed *DataFrame*. If a list of integers is passed those row positions will be combined into a *MultiIndex*. Use `None` if there is no header.

**names** : *array-like, default None*

List of column names to use. If file contains no header row, then you should explicitly pass `header=None`.

**index\_col** : *int, list of int, default None*

Column (0-indexed) to use as the row labels of the *DataFrame*. Pass `None` if there is no such column. If a list is passed, those columns will be combined into a *MultiIndex*. If a subset of data is selected with `usecols`, `index_col` is based on the subset.

**usecols** : *int, str, list-like, or callable default None*

- If `None`, then parse all columns.
- If `str`, then indicates comma separated list of Excel column letters and column ranges (e.g. "A:E" or "A,C,E:F"). Ranges are inclusive of both sides.
- If list of `int`, then indicates list of column numbers to be parsed.
- If list of `string`, then indicates list of column names to be parsed.

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- If callable, then evaluate each column name against it and parse the column if the callable returns `True`.

Returns a subset of the columns according to behavior above.

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**squeeze** : *bool, default False*

If the parsed data only contains one column then return a *Series*.

**dtype** : *Type name or dict of column -> type, default None*

Data type for data or columns. E.g. `{'a': np.float64, 'b': np.int32}` Use *object* to preserve data as stored in Excel and not interpret dtype. If converters are specified, they will be applied INSTEAD of dtype conversion.

**engine** : *str, default None*

If `io` is not a buffer or path, this must be set to identify `io`. Supported engines: "xlrd", "openpyxl", "odf", "pyxlsb". Engine compatibility :

- "xlrd" supports old-style Excel files (.xls).
- "openpyxl" supports newer Excel file formats.
- "odf" supports OpenDocument file formats (.odf, .ods, .odt).
- "pyxlsb" supports Binary Excel files.

*Changed in version 1.2.0:* The engine `xlrd` now only supports old-style `.xls` files. When `engine=None`, the following logic will be used to determine the engine:

- If `path_or_buffer` is an OpenDocument format (.odf, .ods, .odt), then `odf` will be used.
- Otherwise if `path_or_buffer` is an xls format, `xlrd` will be used.
- Otherwise if `openpyxl` is installed, then `openpyxl` will be used.
- Otherwise if `xlrd >= 2.0` is installed, a `ValueError` will be raised.

**Returns:** DataFrame or dict of DataFrames

DataFrame from the passed in Excel file. See notes in `sheet_name` argument for more information on when a dict of DataFrames is returned.

**See also**

[DataFrame.to\\_excel](#)

Write DataFrame to an Excel file.

[DataFrame.to\\_csv](#)

Write DataFrame to a comma-separated values (csv) file.

[read\\_csv](#)

Read a comma-separated values (csv) file into DataFrame.

[read\\_fwf](#)

Read a table of fixed-width formatted lines into DataFrame.

## Examples

The file can be read using the file name as string or an open file object:

```
>>> pd.read_excel('tmp.xlsx', index_col=0)
   Name  Value
0  string1    1
1  string2    2
2  #Comment    3
```

```
>>> pd.read_excel(open('tmp.xlsx', 'rb'),
...               sheet_name='Sheet3')
   Unnamed: 0  Name  Value
0           0  string1    1
1           1  string2    2
2           2  #Comment    3
```

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Index and header can be specified via the `index_col` and `header` arguments

```
>>> pd.read_excel('tmp.xlsx', index_col=None, header=None)
   0      1      2
0 NaN    Name  Value
1 0.0  string1    1
2 1.0  string2    2
3 2.0  #Comment    3
```

Column types are inferred but can be explicitly specified

```
>>> pd.read_excel('tmp.xlsx', index_col=0,
...               dtype={'Name': str, 'Value': float})
   Name  Value
0  string1  1.0
1  string2  2.0
2  #Comment  3.0
```

True, False, and NA values, and thousands separators have defaults, but can be explicitly specified, too. Supply the values you would like as strings or lists of strings!

```
>>> pd.read_excel('tmp.xlsx', index_col=0,
...               na_values=['string1', 'string2'])
   Name  Value
0    NaN    1
1    NaN    2
2  #Comment    3
```

Comment lines in the excel input file can be skipped using the `comment` kwarg

```
>>> pd.read_excel('tmp.xlsx', index_col=0, comment='#')
   Name  Value
0  string1  1.0
1  string2  2.0
2    None   NaN
```

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