Data/Parameters You Might Need

Here are categories of data you'd want to collect and later analyze:

- 1. Device Metadata
 - Device ID, type (router, switch, firewall, etc.)
 - o Manufacturer, model, serial number
 - o Installation date / age of device
 - Software/firmware version
- 2. Usage & Performance Metrics
 - CPU utilization over time
 - Memory utilization
 - Disk/storage utilization (if applicable)
 - Network throughput (packets/sec, bandwidth usage)
 - Error rates (dropped packets, retransmissions, collisions)
 - Latency and jitter
- 3. Environmental & Operational Data
 - Device location (datacenter, branch office, region)
 - Power supply metrics (voltage fluctuations, outages)
 - Temperature / overheating events
 - Cooling system status (fans, airflow sensors)
 - Uptime since last reboot
- 4. Health & Status Indicators

- System logs (error/warning messages)
- SNMP traps or alerts
- Number of reboots / crashes
- Firmware/software bugs reported
- Security incidents (failed logins, intrusion attempts)

5. Failure & Maintenance History

- Date/time of past failures
- MTBF (Mean Time Between Failures)
- MTTR (Mean Time To Repair)
- Maintenance activities (patching, firmware updates, component replacement)
- Warranty/AMC coverage

6. External Factors

- Workload spikes (seasonal traffic increase, sudden surges)
- Network topology (is the device in a critical bottleneck?)
- Dependency on other devices

Data Identification:

For a sensor, disk_usage_% might always be NaN.

For a router, sensor_faults_detected might always be 0 or N/A.

Pandas Cheatsheet:

import pandas as pd

- 1) Read a csv file: pd.read_csv("Pandas/NetflixDataset.csv")
- 2) Get top records: .head(count), .tail(count)

df = pd.read_csv("NetflixDataset.csv").tail(2) 3]: df 3]: Show_Id Category Title Director Cast Country Release_Date Rating Duration Description Type Dessert Adriano Zumbo's International wizard Zumbo, October 31, 7787 s7786 TV Show Just Australia TV-PG 1 Season TV Shows, Adriano Rachel 2020 Reality TV Zumbo looks Desserts Khoo for the nex... ZZ TOP: United This THAT LITTLE Kingdom, Documentaries, documentary March 1, TV-Sam 90 min 7788 s7787 Movie OL' NaN Canada, Music & delves into Dunn 2020 MA **BAND** United Musicals the mystique FROM States behi...

3) df = pd.read_csv("NetflixDataset.csv").tail(2)

The above command returns a dataframe: It has **rows and columns** (like a table), and you can use it to **store**, **analyze**, **and process data** easily.

#To create dataframe in python:

```
# Dictionary of data
data = {
    "Movie": ["Inception", "Titanic", "Avatar"],
    "Year": [2010, 1997, 2009],
    "Rating": [8.8, 7.9, 7.8]
}
# Convert dictionary into DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(data)

Convert list to dataframe:
df = pd.DataFrame(list, cols)
```

0) Setup & quick tips

import pandas as pd import os

print(os.getcwd()) # where your notebook is running print(os.listdir()) # what files are here pd.set_option("display.max_rows", 8) pd.set_option("display.max_columns", 20)

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1) EXTRACT (read/import data)
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  "sales.csv",
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  parse dates=["date"],
                                           # parse to datetime
  na_values=["", "NA", "null", "?"],
                                             # treat these as NaN
                                        # "1.234" -> 1234
  thousands=",",
  encoding="utf-8",
                                         # or "latin-1"
)
Large files (stream in chunks)
chunks = pd.read csv("huge.csv", chunksize=100 000)
df = pd.concat(
  (c[c["amount"] > 0] for c in chunks), # example pre-filter
  ignore index=True
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df = pd.read_excel("book.xlsx", sheet_name="Sheet1", engine="openpyxl")
JSON
df = pd.read_json("data.json", lines=True) # use lines=True for JSONL
Parquet (fast + compressed, great for big data)
df = pd.read_parquet("data.parquet")
                                         # needs pyarrow or fastparquet
SQL (example with SQLite; similar for Postgres/MySQL)
import sqlite3
con = sqlite3.connect("warehouse.db")
df = pd.read sql("SELECT order id, date, country, amount FROM orders", con,
parse_dates=["date"])
con.close()
Many files → one DataFrame
from glob import glob
files = glob("logs/2025-07-*.csv")
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2) QUICK INSPECT (understand raw data)
df.head()
                   # first 5 rows
df.tail(3)
                 # last 3 rows
df.shape
                   # (rows, cols)
df.info()
                 # dtypes + non-null counts
df.dtypes
df.sample(5, random state=0) #no of rows, and seed
       df.describe(numeric only=True) # numeric stats
df["country"].value counts(dropna=False) # .value_counts(): Counts how many times each
unique value appears in that column. Sorts the counts by default in descending order (most
frequent first).
df.isna().sum()
                        # missing values per column
3) CLEAN (fix names, types, missing, duplicates, text, dates, outliers)
3.1 Rename columns (make them consistent)
df = df.rename(columns={"Order ID": "order_id", "Order Date": "order_date"})
# or:
df.columns = (df.columns
         .str.strip()
         .str.lower()
         .str.replace(r"[^\w]+", "_", regex=True))
3.2 Fix data types
df["order_date"] = pd.to_datetime(df["order_date"], errors="coerce", dayfirst=False)
df["amount"] = pd.to numeric(df["amount"], errors="coerce") #ll force invalid values to
become NaN
df["country"] = df["country"].astype("string")
                                                 # modern string dtype
df["segment"] = df["segment"].astype("category")
                                                     # categories save memory
df['column_name'].unique()
Returns a NumPy array of unique values.
df['column_name'].nunique() // Returns the number of unique values.
```

Frequency of Each Value

```
df['column_name'].value_counts()
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Shows each distinct value with its count (sorted by default).

With Normalized Percentages

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df['column_name'].value_counts(normalize=True)
If df['device_type'] has values like ['router', 'camera', 'router', 'sensor']
  • df['device_type'].unique() → array(['router', 'camera', 'sensor'],
     dtype=object)
  • df['device_type'].nunique() → 3
  • df['device_type'].value_counts()
Fill missing values using interpolation:
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
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print("Before interpolation:")
print(df)
# Fill missing values using interpolation
df['A'] = df['A'].interpolate()
print("\nAfter interpolation:")
print(df)
```

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Before interpolation:
          Α
     0 1.0
     1 2.0
     2 NaN
     3 4.0
     4 5.0
     After interpolation:
          Α
     0 1.0
     1 2.0
     2 3.0 <-- filled by interpolation (avg of 2 and 4)
     3 4.0
     4 5.0
                                                                 ion
3.3 Handle missing values (NaN)
df = df.dropna(subset=["order_id", "order_date"])
                                                    # must-have cols
df["amount"] = df["amount"].fillna(df["amount"].median()) # numeric impute
df["country"] = df["country"].fillna("Unknown")
                                                  # text impute
# interpolate time series:
df = df.sort_values("order_date")
df["amount"] = df["amount"].interpolate(method="time")
```

Suppose you have:	
order_date	amount
2024-01-01	100
2024-01-02	NaN
2024-01-04	200

- 1. First, sort by order_date.
- 2. Then interpolate(method="time") looks at the gap:
 - From Jan 1 \rightarrow Jan 4 = 3 days.
 - Missing value (Jan 2) is 1 day after Jan 1, so it gets closer to 100.
 - If Jan 3 was also missing, it would get a value between Jan 2 and Jan 4.

Result would be something like:

order_date	amount
2024-01-01	100.0
2024-01-02	133.3
2024-01-04	200.0

So the NaN got filled proportionally with respect to time.

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df["country"] = df["country"].replace({
    "U.S.A": "USA",
    "United States": "USA",
    "us": "USA"
})
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# split "City, State" into two columns
df[["city", "state"]] = df["city_state"].str.split(",", n=1, expand=True)
df["state"] = df["state"].str.strip()
# extract pattern with regex (e.g., 3 letters + 4 digits)
df["sku"] = df["raw"].str.extract(r"([A-Z]{3}\d{4})", expand=False)
# combine
df["full_name"] = df["first"].str.cat(df["last"], sep=" ")
3.7 Dates & new features
df["year"] = df["order_date"].dt.year
df["month"] = df["order date"].dt.month
df["dow"] = df["order_date"].dt.day_name()
3.8 Outliers (simple IQR rule)
q1, q3 = df["amount"].quantile([0.25, 0.75])
iqr = q3 - q1
low, high = q1 - 1.5*iqr, q3 + 1.5*iqr
df = df[df["amount"].between(low, high)] # or clip with .clip(lower=low, upper=high)
      [100, 120, 130, 125, 110, 115, 1000]
     • Q1 ≈ 115, Q3 ≈ 125
     • IQR = 10
     Bounds = [115 - 15, 125 + 15] = [100, 140]

    So values between 100 and 140 are kept.

        1000 is outside, so it's dropped.
3.9 Validate assumptions (catch bad rows early)
assert df["order_id"].is_unique
assert df["amount"].ge(0).all()
assert df["country"].isin(["USA", "India", "UK", "Unknown"]).all()
Tip: If an assert fails, inspect the offenders:
df.loc[~df["amount"].ge(0)]
4) TRANSFORM (group, reshape, join)
4.1 Filter, select, sort
df = df.loc[df["country"].eq("India"), ["order_id", "order_date", "amount"]]
```

df.loc is used for:

tabel-based selection of rows and columns.

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The general syntax is:
df.loc[rows, columns]
4.2 New columns (vectorized)
df["tax"] = df["amount"] * 0.18
df = df.assign(net=lambda x: x["amount"] - x["tax"])
4.3 Grouping & aggregation
       summary = (df)
         .groupby(["year", "country"], as_index=False)
         .agg(
            orders=("order_id", "count"),
            revenue=("amount", "sum"),
            avg_order=("amount", "mean"),
         ))
4.4 Pivot / unpivot
# Pivot (wide)
wide = summary.pivot(index="year", columns="country", values="revenue")
# Melt (long)
long = wide.reset_index().melt(id_vars="year", var_name="country", value_name="revenue")
4.5 Merge / join tables
# left join to add lookup attributes
df = df.merge(products[["sku", "category"]], on="sku", how="left")
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In [34]:
                  df.groupby('Company')
      Out[34]: <pandas.core.groupby.DataFrameGroupBy object at 0x113014128>
                 You can save this object as a new variable:
      In [35]:
                  by_comp = df.groupby("Company")
                 And then call aggregate methods off the object:
      In [36]:
                  by comp.mean()
      Out[36]:
                             Sales
                 Company
                        FB 296.5
                     GOOG 160.0
                     MSFT 232.0
5) LOAD (write/export data)
#CSV
df.to_csv("clean_orders.csv", index=False)
# Excel (one or many sheets)
with pd.ExcelWriter("report.xlsx", engine="openpyxl") as xls:
  df.to_excel(xls, sheet_name="Orders", index=False)
  summary.to_excel(xls, sheet_name="Summary", index=False)
# Parquet (best for big/analytics)
df.to_parquet("clean_orders.parquet", compression="snappy", index=False)
# JSON (records or lines for streaming)
df.to_json("orders.json", orient="records")
df.to json("orders.jsonl", orient="records", lines=True)
# SQL
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```
import sqlite3
con = sqlite3.connect("warehouse.db")
df.to sql("clean orders", con, if exists="replace", index=False)
con.close()
6) End-to-end mini example (copy/paste)
This shows the whole flow on a tiny sample.
import pandas as pd
from io import StringIO
raw csv = StringIO("""
Order ID, Order Date, Country, Amount, Customer Name, City_State
1001,2025-07-01,India,120.5, alice ,Delhi, Delhi
1002,2025/07/02,United States,1,234.00,BOB ,San Francisco, CA
1003,2025-07-03,us, ,Charlie,New York, NY
1001,2025-07-01,India,120.5,alice,Delhi, Delhi
""".replace(",", ","))
# (Note: if your editor auto-formats commas, just load from a real CSV file.)
# --- EXTRACT ---
df = pd.read_csv(raw_csv, na_values=["", " "])
# --- INSPECT ---
print(df.head())
print(df.info())
# --- CLEAN ---
df = df.rename(columns=str.strip)
df.columns = (df.columns.str.lower().str.replace(r"[^\w]+", "_", regex=True))
# types
df["order_date"] = pd.to_datetime(df["order_date"], errors="coerce",
infer datetime format=True)
df["amount"] = pd.to_numeric(df["amount"].astype("string").str.replace(",", ""), errors="coerce")
df["country"] = df["country"].astype("string")
# text normalization
df["customer_name"] = (df["customer_name"].astype("string")
               .str.strip()
                .str.title())
# split city/state
df[["city", "state"]] = (df.pop("city_state")
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.astype("string")
                 .str.split(",", n=1, expand=True))
df["city"] = df["city"].str.strip()
df["state"] = df["state"].str.strip()
# drop duplicates, handle missing
df = df.drop_duplicates(subset=["order_id"])
df["amount"] = df["amount"].fillna(df["amount"].median())
df["country"] = df["country"].replace({"U.S.A": "USA", "us": "USA", "United States": "USA"})
# features
df["year"] = df["order_date"].dt.year
df["month"] = df["order date"].dt.month
# validate
assert df["order_id"].is_unique
assert df["amount"].ge(0).all()
# --- TRANSFORM ---
summary = (df.groupby(["year", "country"], as_index=False)
        .agg(orders=("order_id","count"), revenue=("amount","sum")))
# --- LOAD ---
df.to csv("clean orders.csv", index=False)
summary.to_parquet("revenue_by_year_country.parquet", index=False)
print("Clean rows:", len(df))
print(summary)
```

7) Common gotchas (and fixes)

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SettingWithCopyWarning: avoid chained indexing like df[df.a>0]["b"]=.... Use .loc:

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df.loc[df["a"] > 0, "b"] = 1
```

Mixed types in a column: coerce then clean:

df["amount"] = pd.to_numeric(df["amount"], errors="coerce")

- Date parsing issues: pass dayfirst=True or a format="%d-%m-%Y".

- 8) Performance tips (when data grows)
 - Read only what you need: usecols=..., nrows=....
 - Specify dtype= at read time; use category for repeated strings.
 - Prefer Parquet over CSV for speed and size.
 - Use chunksize= for huge CSVs and process batch-by-batch.
 - Avoid Python loops; use vectorized ops, map/replace, groupby, .assign.

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0) Setup & quick tips
import pandas as pd
import os

print(os.getcwd())  # where your notebook is running
print(os.listdir())  # what files are here
pd.set_option("display.max_rows", 8)
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                                         # or "latin-1"
)
Large files (stream in chunks)
chunks = pd.read_csv("huge.csv", chunksize=100_000)
df = pd.concat(
  (c[c["amount"] > 0] for c in chunks), # example pre-filter
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Many files → one DataFrame
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files = glob("logs/2025-07-*.csv")
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df["amount"] = df["amount"].fillna(df["amount"].median()) # numeric impute
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                                                      # text impute
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df = df.sort_values("order_date")
df["amount"] = df["amount"].interpolate(method="time")
3.4 Remove duplicates
df = df.drop duplicates(subset=["order id"])
                                                      # keep first by default
3.5 Clean text columns
s = df["customer name"].astype("string")
df["customer_name"] = (s.str.strip()
                .str.replace(r"\s+", " ", regex=True)
                .str.title())
# standardize categorical spellings
df["country"] = df["country"].replace({
  "U.S.A": "USA", "United States": "USA", "us": "USA"
})
3.6 Parse / split / combine columns
# split "City, State" into two columns
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# JSON (records or lines for streaming)
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# features
df["year"] = df["order_date"].dt.year
df["month"] = df["order_date"].dt.month
# validate
assert df["order_id"].is_unique
assert df["amount"].ge(0).all()
# --- TRANSFORM ---
summary = (df.groupby(["year", "country"], as_index=False)
        .agg(orders=("order_id","count"), revenue=("amount","sum")))
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# --- LOAD ---

df.to_csv("clean_orders.csv", index=False)

summary.to_parquet("revenue_by_year_country.parquet", index=False)

print("Clean rows:", len(df))

print(summary)
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- 8) Performance tips (when data grows)
 - Read only what you need: usecols=..., nrows=....
 - Specify dtype= at read time; use category for repeated strings.
 - Prefer Parguet over CSV for speed and size.
 - Use chunksize= for huge CSVs and process batch-by-batch.
 - Avoid Python loops; use vectorized ops, map/replace, groupby, .assign.

Common Pandas Data Types (dtypes)

- 1. Numeric types
- int64, int32, int16, int8 → integers of different sizes (e.g., int8 = -128 to 127, saves memory if values are small)
- float64, float32, float16 → floating-point numbers (precision vs memory trade-off: float64 is most precise, float16 saves memory)

1. int64, int32, int16, int8

- When to use: For integer (whole number) data like counts, IDs, or quantities.
- Example: df["age"] = df["age"].astype("int32")
- Tip: Use smaller sizes (int8, int16) if numbers are small → saves memory.
- ▲ Be careful: if values exceed the range, you'll get overflow errors.

2. Boolean

 bool → stores True / False values efficiently (internally often stored as 1 byte)

3. Object

- object → usually means strings (but can technically store any Python object)
 - Flexible but not memory efficient.
 - o Example: "apple", "banana", "cat".
 - 4. String (new in Pandas 1.0+)
- string → dedicated string dtype (better than object for text).
 - Example: "Alice", "Bob".
 - Easier to apply .str methods.

5. Category

- category → stores text values as integer codes + a lookup table.
 - Example: "Small", "Medium", "Large" stored as 0,1,2 internally.
 - Saves a lot of memory when you have repeated values.

• Best for things like gender, region, product type.

6. Datetime / Timedelta

- datetime64[ns] → timestamps (date + time).
 - Example: "2025-08-24 10:30:00".
- timedelta[ns] → difference between two dates/times.
 - Example: "5 days 02:00:00".

7. Other dtypes

- complex → complex numbers (rare in business data).
- Sparse → optimized for columns with many missing (NaN) values.
- Interval → ranges of values (like 0–10, 10–20).
- Mixed → if pandas can't infer a single dtype (should usually be avoided).

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    Example

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
df = pd.DataFrame({
   "id": [1, 2, 3],
                                 # int64
   "price": [10.5, 20.7, 30.1],
                                      # float64
   "is active": [True, False, True],
                                        # bool
   "name": ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"],
                                          # object (string)
  "category": pd.Series(["A", "B", "A"], dtype="category"), # category
   "date": pd.to_datetime(["2025-01-01", "2025-02-01", "2025-03-01"]) # datetime64
})
print(df.dtypes)
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d Output:

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id int64
price float64
is_active bool
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name object category category date datetime64[ns] dtype: object