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Let's practice the skills we learned during the last lesson on Jupyter Notebooks.

### Create a Spreadsheet of Data

Create an Excel spreadsheet as follows.

- Sign into <https://www.office.com/launch/excel> using your `memphis.edu` email.
- Name the spreadsheet file *scores*.
- The first row must be headings only.
- The first three columns must have the following headings: *Name*, *Exam1*, and *Exam2*.
- Below the headings row, there must be 15 rows of data. Fill the rows in with a variety of made-up names and exam scores (assuming that each exam score is between 0 and 100 points).

Upload the spreadsheet into your JupyterLab workspace.

### Create a New Notebook

Create a new xpython notebook named `Jupyter-notebooks-intro-PS.ipynb` in your JupyterLab workspace.

- Be sure that the notebook is using the *xpython* kernel (NOT the *Python 3* kernel).

### Add a Markdown Cell

Make the first cell in the notebook a Markdown cell that looks like the following figure.

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In this notebook, we practice some common data analysis tasks.

### Import the Pandas Library

First, we import the Pandas library.

- Don't forget to set the cell type to *Markdown*.
- Hint: The cell includes a level-1 heading and a level-2 heading.
- Hint: See the GitHub Markdown Cheatsheet for Markdown examples.

Run the cell to make it render the Markdown as pretty headings and text.

## Import the Pandas Library

Add a code cell that imports the Pandas library.

- Import the Pandas library as `pd`.

Run the code cell. (No output should be displayed.)

## Read the Spreadsheet into a DataFrame

Add a Markdown cell that looks like this:

### Read the Spreadsheet into a DataFrame

Next, we read the spreadsheet into a DataFrame named `df`.

- Hint: The heading in this cell (and all future Markdown cells) is a level-2 heading.
- Hint: To format the `df` variable, we surround the `df` in backticks (i.e., “s”).

Add a code cell that reads the spreadsheet you uploaded into a DataFrame.

- Name the DataFrame variable `df`.

Run the code cell. (No output should be displayed.)

## Display the Contents of the DataFrame

Add a Markdown cell that looks like this:

### Display the Contents of the DataFrame

Next, we display a summary of the contents of the DataFrame.

Add a code cell that displays the contents of the DataFrame.

- Hint: This involves only adding a variable block.

Run the code cell and note the output, which should resemble the following:

```
[ 8 ]:
```

	Name	Exam1	Exam2
0	Bob	45	56
1	Alice	89	87
2	Jane	62	98
3	Rick	99	100
4	Perry	100	100
5	Louis	76	79
6	Mike	88	85
7	Romeo	88	80
8	Juliet	84	96
9	Wendy	96	93
10	Peter	98	88
11	Homer	91	100
12	Bart	55	34
13	Lisa	87	86
14	Marge	79	97

## Display an Individual Column in the DataFrame

Add a Markdown cell that looks like this:

### Display an Individual Column in the DataFrame

Next, we display the Exam1 column of the DataFrame.

Add a code cell that displays a summary of only the data in the Exam1 column.

- Hint: This involves one of the *Lists* blocks.

Run the code cell and note the output, which should resemble the following:

```
[ 9 ]:
```

	Exam1
0	45
1	89
2	62
3	99
4	100
5	76
6	88
7	88
8	84
9	96
10	98
11	91
12	55
13	87
14	79

## Calculate the Average (Mean) Value of a Column in the DataFrame

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### Calculate the Average (Mean) Value of a Column in the DataFrame

Next, we calculate the average value in the Exam1 column.

Add a code cell that calculate the average value in only the data in the Exam1 column.

- Hint: First, store the Exam1 column as a list in a new variable (call it `exam1`). Then, run the `mean` operation on the `exam1` variable.

Run the code cell and note the output, which should resemble the following:

```
[10]: Exam1    82.466667
      dtype: float64
```

### Calculate the Average (Mean) Values of All Columns in the DataFrame

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#### Calculate the Average (Mean) Values of All Columns in the DataFrame ¶

Next, we calculate the average value of each and every column in the DataFrame.

Add a code cell that calculates the average value for each column in the DataFrame.

- Hint: This can be done by calling the `mean` operation on the entire DataFrame.

Run the code cell and note the output, which should resemble the following:

```
[11]: Exam1    82.466667
      Exam2    85.266667
      dtype: float64
```

### Display a Summary of Descriptive Statistics for Each Column in the DataFrame

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Lastly, we calculate a variety of descriptive statistics for each column of `df`.

Add a code cell that displays a summary of descriptive statistics for each column in the DataFrame.

- Hint: This can be done by calling the `describe` operation on the entire DataFrame.

Run the code cell and note the output, which should resemble the following:

[12]:			
	Exam1	Exam2	
count	15.000000	15.000000	
mean	82.466667	85.266667	
std	16.552370	18.300924	
min	45.000000	34.000000	
25%	77.500000	82.500000	
50%	88.000000	88.000000	
75%	93.500000	97.500000	
max	100.000000	100.000000	

*Congratulations! You've completed the first problem-solving notebook!*