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# Introduction to Python



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# FLAGS WITH WHILE LOOPS

- Sometimes it makes more sense to create a flag to signal to Python to break the while loop.
- Programs will run while the flag is set to True.

```
prompt = "Input a message. I will repeat it until you type 'quit'"
message = ""

active = True
while active:
    message = input(prompt)

    if message == 'quit':
        active = False

    else:
        print(message)
```

NOTE: Write out  
the example  
after class

```
user input = ""
while user input.lower()
!= "exit":
    user input =
input("Type 'exit' to
end the loop: ")
```

## a side note on while loops

- while loops make for great techniques when you want to search through data while some condition is true
- let's look at an example

```
number = 1
while number <= 5:
    print(number)
    number += 1
```

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

# while loops with a flag

- while loops can react to a flag (like an on-off switch)

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        print(message)
```

## aggregating data

- the **groupby** function, like in sql and other programming languages, allows you to create summaries of data in columns

```
df.groupby(['column you want to group'])['column you want to count'].count()
```

```
df.groupby(['Borough'])['Unique Key'].count()
```

```
Borough
BRONX          10925
BROOKLYN       22247
MANHATTAN      13133
QUEENS         18623
STATEN ISLAND   3848
Unspecified     861
Name: Unique Key, dtype: int64
```

# chaining

- in python, multiple operations can be chained together using the dot method

```
df.groupby(['Borough'])['Unique Key'].count().sort_values(ascending=False)
```

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Borough  
BROOKLYN      22247  
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```

## filtering columns

to select a column in python, we do the following:

- `df['column1']`

to select multiple columns, we can do:

- `df[['column1', 'column2', 'column3']]`

desired columns, or our subset, can be stored in another dataframe:

- `df2 = df[['column1', 'column2', 'column3']]`

we can then use our column subset dataframe, `df2`, to perform an analysis

## filtering rows

- `df[df['column name'] == 'value']`
- `df2 = df[df['column name'] == 'value']`
- `df3 = df[(df['column1'] == 'value1') & (df['column2'] == 'value2')]`



# filtering rows - exact matching vs. fuzzy matching

- exact matching

```
df[df['Complaint Type'] == 'Noise']  
df[df['Complaint Type'] == 'Noise'].count()
```

```
df[df['Complaint Type'].str.contains('Noise')]
```

- fuzzy matching

```
Import pandas as pd  
From fuzzywuzzy import process
```

```
Data = {  
    'name': ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Charlie', 'David'],  
    'City': ['New York', 'Los Angeles', 'Miami', 'Chicago']}
```

```
Df = pd.DataFrame(data)
```

```
# fuzzy matching
```

```
Data = {  
    'name': ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Charlie', 'David'],  
    'City': ['New York', 'Los Angeles', 'Miami',  
            'Chicago']}
```

```
Df = pd.DataFrame(data)
```

```
# Exact matching
```

```
Exact_match = df[df['City'] == ['New York,  
Chicago', 'Chicago']  
print("Exact Matching: ")  
print(exact_match)
```

## Output:

Exact Matching:

```
0 Alice New York  
17 Charlie New York
```

## objectives

- to dig deeper into pandas
- to further understand the nuances of real-world data
- to apply pandas to real-world data

## more on dataframes

- let's expand a bit more on our understanding of dataframes

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from numpy.random import randn
np.random.seed(123)
```

andom dataframe with some random values

## more on dataframes

- let's use a dataframe function to create our dataframe

```
df = pd.DataFrame(randn(5,4), ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E'], ['W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z'])
```

	W	X	Y	Z
A	-1.085631	0.997345	0.282978	-1.506295
B	-0.578600	1.651437	-2.426679	-0.428913
C	1.265936	-0.866740	-0.678886	-0.094709
D	1.491390	-0.638902	-0.443982	-0.434351
E	2.205930	2.186786	1.004054	0.386186

code and see what we get when we execute

## more on dataframes

- dataframes are made up of multiple lists (or series)

```
df['W']
```

```
A    -1.085631  
B    -0.578600  
C     1.265936  
D     1.491390  
E     2.205930  
Name: W, dtype: float64
```

```
df[['W', 'X']]
```

- to select multiple columns from our dataframe, we pass in a list of column names

## adding new columns in dataframes

- we can create new columns in our dataframe as well

```
df['new'] = df['W'] + df['Y']
```

df

	W	X	Y	Z	new
A	-1.085631	0.997345	0.282978	-1.506295	-0.802652
B	-0.578600	1.651437	-2.426679	-0.428913	-3.005279
C	1.265936	-0.866740	-0.678886	-0.094709	0.587050
D	1.491390	-0.638902	-0.443982	-0.434351	1.047408
E	2.205930	2.186786	1.004054	0.386186	3.209984

## removing columns in dataframes

- always mind the syntax
- **df.drop('new', axis=1, inplace = True)**
- why are these parameters necessary?
- in python, **axis=1** refers to column identification and **axis=0** refers to row identification
- **inplace = True** tells python to modify the existing dataframe (save vs. save as)

## creating subsets of original dataframes

- `df2 = df[['W', 'X']]`
- our new dataframe **df2** will now only have two columns
- when would we typically subset?



# dropping rows in dataframes

- what do you notice about the syntax below?

```
df.drop('E', axis=0)
```

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## selecting rows in dataframes

- many ways to do this, but the most common and straightforward way is to use **loc** and **iloc**

```
df.loc['C']
```

```
W      1.265936  
X     -0.866740  
Y     -0.678886  
Z     -0.094709  
new    0.587050  
Name: C, dtype: float64
```

```
df.iloc[2]
```

```
df.iloc[2]
```

```
W      1.265936  
X     -0.866740  
Y     -0.678886  
Z     -0.094709  
new    0.587050  
Name: C, dtype: float64
```

## conditional/logic tests on dataframes

```
df > 0
```

	W	X	Y	Z
A	True	True	False	True
B	False	False	True	False
C	False	False	False	False
D	False	False	True	False
E	True	True	False	True

```
df[df>0]
```

	W	X	Y	Z
A	0.737369	1.490732	NaN	1.175829
B	NaN	NaN	0.907105	NaN
C	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
D	NaN	NaN	0.927462	NaN
E	0.002846	0.688223	NaN	0.283627

- how might we use this technique to filter?

## filtering dataframes

- often times, you won't want to filter the entire dataframe

- you might want to only filter based on a specific column

```
df[df['Z'] < 0]
```

	W	X	Y	Z
B	-1.253881	-0.637752	0.907105	-1.428681
C	-0.140069	-0.861755	-0.255619	-2.798589
D	-1.771533	-0.699877	0.927462	-0.173636

```
df[df['W'] > 0]
```

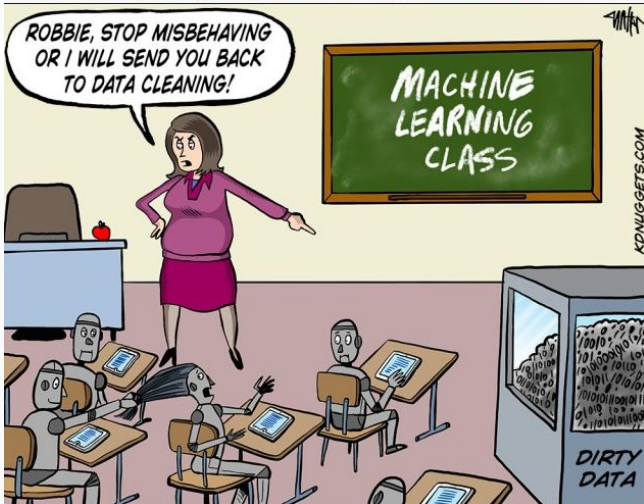
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# renaming columns in dataframes

- messy data sometimes means messy columns

```
df = df.rename(columns={'Unnamed: 0': 'newName1', 'oldName2': 'newName2'})  
# Or rename the existing DataFrame (rather than creating a copy)  
df.rename(columns={'oldName1': 'newName1', 'oldName2': 'newName2'}, inplace=True)
```



## let's look at another real-world dataset

- vehicle gas mileage data

```
df = pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/CunyLaguardiaDataAnalytics/datasets/master/mtcars.csv')
```

- understand the data first (**head**, **describe**, etc.)
- clean the dataset by naming the missing column name
- create a new dataframe that consists of a subset of the original columns (only mpg, hp, wt, and cyl)
- rename the above columns (cylinders = cyl)

## **objectives**

- to dig deeper into pandas
- to further understand the nuances of missing data
- to apply techniques to real-world data

# approaches to missing data

- missing data is a part of life
- let's consider some options along with some pros and cons
- we can drop missing values from the dataset entirely
- we can impute missing values with the mean values of the dataset
- we can use machine learning to impute missing values



# missing values

- there are a few techniques to check for missing values
- let's create a sample dataframe with some missing values to work

```
import pandas as pd  
import numpy as np
```

```
df = {'A':[1,2,np.nan], 'B':[3,np.nan, np.nan]}  
df = pd.DataFrame(df)
```

## missing values simple example

- first let's check to see if there are any missing values

	A	B
0	1.0	3.0
1	2.0	NaN
2	NaN	NaN

```
df.isnull()
```

	A	B
0	False	False
1	False	True
2	True	True

**null** function is one way

# missing values simple example

- we can sum up total number of missing values by column

```
df.isnull().sum()
```

```
A    1  
B    2  
dtype: int64
```

```
df.isnull().sum().sum()
```

```
3
```

we can also sum up total number of missing values for the entire dataframe

## missing values simple example

- let's focus on simply dropping missing values

```
df.dropna()
```

	A	B
0	1.0	3.0

- **df.dropna()** drops all missing values
- **df.dropna(axis=1)** drops na values only from columns that contain na values (if a column doesn't have any missing values, it won't be dropped)

# refresher on grouping (groupby)

- remember that grouping allows you to essentially group rows together based on a certain column, and then you can perform some aggregating function on them

Company	Name	Age	Wages	Education.University	Productivity
A	Wayne	26	50000	1	100
A	Duane	27	70000	1	120
B	William	28	70000	1	120
C	Rafael	32	60000	0	95
A	John	28	50000	0	88
B	Eric	24	70000	1	115
B	James	34	65000	1	100
C	Pablo	30	50000	0	90
C	Tammy	25	55000	1	120

# groupby

- remember with our 311 data, we grouped complaints by borough

```
df.groupby(['Borough'])['Unique Key'].count()
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# groupby

- we could have also grouped complaints by assigned agency

```
df.groupby(['Agency'])['Unique Key'].count()
```

```
Agency
ACS      8
DCA     385
DCAS     26
DEP    5179
DFTA     226
DHS     476
DOB    4150
DOE      44
DOF    1259
DOHMH   1868
DOITT     12
DOT     8208
DPR     3065
DSNY   11262
EDC       61
HPD    11215
HRA      238
NYPD   21188
TAX        6
TLC      761
```

```
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```

## groupby

- remember that **groupby** works with more than just **.count()**
- you can couple **groupby** with any relevant function (using the dot or chain method)
- for example, if you're looking at salary data by job title, you can use **groupby** with **.mean()** to find average salary for a job title
- if you're looking at salary data, you can use **groupby** with **.max()** to find the highest salary for a given job title, and so on