



DATA ANALYSIS - THE DATA TABLE WAY

INDEXING



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Using column names in **i**

```
> DT
  A B
1: c 1
2: b 2
3: a 3
4: c 4
5: b 5
6: a 6
```

```
> DT[A == "a"]
```

```
  A B
1: a 3
2: a 6
```

```
> DT[A %in% c("a", "c")]
```

```
  A B
1: c 1
2: a 3
3: c 4
4: a 6
```



Conceptually

```
> DT
```

	A	B
1:	c	1
2:	b	2
3:	a	3
4:	c	4
5:	b	5
6:	a	6

```
> w <- DT[, A == "a"]
```

```
> w
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

```
> DT[w]
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6

```
> DT[A == "a"]
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6



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Automatic indexing

```
> DT[A == "a"]  
> DT[A %in% c("a", "c")]
```

These don't actually vector scan.

They create an index automatically (by default) on A, the first time you use column A.

```
> DT[A == "b"]      # second time much faster
```



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KEYS



Creating and using a key

```
> DT
```

	A	B
1:	c	1
2:	b	2
3:	a	3
4:	c	4
5:	b	5
6:	a	6

```
> setkey(DT, A)
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6
3:	b	2
4:	b	5
5:	c	1
6:	c	4

```
> DT
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6
3:	b	2
4:	b	5
5:	c	1
6:	c	4

```
> DT["b"]
```

	A	B
1:	b	2
2:	b	5

```
> DF["b"]
```

Error:
duplicate 'row.names'
are not allowed



mult

```
> setkey(DT, A)
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6
3:	b	2
4:	b	5
5:	c	1
6:	c	4

```
> DT["b", mult = "first"]
```

	A	B
1:	b	2

```
> DT["b", mult = "last"]
```

	A	B
1:	b	5



nomatch

```
> setkey(DT, A)
```

	A	B
1:	a	3
2:	a	6
3:	b	2
4:	b	5
5:	c	1
6:	c	4

```
> DT[c("b", "d"), nomatch = NA] # default
```

	A	B
1:	b	2
2:	b	5
3:	d	NA

```
> DT[c("b", "d"), nomatch = 0]
```

	A	B
1:	b	2
2:	b	5



A two-column key

```
> DT
```

	A	B	C
1:	c	4	1
2:	b	1	2
3:	a	6	3
4:	c	3	4
5:	b	5	5
6:	a	2	6

```
> setkey(DT, A, B)
```

	A	B	C
1:	a	2	6
2:	a	6	3
3:	b	1	2
4:	b	5	5
5:	c	3	4
6:	c	4	1

```
> DT[.("b", 5)]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	5	5

```
> DT[.("b", 6)]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	6	NA

```
> DT[.("b")]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	1	2
2:	b	5	5



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ROLLING JOINS



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Ordered joins

```
> setkey(DT, A, B)
```

	A	B	C
1:	a	2	6
2:	a	6	3
3:	b	1	2
4:	b	5	5
5:	c	3	4
6:	c	4	1

Arrows indicate the ordering of rows by column B: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6. A box highlights the rows where B is 1 or 5 (rows 3 and 4).

```
> DT[.("b", 4)]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	NA

```
> DT[.("b", 4), roll = TRUE]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	2

```
> DT[.("b", 4), roll = "nearest"]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	5



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Forwards and backwards

```
> setkey(DT, A, B)
```

	A	B	C
1:	a	2	6
2:	a	6	3
3:	b	1	2
4:	b	5	5
5:	c	3	4
6:	c	4	1

```
> DT[.("b", 4), roll = +Inf]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	2

```
> DT[.("b", 4), roll = -Inf]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	5



Limited staleness

```
> setkey(DT, A, B)
```

	A	B	C
1:	a	2	6
2:	a	6	3
3:	b	1	2
4:	b	5	5
5:	c	3	4
6:	c	4	1

```
> DT[.(“b”, 4), roll = 2]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	NA

```
> DT[.(“b”, 4), roll = -2]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	4	5



Control ends

```
> setkey(DT, A, B)
```

	A	B	C
1:	a	2	6
2:	a	6	3
3:	b	1	2
4:	b	5	5
5:	c	3	4
6:	c	4	1

```
> DT[.(“b”, 7:8), roll = TRUE]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	7	5
2:	b	8	5

```
> DT[.(“b”, 7:8), roll = TRUE, rollends = FALSE]
```

	A	B	C
1:	b	7	NA
2:	b	8	NA



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