

# Introduction to JSON

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# Javascript Object Notation (JSON)

- Common web data format
- Not tabular
  - Records don't have to all have the same set of attributes
- Data organized into collections of objects
- Objects are collections of attribute-value pairs
- Nested JSON: objects within objects

# Reading JSON Data

- `read_json()`
  - Takes a string path to JSON \_or\_ JSON data as a string
  - Specify data types with `dtype` keyword argument
  - `orient` keyword argument to flag uncommon JSON data layouts
    - possible values in `pandas` documentation

# Data Orientation

- JSON data isn't tabular
  - `pandas` guesses how to arrange it in a table
- `pandas` can automatically handle common orientations

# Record Orientation

- Most common JSON arrangement

```
[
  {
    "age_adjusted_death_rate": "7.6",
    "death_rate": "6.2",
    "deaths": "32",
    "leading_cause": "Accidents Except Drug Posioning (V01-X39, X43, X45-X59, Y85-Y86)",
    "race_ethnicity": "Asian and Pacific Islander",
    "sex": "F",
    "year": "2007"
  },
  {
    "age_adjusted_death_rate": "8.1",
    "death_rate": "8.3",
    "deaths": "87",
    ...
  }
]
```

# Column Orientation

- More space-efficient than record-oriented JSON

```
{  
  "age_adjusted_death_rate": {  
    "0": "7.6",  
    "1": "8.1",  
    "2": "7.1",  
    "3": ".",  
    "4": ".",  
    "5": "7.3",  
    "6": "13",  
    "7": "20.6",  
    "8": "17.4",  
    "9": ".",  
    "10": ".",  
    "11": "19.8",  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

# Specifying Orientation

- Split oriented data - `nyc_death_causes.json`

```
{
  "columns": [
    "age_adjusted_death_rate",
    "death_rate",
    "deaths",
    "leading_cause",
    "race_ethnicity",
    "sex",
    "year"
  ],
  "index": [...],
  "data": [
    [
      "7.6",
```

# Specifying Orientation

```
import pandas as pd
death_causes = pd.read_json("nyc_death_causes.json",
                             orient="split")

print(death_causes.head())
```

	age_adjusted_death_rate	death_rate	deaths	leading_cause	race_ethnicity	sex	year
0	7.6	6.2	32	Accidents Except Drug...	Asian and Pacific Islander	F	2007
1	8.1	8.3	87	Accidents Except Drug...	Black Non-Hispanic	F	2007
2	7.1	6.1	71	Accidents Except Drug...	Hispanic	F	2007
3	.	.	.	Accidents Except Drug...	Not Stated/Unknown	F	2007
4	.	.	.	Accidents Except Drug...	Other Race/ Ethnicity	F	2007

[5 rows x 7 columns]



# Let's practice!

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# Introduction to APIs

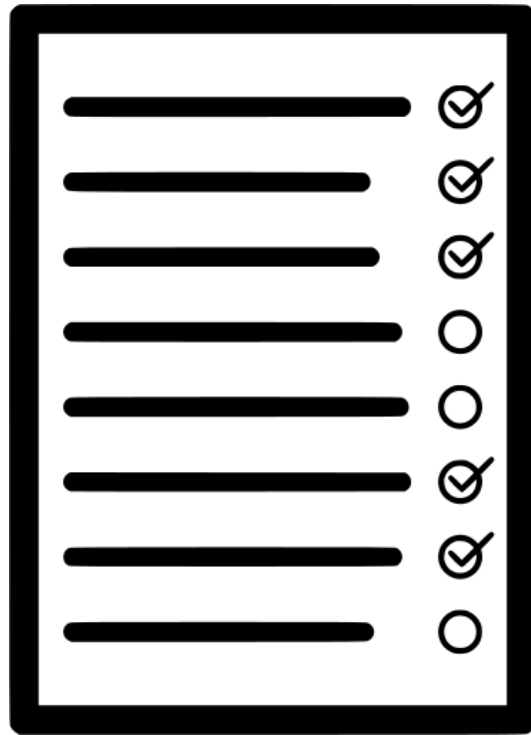
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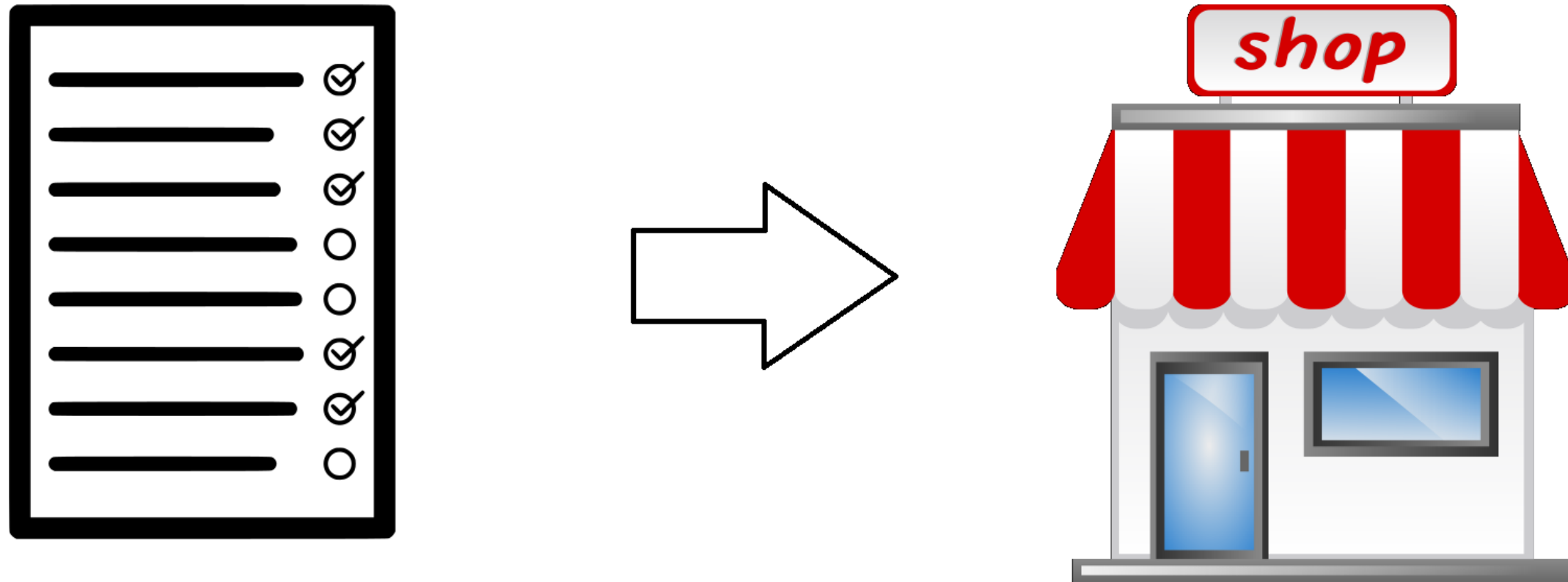
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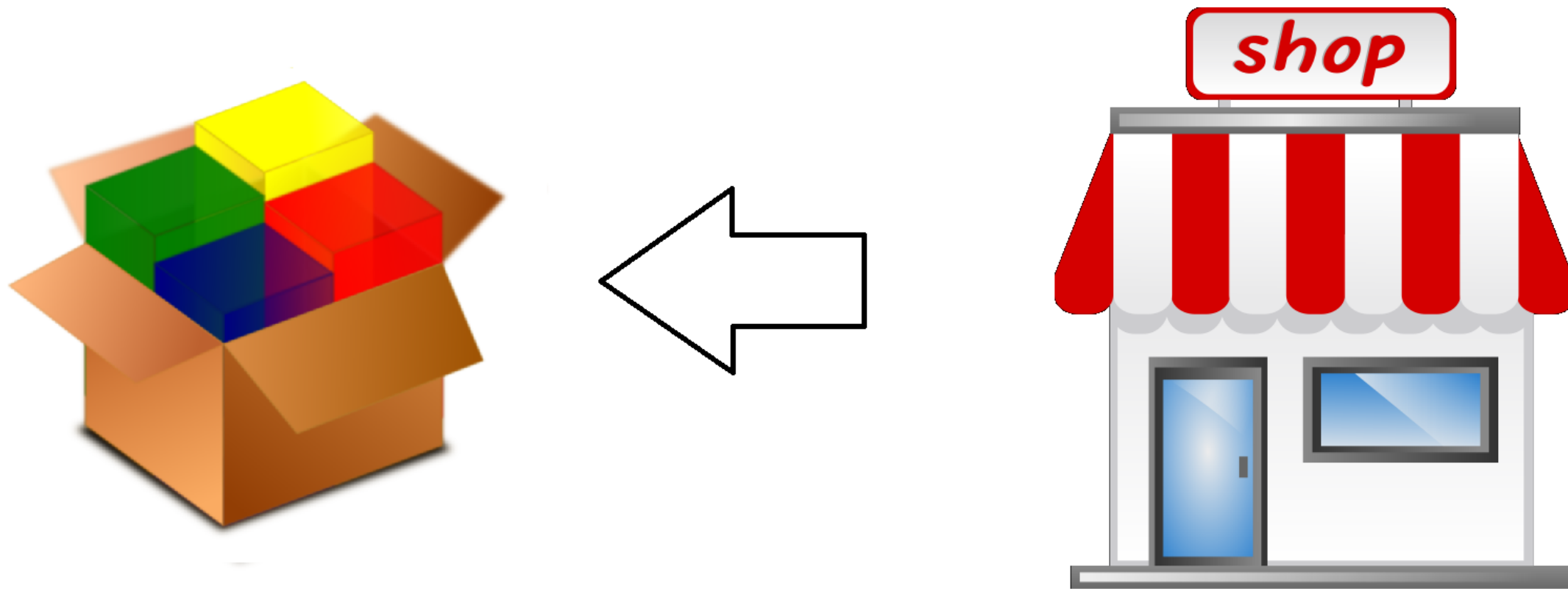
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# Requests

- Send and get data from websites
- Not tied to a particular API
- `requests.get()` to get data from a URL



# requests.get()

- `requests.get(url_string)` to get data from a URL
- Keyword arguments
  - `params` keyword: takes a dictionary of parameters and values to customize API request
  - `headers` keyword: takes a dictionary, can be used to provide user authentication to API
- Result: a `response` object, containing data and metadata
  - `response.json()` will return just the JSON data

# response.json() and pandas

- `response.json()` returns a dictionary
- `read_json()` expects strings, not dictionaries
- Load the response JSON to a data frame with `pd.DataFrame()`
  - `read_json()` will give an error!



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# Yelp Business Search API

## Response Body

```
{
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  "businesses": [
    {
      "rating": 4,
      "price": "$",
      "phone": "+14152520800",
      "id": "E8RJkjfdcwgyoPMjQ_Olg",
      "alias": "four-barrel-coffee-san-francisco",
      "is_closed": false,
      "categories": [
        {
          "alias": "coffee",
          "title": "Coffee & Tea"
        }
      ],
      "review_count": 1738,
      "name": "Four Barrel Coffee",
      "url": "https://www.yelp.com/biz/four-barrel-coffee-san-francisco",
      "coordinates": {
        "latitude": 37.7670169511878.
```

# Making Requests

```
import requests
import pandas as pd

api_url = "https://api.yelp.com/v3/businesses/search"
# Set up parameter dictionary according to documentation
params = {"term": "bookstore",
          "location": "San Francisco"}
# Set up header dictionary w/ API key according to documentation
headers = {"Authorization": "Bearer {}".format(api_key)}

# Call the API
response = requests.get(api_url,
                        params=params,
                        headers=headers)
```



# Parsing Responses

```
# Isolate the JSON data from the response object
data = response.json()
print(data)
```

```
{'businesses': [{'id': '_rbF2ooLcMRA7Kh8neIr4g', 'alias': 'city-lights-bookstore-san-francisco', 'name': 'City L
```

```
# Load businesses data to a data frame
bookstores = pd.DataFrame(data["businesses"])
print(bookstores.head(2))
```

```
              alias      ...      url
0  city-lights-bookstore-san-francisco  ...  https://www.yelp.com/biz/city-lights-bookstore...
1  alexander-book-company-san-francisco  ...  https://www.yelp.com/biz/alexander-book-compan...

[2 rows x 16 columns]
```



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# Working with nested JSONs

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# Nested JSONs

- JSONs contain objects with attribute-value pairs
- A JSON is nested when the value itself is an object

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      "location": {
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        "address3": "",
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}
```

```
# Print columns containing nested data
```

```
print(bookstores[["categories", "coordinates", "location"]].head(3))
```

```
              categories \
0  [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'}]
1  [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'...
2  [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'}]
```

```
              coordinates \
0  {'latitude': 37.7975997924805, 'longitude': -1...
1  {'latitude': 37.7885846793652, 'longitude': -1...
2  {'latitude': 37.7589836120605, 'longitude': -1...
```

```
              location
0  {'address1': '261 Columbus Ave', 'address2': '...
1  {'address1': '50 2nd St', 'address2': '', 'add...
2  {'address1': '866 Valencia St', 'address2': ''...
```



# pandas.io.json

- `pandas.io.json` submodule has tools for reading and writing JSON
  - Needs its own `import` statement
- `json_normalize()`
  - Takes a dictionary/list of dictionaries (like `pd.DataFrame()` does)
  - Returns a flattened data frame
  - Default flattened column name pattern: `attribute.nestedattribute`
  - Choose a different separator with the `sep` argument

# Loading Nested JSON Data

```
import pandas as pd
import requests
from pandas.io.json import json_normalize

# Set up headers, parameters, and API endpoint
api_url = "https://api.yelp.com/v3/businesses/search"
headers = {"Authorization": "Bearer {}".format(api_key)}
params = {"term": "bookstore",
          "location": "San Francisco"}

# Make the API call and extract the JSON data
response = requests.get(api_url,
                        headers=headers,
                        params=params)

data = response.json()
```

```
# Flatten data and load to data frame, with _ separators
bookstores = json_normalize(data["businesses"], sep="_")
print(list(bookstores))
```

```
['alias',
 'categories',
 'coordinates_latitude',
 'coordinates_longitude',
 ...,
 'location_address1',
 'location_address2',
 'location_address3',
 'location_city',
 'location_country',
 'location_display_address',
 'location_state',
 'location_zip_code',
 ...,
 'url']
```

# Deeply Nested Data

```
print(bookstores.categories.head())
```

```
0    [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'}]  
1    [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'...  
2    [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'}]  
3    [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'}]  
4    [{'alias': 'bookstores', 'title': 'Bookstores'...  
Name: categories, dtype: object
```

# Deeply Nested Data

- `json_normalize()`
  - `record_path` : string/list of string attributes to nested data
  - `meta` : list of other attributes to load to data frame
  - `meta_prefix` : string to prefix to meta column names

# Deeply Nested Data

```
# Flatten categories data, bring in business details
df = json_normalize(data["businesses"],
                    sep="_",
                    record_path="categories",
                    meta=["name",
                        "alias",
                        "rating",
                        ["coordinates", "latitude"],
                        ["coordinates", "longitude"]],
                    meta_prefix="biz_")
```

```
print(df.head(4))
```

```
   alias      title      biz_name \
0  bookstores  Bookstores  City Lights Bookstore
1  bookstores  Bookstores  Alexander Book Company
2  stationery  Cards & Stationery  Alexander Book Company
3  bookstores  Bookstores  Borderlands Books

      biz_alias  biz_rating  biz_coordinates_latitude \
0  city-lights-bookstore-san-francisco      4.5      37.797600
1  alexander-book-company-san-francisco      4.5      37.788585
2  alexander-book-company-san-francisco      4.5      37.788585
3  borderlands-books-san-francisco      5.0      37.758984

      biz_coordinates_longitude
0      -122.406578
1      -122.400631
2      -122.400631
3      -122.421638
```

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# Combining multiple datasets

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# Appending

- Use case: adding rows from one data frame to another
- `append()`
  - Data frame method
  - Syntax: `df1.append(df2)`
  - Set `ignore_index` to `True` to renumber rows

# Appending

```
# Get first 20 bookstore results
params = {"term": "bookstore",
          "location": "San Francisco"}
first_results = requests.get(api_url,
                             headers=headers
                             params=params).json()

first_20_bookstores = json_normalize(first_results["businesses"],
                                    sep="_")

print(first_20_bookstores.shape)
```

```
(20, 24)
```

```
# Get the next 20 bookstores
params["offset"] = 20
next_results = requests.get(api_url,
                             headers=headers
                             params=params).json()

next_20_bookstores = json_normalize(next_results["businesses"],
                                    sep="_")

print(next_20_bookstores.shape)
```

```
(20, 24)
```

```
# Put bookstore datasets together, renumber rows
bookstores = first_20_bookstores.append(next_20_bookstores,
                                         ignore_index=True)

print(bookstores.name)
```

```
0           City Lights Bookstore
1    Alexander Book Company
2      Borderlands Books
3        Alley Cat Books
4        Dog Eared Books
...
35           Forest Books
36  San Francisco Center For The Book
37      KingSpoke - Book Store
38      Eastwind Books & Arts
39           My Favorite
Name: name, dtype: object
```

# Merging

- Use case: combining datasets to add related columns
- Datasets have key column(s) with common values
- `merge()` : pandas version of a SQL join

# Merging

- `merge()`
  - Both a `pandas` function and a data frame method
- `df.merge()` arguments
  - Second data frame to merge
  - Columns to merge on
    - `on` if names are the same in both data frames
    - `left_on` and `right_on` if key names differ
    - Key columns should be the same data type

```
call_counts.head()
```

	created_date	call_counts
0	01/01/2018	4597
1	01/02/2018	4362
2	01/03/2018	3045
3	01/04/2018	3374
4	01/05/2018	4333

```
weather.head()
```

	date	tmax	tmin
0	12/01/2017	52	42
1	12/02/2017	48	39
2	12/03/2017	48	42
3	12/04/2017	51	40
4	12/05/2017	61	50



# Merging

```
# Merge weather into call counts on date columns
merged = call_counts.merge(weather,
                           left_on="created_date",
                           right_on="date")

print(merged.head())
```

	created_date	call_counts	date	tmax	tmin
0	01/01/2018	4597	01/01/2018	19	7
1	01/02/2018	4362	01/02/2018	26	13
2	01/03/2018	3045	01/03/2018	30	16
3	01/04/2018	3374	01/04/2018	29	19
4	01/05/2018	4333	01/05/2018	19	9

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4   01/05/2018         4333  01/05/2018    19     9
```

- Default `merge()` behavior: return only values that are in both datasets
- One record for each value match between data frames
  - Multiple matches = multiple records

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# Wrap-up

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# Recap

## Chapters 1 and 2

- `read_csv()` and `read_excel()`
- Setting data types, choosing data to load, handling missing data and errors



# Recap

## Chapter 3

- `read_sql()` and `sqlalchemy`
- SQL `SELECT` , `WHERE` , aggregate functions and joins



# Recap

## Chapter 4

- `read_json()` , `json_normalize()` , and `requests`
- Working with APIs and nested JSONs
- Appending and merging datasets

# Where to next?

- Learn more about data wrangling in `pandas`
  - Working with indexes, transforming values, dropping rows and columns
  - Reshaping data by merging, melting, pivoting
  - [Data Manipulation with Python Skill Track](#)



# Where to next?

- Explore a variety of analysis topics
  - Descriptive statistics (e.g. medians, means, standard deviation)
  - Inferential statistics (hypothesis testing, correlation, regression)
  - **Exploratory Data Analysis in Python**
  - **Introduction to Linear Modeling in Python**

# Where to next?

- Learn data visualization techniques
  - `seaborn` and `matplotlib` libraries
  - [Introduction to Data Visualization in Python](#)
  - [Introduction to Data Visualization with Matplotlib](#)

# Where to next?

- Wrangle data as part of a fuller data science workflow
  - [Analyzing Police Activity with pandas](#)
  - [Analyzing US Census Data in Python](#)
  - [Analyzing Social Media Data in Python](#)

# Congrats!

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